



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, APRIL 28, 2015 @ 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 the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Valerie Papas, Council Clerk.

The chair thanked the Veterans' Officer who provided new flags for the Chamber.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **EXAMINATION OF THE MINUTES:** [April 7th](#) and [April 14th](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of April 7th as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodland.

Following the motion, there was a brief discussion on the proposed amendments offered by Councilor Dushku.

Several councilors spoke against verbatim amendments and/or verbatim comments in the minutes.

Councilor Piccirilli spoke in support of additional comments being submitted as an "attachment" to the minutes as allowed by the Council rules.

Councilor Dushku read a sentence and stated that he would like to strike out this comment that he did not say.

The Chair asked for a motion to Table the minutes so they can be cleaned-up.

Councilor Palomba moved to table the April 7th minutes, 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., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Dushku moved to table the April 14th minutes, 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.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Katy Coyne stated that the minutes/video of meetings are an important form of communication with the public.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – none noted.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up agenda item 7D and then 9A, 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.

d) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. The Chair provided a first reading and recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment; noting that the matter will be advertised in the local paper for a public hearing and vote on May 12th.

a) Submission of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The Manager read the Budget Message.

<http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/16853>

Following the Budget Message, the Chair called for a five minute recess.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTES:

a) [Public hearing](#) on a proposed Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$262,800 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the costs of a roofing project involving the Administration and North Fire Station Buildings. The Manager provided a brief overview. Mr. Magoon, Community Development and Planning Director/Assistant Town Manager provided an overview of the bid process and work included for the Administration Building and North Fire Station Building roofs.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved the loan order, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call 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) [Public hearing](#) on a proposed Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$530,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the costs of infiltration/inflow projects at various location in the Town including Prescott Street, Gilbert Street, Edward Road, Rutland Street and Evans Street. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be obtained through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of this project. The Manager provided a brief overview of the financing. The Chair recognized Mr. Dennis Sheehan, Director of Finance who reviewed the project.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved the loan order, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Piccirilli noted that the wording of the agenda does not include two streets – Boylston Street and Nichols Avenue.

The Chair asked Attorney Reich if there are any problems with voting this loan order.

Attorney Reich stated that the question or concern is; does it go beyond the original scope noting that bond counsel is very specific. He stated that the Council can go ahead and take a vote on the matter as amended subject to review and approval of bond counsel; but that he can't guarantee what bond counsel will do.

Councilor Piccirilli amended the motion to add Boylston Street and Nichols Avenue subject to review and approval of bond counsel, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call 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) [Public hearing](#) on a proposed Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$900,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the costs of water main replacement on Edenfield Avenue and Hovey Street. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be obtained through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The borrowing authorized by this order

shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of this project. The Manager provided a brief overview.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved the loan order, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call 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.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Acceptance of Proclamation](#) recognizing Arbor Day. The Chair read the proclamation. Councilor Piccirilli moved the proclamation, 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., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) [An Order Accepting an Easement](#) for Access from Coppola Real Estate Holding Company, LLC and World 120 Nominee Trust, said Access Easement Being a Portion of the Access Path to the Charles River Walk and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Acceptance of said Access Easement. The Manager provided an overview of the easement.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the easement, 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., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) [An Order Accepting an Easement](#) for Access from Pleasant Street Development LLC, said Access Easement Being a Portion of the Access to the Charles River Path and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Acceptance of said Access Easement. The Manager provided an overview of the easement.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the easement, seconded by 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., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

d) First Reading on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Previously taken up.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Falkoff moved to refer the matter of muddy planting strips to subcommittee. Councilor Kounelis noted that she referred this matter to subcommittee last year.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

- a) Submission of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Previously taken up.

10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis stated that she has several items pending.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Dushku announced Arbor Day planting event at the Cunniff School – May 1st. Butterfly planting next day in honor of Beverly DiMascio. Reminder of Dancing with Stars – Hellenic Cultural Center; May 1st.

Councilor Lenk announced recycling event at Recycling Center May 9th 10-2.

Councilor Palomba announced May 2nd Watertown Community Foundation volunteer. Annual spring auction – May 7th Oakley Country Club for Watertown boys and girls club. Learn to Cope event – Watertown Middle School May 7th 6pm.

Councilor Kounelis announced a community meeting at Coolidge School apartments for revised plans for Hotel at Elm Street.

Councilor Falkoff announced Center for the Arts – 11-4 Open Arts Day May 2nd.

The Chair announced reminder May 6th Middle School – comprehensive plan.

12. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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 voice vote on May 12, 2015.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President