



## 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, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 @ 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. Present for the meeting were Councilors Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilors Dushku, Falkoff and Kounelis arrived shortly after the call of the roll.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:05 PM:** Councilor Woodland moved to go into executive session for the below stated matters, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris.

a) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Workers’ Compensation Claim

b) To consider the value of real estate - 570 Arsenal Street

c) To discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town’s bargaining position.

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

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **EXAMINATION OF THE MINUTES:** [February 10, 2015](#). Councilor Woodland moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

The Chair recognized the following:

1. Firefighter Rob Ianetta spoke in support of the Watertown Fire Department contract and read a letter from the Massachusetts Nurses Association in support of the Watertown Fire Department contract.

2. Marilyn Devaney, 98 Westminster Avenue – read a [letter](#) in support of the Watertown Fire Department contract.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - none noted.

8. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,000 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Fire Full Time Salaries Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Fire Vehicle Maintenance Account. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, 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) [Resolution](#) authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,094 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Manager Assistant Town Manager Stipend Account. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, 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 the Design Standards Zoning Amendment and Referral to the Planning Board. The Chair read the agenda item and recognized the Planning Director, Steve Magoon who provided a brief overview of the amendment. Councilor Falkoff moved the referral, seconded by Councilor Woodland.

Vice President Corbett stated that he attended all the meetings and is familiar with the changes but that he has not seen an actual list of all the amendments.

Mr. Magoon stated that they are on the website.

Councilor Palomba stated that he would like a copy of the amendments and asked that the proposed changes be the only topic on the Planning Board’s agenda and that people have plenty of notification.

Councilor Dushku stated that he is on the website and that no design standards are listed. He asked that he receive a copy.

Councilor Falkoff asked that the design standards be sent to the Council Clerk.

The referral to Planning Board was adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Request for Confirmation of reappointment to the Board of Health – referred to subcommittee.

b) Request for Confirmation of reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals – referred to subcommittee.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Piccirilli spoke to residents' concerns with the potential of flooding due to snow/ice covered catch basins and the potential for rain in the future. He asked about the development of a plan to address this issue. Mr. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works indicated that there are approximately 3,200 catch basins town wide and that he is asking resident to help out with the shoveling out of the fire hydrants and catch basins. He stated that they will be addressing the clearing of catch basins following the completion of snow removal issues on streets/sidewalks.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced the annual Youth Coalition meeting on Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm at the Coolidge School Apartments.

The Chair announced a Special Meeting of the Town Council on the Pleasant Street Zoning Changes on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair announced high school Boys Basketball tournament begins tomorrow evening; as well as Girls basketball and upcoming hockey tournaments.

Councilor Palomba announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest – 5:30-9:30 at the High School – March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Lenk announced a community meeting to discuss the Elon project on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Coolidge School Apartments.

13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Woodland moved to return to executive session and not return to open session following the adjournment of the executive session, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron

Dushku, Susan Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, 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 March 10, 2015.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President