



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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 @ 6:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:15 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, 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:

a) 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: [September 9th](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of September 9th, 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, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda item 9A, 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, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9 a) Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds from the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Council Reserve Account, the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Health Insurance Account and the Fiscal Year 2016 Fire Department Clothing Account to various Fiscal Year 2016 Fire Department Accounts in order to fund a stipulated Massachusetts Joint Labor-Management Committee Award on the terms set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement

with the Watertown Firefighters, IAFF Local 1347 covering a period of seven (7) years (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2016).

The Manager provided an overview of the transfer of funds and the Memorandum of Agreement.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer of 4,675.831, seconded by Councilor Kounelis.

Councilors noted that this was a fair agreement and spoke in support of moving forward.

The Chair thanked everyone for not losing sight of the tremendous and professional service provided by firefighters and thanked citizens for their patience.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

Deb Whitman spoke in concern over recent statements regarding the dog park noting that the proposed space is too small and spoke in support of a full size dog park at the Grove Street entrance.

Mike Ditoli, Carroll Street – noted that the town overcame the challenges of the firefighters’ contract and thanked everyone involved for getting it done.

Russ Arrico, Fayette Street – noted that the design standards are unnecessary power trip and are overly burdensome to homeowners.

Rob Mannix, president of local firefighters union 1347 – noted that he is relieved and happy with the contract and stated that it is time to move on.

Rena Baskin, Franklin Street – spoke in support of design guidelines. Spoke in support of the BYOB ordinance.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

The Chair announced that by Charter rule invitation letters went out for the upcoming preliminary budget hearings on October 22, 2015.

The Chair announced an informational presentation on October 13th regarding “Purple Heart Town”.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE (PROPOSED CONTINUANCE):

- a) Proposed Zoning Map Amendment: to be opened and continued to October 13, 2015 upon request of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, St. Patrick’s Parish (RCAB St. Patrick), regarding the proposed rezoning of the applicant’s land to apply the Religious School Building District (R/SOD) – **No presentation will be made, nor any testimony taken, on this matter.** The Chair read the proposed continuance.

b) Public hearing and vote 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.

Councilor Woodland provided a brief update on the matter.

The Chair opened up the hearing to the public:

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

Acting Police Chief, Raymond Dupruis – noted his concern with the impact of the potentially 15 new liquor licenses and the proposed BYOB permits. He stated his concern with the lack of a last call stipulation and the fine structure as insignificant. He also questions how this would impact all night diners. He asked that it be Tabled.

Councilor Dushku spoke in support of the proposed ordinance noting that it has been in the making for two years.

Councilor Kounelis stated that she cannot support the proposed ordinance due to enforcement issues.

Vice President Corbett expressed concerns.

Councilor Falkoff spoke in support of voting the ordinance tonight.

Councilor Woodland spoke in support of the proposed ordinance noting that all prior concerns were addressed by the subcommittees.

Councilor Palomba spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Lenk stated that she is not opposed to the ordinance. Noted that she wants to make sure that the police are adequately staffed for the enforcement.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that he is satisfied in general.

The Chair noted that he is concerned with putting the BYOB permits ahead of the 15 new liquor license that are before the legislature.

MOTIONS AND VOTES:

Councilor Dushku moved the proposed ordinance, seconded by Councilor Falkoff.

Councilor Piccirilli asked that a date be determined for the ordinance to go into effect noting that it currently reads – effective immediately upon passage.

Councilor Dushku moved to amend the language that the effective date be changed to April 1, 2015, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by a roll call vote of 7 for and 2 against with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis,

Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilors Palomba and Corbett voting against.

Councilor Woodland moved to amend section 116.03 (2) to reflect the change from 3 months to six months, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by a roll call vote of 8 for and 1 against with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Vice President Corbett voting against.

On the Main Motion to adopt the ordinance as amended: adopted by a roll call vote of 6 for and 3 against with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, and Kenneth M. Woodland in the affirmative and Council President Mark S. Sideris, Vice President Corbett and Councilor Kounelis voting against.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Previously voted.
- b). [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$8,500 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Manager Contracted Services Account in order to move forward with the Police Chief Assessment Center. The Manager provided an overview. 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, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) on [Residential Design Guidelines](#) – 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 roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

- a). Proposed changes to current [Demolition Delay Ordinance](#) from the Historical Commission and referral to Committee. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Lenk moved to refer the matter to Economic Development and Planning subcommittee, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Councilor Dushku requested update on new technology for kiosks and parking meters and rate increases; and Stormwater utility information.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba – September 23rd – St. Patrick’s Church 7pm vigil; Family Network exchange October 3rd; Opiate addiction awareness week Oct 19-25th.

Councilor Falkoff – October 7th 7pm Chief Assessment Center.

Councilor Dushku – October 4th, PTO 5 k event – October 5th, EDP subcommittee meeting; Oct 6th Phillipello Park discussions 7pm hosted by Recreation Department.

15. PUBLIC FORUM:

Marilyn Devaney, 98 Westminster Avenue – made a complaint about the cost for the breakdown of taxpayers cost for documents she requested from the town.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, 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, 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 October 13, 2015.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President