



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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014 @ 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 Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: [October 14th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of October 14th, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – none noted.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by NSTAR requesting permission to install 4 feet of conduit from pole # 16/27 to the property line of a new building at 192 Pleasant Street. The chair read the petition and recognized NSTAR representative Sheila Gillis. The Chair then opened up the hearing to the public and recognized:

Colleen Sexton, 193 Pleasant Street – inquired what type of cable and where will it be placed. Ms. Gillis stated that the four feet of conduit will run underground from pole 116/27 to 192 Pleasant Street.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, seconded by Councilor Woodland.

Councilor Lenk stated that she has been trying to get a pole at 47 Morse Road removed which is at a sever angle. She noted her frustration at this safety hazard and that the pole has not been removed and therefore she will not support this petition.

Councilor Piccirilli noted that the town requires that all utilities are placed underground for all commercial and multi-family construction.

The Chair asked Ms. Gillis to pass along Councilor Lenk's concerns and that they be addressed as the Town Council may be hesitant to vote future petitions.

The petition was adopted by a voice vote of 8 for and 1 against with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Lenk voting no.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$9,500.00 to offset expenses related to the "Faire on the Square 2014". The Chair read the resolution and recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the matter. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) [First Reading](#) and referral to the Planning Board regarding a Hotel Signage Zoning Text Amendment. The Chair provided a first reading. Mr. Steve Magoon, Community Planning and Development Director gave a brief overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. The Chair provided a first reading. The Manager gave a brief overview with a public hearing and vote at the Wednesday, November 12th Town Council meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None noted.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) [Notice of Offered Railroad Property](#)

The Manager provided an overview of the Railroad matter and asked that it be referred to the committee of Economic Development and Planning for guidance. So referred.

b) [Preliminary Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2016](#). The Manager provided a power point presentation of the Preliminary Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2016.

10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Falkoff reiterated a previous request for an update on codifying of the Traffic Rules and Regulations.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced: tomorrow night – 5pm; 1 year anniversary of the SSRS at the Library. November 5th, Age Friendly Communities 7pm, Coolidge School Apts.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that the BFO subcommittee will meet on November 17th and 24th on the 2016 budget guidelines and asked Councilors to prepare their changes to the 2015 policy guidelines with comments/explanations by November 6th at 5pm.

Councilor Kounelis announced: Planning Board will meet on November 10th regarding CVS and 65 Grove Street. Sunday, November 9th, Veterans School Tribute; 2pm.

Councilor Dushku announced that this Sunday, Boys and Girls Club 5 K road race.

The Chair announcement/reminder applications being accepted for the Victory Field Ad Hoc – deadline November 7th. A reminder that the next Town Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th – due to Veterans Day holiday. Watertown Education Foundation, Trivia Night November 6th, 6pm, Hellenic Cultural Center.

Councilor Falkoff reminder – State wide election on November 4th.

12. PUBLIC FORUM:

Susan Bryant, 28 Orchard Street – stated that the tot lot has been neglected; filled with pine needles and leaves.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Lenk moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, 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., Kenneth M. Woodland, 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 by unanimous voice vote on November 12, 2014.

Mark S. Sideris