



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, JULY 14, 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, and Stephen P. Corbett as Acting Council President. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Retired Council Clerk, Valerie Papas. Council President Sideris was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXAMINATION OF THE MINUTES: [June 23rd](#) and [June 30th](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of June 23rd, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of June 30th, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Virginia Rice, 148 Acton Street – spoke in support of the BYOB Ordinance.

Anthony Annuziatto, 148 Acton Street – spoke in support of the BYOB Ordinance.

Marilyn Devaney, Westminster Avenue – spoke in support of having a review of the advertised job posting/job description of Council Clerk.

Clyde Younger, Acton Street – spoke in support of a desk audit for the position of Council Clerk.

Rena Baskin – spoke in support of the BYOB ordinance.

Russ Arrico, Fayette Street – spoke against the banning of plastic bags.

Joan Blaustein – asked that the definition of plastic bags be looked at again so that a ban might work better.

Owner of Royale Restaurant of Watertown – spoke in support of the BYOB ordinance.

Will Clifford, Riverside Street – asked that the police know where the locations are if a BYOB ordinance is enacted.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT – none noted.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by Eversource formerly known as NSTAR to install and maintain approximately 110 feet of conduit southerly from pole # 112/3 supply service to the new hotel being constructed at 570 Arsenal Street. The acting Chair recognized Maureen Carroll, Eversource representative who provided an overview of the petition. The acting Chair opened up the hearing to the public.

Clyde Younger – made a complaint about not being able to hear what councilors are saying in the meeting from the audience or at home and stated that he wondered if the council was voting in ignorance.

There being no further 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$203,214 from various Fiscal Year 2015 Electricity and Gas Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2015 ESCO Capital Project Stabilization Fund Account. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Dushku 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$85,000 from various Fiscal Year 2015 Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2015 Transfer to Town Capital Projects Account in order to move forward with the replacement of the Skating Rink fire alarm system. An overview was provided by the Manager. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

c) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,500 from various Fiscal Year 2015 Police Department Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2015 Police Vehicle Replacement Account. The Manager provided an overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Dushku 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

d) [An Order](#) Approving the Naming of a Private Way as Manley Way. Mr. Gerald S. Mee, Jr. Superintendent of Public Works provided an overview. He stated that he is in support of the order and that it addresses a number of issues which include 911, a long standing problem. Councilor Piccirilli moved the Order, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

e) [First reading](#) and referral to the Planning Board of a request for an amendment to the zoning map as requested by RCAB St. Patrick Parish, as represented by Attorney Steve Winnick. Mr. Magoon, Community Development and Planning Director and Assistant Town Manager provided an overview. Councilor Dushku 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Rules and Ordinances [report](#) on a ban of plastic bags and Community Notifications – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair. Councilor Woodland read a summary of the minutes. Councilor Dushku moved to accept 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Human Services [report](#) and action on the Opiate Crisis – Anthony Palomba, Chair. Councilor Palomba noted that he prepared a [condensed report](#) for tonight meeting. He noted that on advice from Town Attorney the motions need to be amended.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilor Dushku 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Palomba moved that the committee recommends the Manager take steps to ensure that Narcan is available to officers and that they receive training in its use,

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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Palomba moved that the committee recommends that the Manager take steps to ensure that there is a drug drop box available in Watertown, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Palomba moved that the committee recommends that the opiate crisis discussions be continued to another meeting, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

c) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on the Mt. Auburn Street road project and Orchard Street/Common Street/Church Street road project – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read a summary of the minutes. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

It was noted that Mr. Mee will get further information on the additional ten more meetings that are to be scheduled for the major project.

d) Joint Committee of Rules and Ordinances, Public Safety and Economic Development and Planning [report](#) on a proposed BYOB [ordinance](#) – Woodland, Falkoff and Corbett chairs. Councilor Woodland read a summary of the minutes. Councilor Palomba moved to accept the minutes, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Attorney Reich reviewed the process of a first reading and an advertisement process; followed by a public hearing and vote. It was further noted by Attorney Reich that the Council has to go through the process of a publication notice.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Dushku asked if it was necessary for a re-referral of the plastic bag ban. Attorney Reich stated that it is still in committee therefore no motion is needed.

Councilor Falkoff asked how much time needs to elapse between a first reading and a second reading. Attorney Reich stated, a notice of public hearing is the only issue. It requires a publication 5 days before its final passage.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) [Proposed Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Ordinance.](#)

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to the proposed Stormwater ordinance to public works subcommittee, 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Falkoff reiterated her request for an update about plans to take away the old recycling center at Phillipello Park

Councilor Kounelis provided an update on the Trapelo Road Project.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced on July 17th at the Police Station family movie and games. Historical Society, July 18th 10-1 pm, Edmond Fowle House; reading of Declaration of Independence. Dog Park discussion with Human Services subcommittee – July 21st at 7pm. Opiate discussion with Human Services subcommittee – July 27th at 7pm.

Attorney Reich clarified standard procedure for an Ordinance: first reading and publication of the ordinance with at least five days of notice; followed by a public hearing and vote; unless it is an emergency ordinance.

13. PUBLIC FORUM:

Barbara Ruskin, Spring Street – noted that the Belmont Street Islands are still asphalt and asked if it will be green. Mr. Mee stated, yes.

Will Coakley – thanked Mr. Mee for the Irving Street sidewalks.

14. 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, and Acting President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

[Addendum](#)