



## Watertown Town Council

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### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,  
Vice President

John A. Donohue,  
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,  
District A Councilor

Cecilia Lenk,  
District B Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,  
District C Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland  
District D Councilor

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 @ 7:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:15 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas. Councilor Woodland was absent.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [June 18<sup>th</sup>](#) and [September 10<sup>th</sup>](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM** – none noted.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Acceptance of [Proclamation](#): The Chair noted that on Sunday afternoon, the Community Path Mural was unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Forest Street/Whites Avenue. Councilor Falkoff read the proclamation recognizing the event, and the artists. Vice President Corbett moved to accept the proclamation, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice

President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up agenda item 6 a) [Informational Presentation](#) on the Financial Management Review - Melinda Ordway and Tara Lynch, Division of Local Services, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Ordway provided a brief overview of the report. Following the overview, Councilor Piccirilli stated that he is pleased with the outcome.

Vice President Corbett moved to refer the report to the BFO committee, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

a) Ad Hoc Charitable Committee [report](#) and action on the disbursement of 2013 Charitable Funds. The Chair read the Committee report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Palomba moved to use \$50,000.00 of ad hoc funds toward the social services coordinator resource specialist position, seconded by Councilor Falkoff.

Councilor Falkoff noted that the proposal has undergone significant changes and that the major donors have remained committed.

Councilor Donohue noted the pre-raised matching funds and thanked Councilor Palomba for his tireless work on the matter.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that he is pleased with the new proposal and matching funds.

Councilor Lenk indicated that this was an excellent solution.

Vice President Corbett stated his support and asked that as part of the Town's fiduciary responsibilities, an audit be done at some point.

The Chair asked for an amendment which would include a report to the Council in one year. So moved by Vice President Corbett, seconded by Councilor Kounelis.

Councilor Kounelis thanked the ad hoc committee and noted her support for the proposal and concurred with the Vice President's comments.

Councilor Falkoff thanked Councilor Palomba for his vision.

Councilor Palomba thanked the Council President for his leadership; his colleagues on the Council; the ad hoc committee members; members of the Working Group; and the committed donors of the proposal.

The Chair thanked all those who were involved and for everyone's patients.

The motion as amended was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair called for a brief recess.

#### 6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:

- a) [Informational Presentation](#) on the Financial Management Review - Melinda Ordway and Tara Lynch, Division of Local Services. **Previously presented.**

#### 7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance of Gift of Personal Property from the Watertown Police Foundation for 2 memorial flags and accessories to the Watertown Police Department. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

- b) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance of Gift of Personal Property from the Watertown Police Foundation for T-shirts and refreshments to the Watertown Police Department. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Donohue moved the resolution, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

- c) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance of Gift of Materials and Labor from Mr. Gino Saraceno to provide a basic electrical heating system for the press box at Victory Field. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Lenk moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Joint Committees on Personnel & Town Organization and Public Works [report](#) and action on a DPW Organizational Report, Susan Falkoff/Cecilia Lenk - Chairs. Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report. Councilor Lenk moved to approve the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

**ACTION ITEM:** Councilor Falkoff moved to use existing funds for the Deputy Superintendent position to create a new position of Administration/Finance director, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

**ACTION ITEM:** Councilor Lenk moved to fill the vacant position of Town Engineer with a revised job description, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Public Works [report](#) and action on plowing of private ways – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the Committee report. Councilor Kounelis moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

**ACTION ITEM:** Councilor Piccirilli moved to endorse the DPW regulations as amended, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Kounelis inquired of the timeframe for sending letters to the private way residents. Councilor Lenk indicated that it is in the process.

Councilor Palomba inquired of the twelve foot requirement. Councilor Lenk indicated that all the private ways on the list plowed in the past meet the minimum width of twelve feet.

Superintendent of Public Works Gerald S. Mee, Jr., stated that those that were less were considered driveway openings. The effect is that the majority plowed in the past will be plowed in the future. Those few that abut commercial properties will be plowed by the commercial property with no major changes.

The Chair requested that letters be sent out and that resident be given an opportunity to respond to the criteria outlined.

**VOTE:** The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Notice of Offered Railroad Property. The Chair noted the October 11<sup>th</sup> deadline for a response and policy guidance on the matter and asked that it be referred to the EDP (Economic Development & Planning) committee and that they meet as soon as possible. Vice President Corbett moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Manager noted a request for confirmation of Ms. Dugan to fill the unexpired term of Robert MacDonald. He further noted additional resignation of Mr. David Downes and indicated that he would conduct interviews this week and ask that both candidates be referred to the SFRG (State, Federal & Regional Government) committee. Councilor Donohue moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair asked for a motion to refer the matter regarding Airplane Noise to committee to discuss the new flight paths. Councilor Kounelis moved the referral to the SFRG committee, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative. Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Donohue announced that on Friday; 7:00 pm at the Perkins School for the Blind; \$30,000.00 grant will be awarded by the Education Foundation.

Vice President Corbett announced Faire on the Square; this Saturday from 10-4.

Councilor Lenk announced that the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C) and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center would like to invite residents in the Watertown Community to an Energy 101 Forum to be held on October 2, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Watertown Public Library. The event marks the kick-off

of the Watertown Community Energy Strategies Program. It will provide participants the opportunity to share their idea for the development of a comprehensive, community-wide Clean Energy Roadmap. Watertown has been a clean energy leader and your participation in this event will help shape the future direction of energy efforts in the town. The Watertown Community Energy Strategies Program is an initiative developed by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division. It provides local residents and businesses an opportunity to work with city leaders to identify, assess, and enable new energy efficiency, renewable energy, and renewable heating and cooling projects and programs to serve the Watertown community.

13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen E. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

#### [Addendum](#)

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted on October 8, 2013 by unanimous voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President