



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED
OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice-President

Michael F. Dattoli,
Councilor At Large

Aaron P. Dushku,
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AT 6:15 PM
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Lisa J. Feltner, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Others present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate – former police station at 34 Cross Street and 10 Winter Street; the chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose, Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a voice vote.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:15 pm

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Vice-President Piccirilli moved to table the minutes; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Barbara Ruskin – 140 Spring St. While the Town awaits the RMUD Joint Meeting on March 2, consideration should be given to creating plans for a transportation plan, especially a transit oriented pedestrian based model and an overall transportation plan.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Sideris mentioned that the RMUD hearing, previously scheduled for February 8, 2016, was postponed due to the weather. The meeting has been rescheduled as a Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the Planning Board for March 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Watertown High School.

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

a) [Compensation of Clerk of Town Council](#)

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing regarding the Clerk's salary. In accordance with sections 2-7 (b) and 2-7 (c) of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the salary of the Clerk of the Town Council is set by ordinance when there is an adjustment. The ordinance was published. Vice-President Piccirilli moved to approve the ordinance setting the salary at \$22.89/hour; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The hearing was opened for public discussion. There being no discussion, the motion was accepted unanimously after a roll call vote.

b) [Stormwater Management and Erosion Control](#)

President Sideris completed the First Reading establishing requirements for stormwater management and erosion control. Mr. Driscoll stated that these changes are based on a Committee of Public Works report from the Stormwater Advisory Committee and Mr. Shuman, the Town Engineer. The item will be taken up at the February 23, 2016 Town Council meeting.

c) [Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a Statewide Housing Court](#)

Mr. Driscoll introduced Deborah Rosati, Director of Public Health, who worked with Attorney Reich to write the Resolution. Ms. Rosati spoke on the need for the Statewide Housing Court. Vice-President Piccirilli moved to adopt the Resolution and Mr. Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Palomba moved to have the Committee on Public Works discuss the issues of curbside composting and recycling; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. Some work was completed last year, but there were no hearings on the issue. During the discussion, Councilor Dushku suggested the inclusion of organic composting. Councilor Palomba then moved to have the Committee on Public Works discuss the Town's policy on composting; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll stated that he had a meeting scheduled with Verizon to discuss the issue of double calls. He would report back to the Council at the February 23, 2016 meeting.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

Councilor Falkoff

-stated that some Committee Reports were backed up and not reaching the agenda

-is seeking a status of the O'Neil Charitable Trust Funds

-asked for information regarding the Town's working group on Code/Ordinance enforcement.

Councilor Kounelis followed up with a communication on the conditions of Calvin Rd. This is only a notation for the record. An update is pending on Sampson St.

Councilor Dattoli asked for a status of the Town's FY' 15 Annual Report.

Councilor Palomba wants to obtain a review of the process of filling the openings on the Planning Board, a list of candidates and the status of those whose term is expiring.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dushku announced that the first meeting of the Committee on Transportation would be held on February 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the status of the Transportation Management Association on the idea of a shuttlebus.

Councilor Dushku also mentioned two other town meetings

1. A meeting on February 11, 2016, a meeting with the School Committee and the Finance Committee on the school budget at the Watertown High School Library
2. On February 23, 2016, a public meeting will be held at the Middle School from 6-8 p.m. regarding the MA Department of Transportation and Transportation Study Team to discuss the Arsenal Corridor.

Councilor Feltner stated that on Friday, February 12, 2016, from 11:30 – 1:00, she will be holding open office hours at the Watertown Free Public Library in the Raya Stern Trustees Room.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Palomba moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote in agreement of the motion.

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 February 23, 2016.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s/MWP