



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,
Vice President

Aaron Dushku,
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 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors Aaron Dushku, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. 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 Falkoff arrived shortly after the call of the roll. Councilor Woodland was absent.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:00 PM – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate – former east and north branch libraries; if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Councilor Palomba moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

3. **CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 7:15 PM

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [July 22nd](#) and [August 12th](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of July 22nd, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of August 12th, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Barbara Ruskin, 140 Spring Street – stated that she has concerns with respect to the hiring of an architect firm and the request for proposal; and if developing design standards and guidelines with help avoid piece meal approach.
- b. Sarah Banson, 25 Hawthorne Street – echoed previous speaker’s comments and asked for coordination and open public meetings and participation. She further stated that for planning purposes, the cities of the future will have more people and less cars and that future uses should reflect that trend.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Chair read a [statement](#) with respect to the 3rd party financial review of general and school budgets. Councilor Piccirilli has been appointed as the Council representative and Guido Goddati will be the school representative.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:

- a) [Informational Update](#) on the ESCO Project - Beth S. Greenblatt, ESCO Project Owner’s Agent. Ms. Greenblatt provided a power point presentation of the ESCO Project. The Chair opened up the presentation to councilors for comments.

Councilor Kounelis asked who at the stakeholders meeting would be invited. Ms. Greenblatt answered folks responsible for buildings; from town and schools.

Councilor Kounelis asked what about the day-to-day hands on. Ms. Greenblatt stated that she will defer to Mr. Mee and Mr. Francione for that.

Councilor Kounelis asked how data will be disseminated. Mr. Greenblatt answered that the data will be sent to the Manager and he will disseminate.

Vice President Corbett asked Ms. Greenblatt if she feels confident that the data will be generated to demonstrate the savings. Ms. Greenblatt indicated yes, there will be significant capability to monitor the controls. Johnson will also be doing measurements as well.

Councilor Lenk stated she is concerned about the day to day and the training of those people that will be responsible for the systems. Ms. Greenblatt stated that several of the systems have no touch point; and for the other systems; Johnson has an obligation to train the appropriate representatives to maintain the control systems.

Councilor Dushku asked if there was ever consideration for electricity generation. Ms. Greenblatt stated that the police station, public works building and the high school have solar affordable tank systems.

Councilor Piccirilli state that the project is going along so smoothly with so few problems. He asked about the new energy manager position with respect to ESCO and

when can we expect that to happen. The Manager stated that Mr. Magoon is working with Ms. Shattuck on moving forward with the recruitment; meanwhile the town engineer with train on the A-Z's of the system as well but it would not be a permanent responsibility for the town engineer.

Councilor Palomba commented that the \$50,000.00 position already has a long list of responsibilities and perhaps someone else should take on that added responsibility.

Councilor Lenk stated that the public works committee had asked that some of the responsibilities on the list be consolidated and that it was probably not feasible for one person to tackle everything on the wish list.

The Chair stated that this has been a wonderful team effort. The Manager recognized, Mr. Ken Thompson for his role in the efforts.

9. PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Public hearing and vote on a COLA increase for the [Town Auditor](#) and [Council Clerk](#).

The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the COLA for the Town Auditor, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by a roll call vote of 8-0-0; with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the COLA for the Council Clerk, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by a roll call vote of 7-1-0; with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting against.

10. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$63,500 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development & Planning – Contracted Services Account. Community Development and Planning director, Steve Magoon provided an overview of the transfer and the hiring of Gamble Associates to develop design standards and guidelines.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Lenk.

Councilor Dushku noted the mini master plans and asked what kinds of maps might there be. Mr. Magoon stated that it depends on how the project evolves and noted that it goes further than his contract; master plans for all these sub areas but we will see how it goes.

Councilor Dushku stated that we should be firm on that it not be restricted to just abutters of the site.

Councilor Kounelis asked that Mr. Magoon supply the names of the other firms.

Councilor Lenk stated that she was pleased with the hiring of Gamble Associates as Mr. Gamble has impressive skills and the background. She noted that the design is very important.

Councilor Palomba asked if there were any other suggestions from smaller firms and was anything shared with other folks. Mr. Magoon stated that time did not permit that.

Councilor Palomba asked that there be another public meeting before changing the zoning language.

Mr. Magoon stated; yes he could arrange that.

Vice President Corbett asked what the scope of work would be; if it would just be commercial/industrial.

Mr. Magoon stated that the focus would be commercial and mixed use properties and as broad as possible with the limited budget.

The transfer was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) with [attendance sheet](#) on Transitional Zones – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the committee report. Councilor Falkoff moved the accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Joint Committees of Rules and Ordinances; Economic Development and Planning; and Public Safety [report](#) with [attachment 1](#) and [attachment 2](#) on additional liquor licenses – Kenneth Woodland, Stephen Corbett, and Susan Falkoff – Chairs. Vice President Corbett read the joint committees report. Councilor Dushku moved the accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) Committee on Education and School System Matters [report](#) and action on an [appointment](#) to the Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors – Aaron Dushku, Chair. Councilor Dushku read the committee report. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint George Skuse to the Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Falkoff moved to refer to the ESSM Committee the materials regarding subject of school operating budget activity, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to Public Works Committee with an invitation to the DPW and their consultants to make a presentation on some of the storm water data we have been collecting, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

The Manager asked that a matter regarding Stanley Avenue Easement be referred to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation. Councilor Lenk made the motion, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Manager announced Phase II review of Victory Field renovations – Library; 7:00 pm on September 11th and September 17th same time and same location.

14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Councilor Kounelis asked for the status of Sampson Street and Calvin Road; and AT&T drainage issues.

Councilor Dushku asked where we stand with respect to a letter from Mass DOT road reconstruction and whether we are leaving monies on the table.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Kounelis: announced; September 24th 7pm; community meeting on 65 Grove Street.

Vice President Corbett: announced: Comprehensive Plan meetings – September 22nd and October 9th at the lower hearing room; 7pm.

Councilor Dushku announced: Watertown Education Foundation meeting September 11th at 6:30 pm Library.

Councilor Lenk announced: a community meeting on the former Pirolli land at the police station; 7pm with Gray Star Group.

Councilor Palomba announced: October 29th Library – social services resource specialist one year anniversary. The Chair noted that a Report on that program will be on the November agenda.

Councilor Kounelis announced: Faire on the Square, September 27th 10-4.

16. PUBLIC FORUM:

Barbara Ruskin asked if the DOT's complete streets have been accepted by the Town Council.

Rena Baskin asked where we are at with the master plan.

17. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Dushku moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. 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 September 23, 2014 by unanimous voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President