



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, AUGUST 11, 2015 @ 6:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting 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 and Town Attorney Mark Reich.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 pm:** Councilor Woodland moved to go into executive session for the below stated purpose, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli 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.

a) 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.

b) 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:** [July 14th](#) Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, 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.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

1. James O'Connor, Watertown Police Department Association – regarding the selection process for the next chief of police, he stated that the Association supports the Town Manager's decision using the assessment center process.
2. Lt. Raymond Dupuis, Watertown Police Department – concurred with Officer O'Connor.
3. Jason Gurdon, Marshall Street – spoke in support of the dog park on Bacon Street.
4. Russ Arrico, Fayette Street – regarding zoning and T zones; he spoke in support of property rights and more input from property owners.

Bruce Colton, Marion Road – related a partial story from social media regarding a tyrannical town manager. He noted he will return to tell the rest of the story at another time.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

a) A proposed [Resolution](#) regarding the Fiscal Year 2017 budget process. The Chair read the resolution. 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.

The Chair asked for a motion to send a letter from the Town Council thanking a family who assisted the victim of a car accident. So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, 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.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by Verizon to place 33 feet of 4 inch conduit across Elm Street, beginning at existing pole #2, which is located on the westerly side of Elm Street, thence extending in an easterly direction across Elm Street approximately 33 feet to private property at 570 Arsenal Street. This work is necessary in order to bring service to 570 Arsenal Street. The Chair recognized a Verizon representative who provided a brief overview. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public.

Elodia Thomas, Marion Road – asked if the conduit can be buried. The Chair stated that they are looking at burying conduit on Arsenal Street, not Elm Street.

Councilor Kounelis asked if there would be any closing of Elm Street. The representative stated that there will be one day of trenching only, with a police detail.

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

b) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a joint petition by Verizon and Eversource Energy to relocate one JO pole #51 on the northerly side of Arsenal Street to a point approximately 35 feet westerly from its current location, said point being approximately 109 feet westerly from the center line of Beechwood Avenue. This work is necessary in order to accommodate a new entrance to the abutting property on the northerly side of Arsenal Street.

The Chair recognized the Verizon representative who provided an overview of the petition.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, 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) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by Eversource Energy for the purpose of removing one pole #11/32 on Belmont Street southerly side at Carver Road and install one pole #11-32 on Carver Road westerly side approximately 13 feet south of Belmont Street. This work is due to a MASSDOT project which requires widening the sidewalk at the corner of Belmont Street and Carver Road.

The Chair recognized Maureen Carroll from Eversource who provided an overview of the petition. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public.

There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, 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.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) First Reading on a [proposed Ordinance](#) amending Title IX of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Business Regulations, to allow restaurants in Watertown that do not have an alcohol license to apply for a “Bring Your Own Bottle” permit, and thereby

allow patrons and customers to consume their own alcoholic beverages at the restaurant's premises. The Chair provided a first reading.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and [attachment](#) on a review of regulations for building size and lot coverage in residential zones – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the report.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, 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.

It was noted that an attachment will be included along with the report.

Councilor Falkoff moved to ask the planning department to research and make a presentation to the EDP on suggestions noted in the report and review the impervious standard to facilitate further discussion on August 19th, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by 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.

The Chair noted that it was understood that the planning department will participate in the forum.

11 NEW BUSINESS:

The Manager provided an overview of the Preliminary election date for District B – requesting a change from September 15th to September 17th. Attorney Reich provided an overview of the process to change the date. It was noted that a vote will take place tonight with a formal confirmatory vote at the next Town Council meeting. It was noted that a public hearing is not required.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to move the preliminary election date for District B from September 15th to September 17th, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by 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.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) [Police Chief Selection Process](#). The Manager updated the community with respect to the process.

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis asked for an update on roadway improvements.

Councilor Kounelis asked for an update on MWRA sewer charges.

Councilor Falkoff asked for an annual review of pending litigation.

Councilor Dushku asked for an update on the formation plans of the TMA and progress towards the design for the community path to Main Street.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba asked about the selection process and if there is a role for citizens to have input.

15. PUBLIC FORUM:

Bruce Colton, Marion Road – continued with a 2 minute retelling of a social media story about a tyrannical manager.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn, 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.

[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 9th, 2015 by voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President