



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, MARCH 22, 2016 AT 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate – 10 Winter Street; if the chair declares 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 Dushku seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers during the Forum.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the March 8, 2016](#) Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. Councilor Feltner stated that there was a duplication in the minutes. Councilor Piccirilli withdrew his motion and moved to table the minutes to the next meeting; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Consideration and Action on the [Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Submission Date](#)

President Sideris read a memo requesting a delay in the presentation of the FY 2017 budget by the Town Manager to the Town Council by two weeks. Councilor Piccirilli moved to delay the budget presentation to the Town Council by two weeks; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

9 MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Consideration and Approval of Submitting the [Core Program Statement](#) of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to move up Item 9A to be dealt with prior to Item 8; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Driscoll stated that Dr. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Schools, is requesting approval submitted from Town Council to submit a CORE Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MSBA for Watertown High School. CORE funding is for projects that go beyond the scope of the Accelerated Repair Program. This will be the third submission for the Town to the MSBA. CORE review will begin on April 8, 2016.

Dr. Fitzgerald stated that an additional priority was include in the Statement: the need to prevent severe overcrowding in the High School due to increased enrollment.

Councilor Falkoff asked why the focus is on the High School. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that by fixing the high school, it would be possible to move the school population in such a way so as to avoid overcrowding in the other buildings.

Councilor Dushku asked if the MSBA could alter the Town priority in its review. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that in the past that was so, but with this review MSBA will use the Town's priority and work with that.

Councilor Dushku also asked that if there is a shift in population, would there be community hearings on this. Both Dr. Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Yusem, School Committee member, assured the Council that there will be an opportunity for the community to express their views.

Councilor Piccirilli asked about the creation of a Master Plan. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that the schools facility report was included in the SOI and that she is waiting for MSBA to confirm if this is sufficient or if more information is needed.

Councilor Dushku asked if there will be no Master Plan. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that one does not currently exist but that she is going forward with an Enrollment Projection study due to the increased housing in the community. Based on MSBA's response as to whether or not the School system should proceed with a Master Plan, she will act accordingly.

Councilor Falkoff stated that the presentation of the previous evening seemed to concur with the school facilities being the issue with Watertown providing a quality education.

President Sideris stated his support for the submission of the SOI to the MSBA. He then read the following motion:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Town Council of Watertown, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest, CORE Program Request, dated before the April 8, 2016 closing date, for the Watertown High School located at 50 Columbia Street, Watertown, MA 02472, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority #2: Elimination of Severe Overcrowding

Description: Proposed Addition and/or Renovation and/or Potential New School Building

Priority #4: Prevention of Severe Overcrowding Expected to Result from Increased Enrollments

Description: Proposed Addition and/or Renovation and/or Potential New School Building

Priority #5: Replacement, Renovation or Modernization of School Facility Systems, Such as Roofs, Windows, Boilers, Heating, and Ventilation Systems, to Increase Energy Conservation and Decrease Energy Related Costs in a School Facility

Description: Proposed Addition and/or Renovation and/or Potential New School Building

Priority #7: Replacement of or Addition to Obsolete Buildings in Order to Provide for a Full Range of Programs Consistent with State and Approved Local Requirements

Description: Proposed Addition and/or Renovation and/or Potential New School Building

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Watertown Public School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to make the above motion; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed [Ordinance to Modify Hours](#) of Operation of the Administration Building.

Mr. Driscoll described the summer hours schedule and asked the Town Council to consider the adoption of the change.

President Sideris declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments, he closed the hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the change in hours for the summer; Councilor Dushku seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2016 [Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Account](#)

Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor, explained that the Fire Department currently has a balance of \$8,700 in the account. Of that amount, \$4,600 is already committed for repairs and the ambulance needs repairs that are estimated at between \$2,000 and \$4,000, leaving no further funds for the vehicles. With the transfer, \$10,000 would be used for preventative maintenance of the ladder vehicles for the Engine Companies and the remainder would be used for vehicle maintenance using \$5,000 a month as an estimate.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to make the requested transfer of funds; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report and Action on Conceptual Recommendations to Watertown's [FY 2017-FY2021 Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair

Councilor Piccirilli presented the report which included 33 recommendations for purchases. The proposed CIP changes would represent 7.98% of projected FY'17 revenues and 7.87% of the budget based on FY '17 expenditure assumptions.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

Councilors Falkoff, Woodland, Kounelis, and President Sideris thanked Councilor Piccirilli, his committee, and other town employees for their efforts to complete this report. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council accept the conceptual recommendations of the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion.

Councilor Dattoli asked if the DPW equipment is being replaced. Mr. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works, stated these items were being replaced.

Councilor Dattoli asked how the School recommendations were completed. Councilor Piccirilli stated that the School Administration used their internal process to identify their recommendations and then forwarded them to the Town Manager. The Town Council's job is to find the funding for their priorities.

Councilor Woodland assured members about the amount of detail that was presented for all items.

Councilor Dushku asked if these recommendations would be forwarded to Committee. Councilor Piccirilli stated that the recommendations are forwarded to the respective Committees, therefore, there is no need to make a motion for the referrals.

Councilor Kounelis thanked the DPW for their care of the equipment.

Councilor Palomba raised a concern about item 18 of the CIP, the purchase of a streetsweeper, and how this would be affected by new EPA regulations. Mr. Mee stated that if the Town knew more about the regulations, the purchase would accommodate the regulations but at this time, they are purchasing the item based on the known regulations.

Councilor Palomba asked for the amount that is being borrowed to cover the projects. Councilor Piccirilli stated that \$8,324,733 was the debt amount and that the total spending for FY '17 is \$9,918,341.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Committee on Transportation Report to Discuss Next Steps for Watertown's Transportation Planning and Town-Wide TDM Ordinance – Aaron P. Dushku – Chair

Councilor Dushku read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved that the Town Council adopt the draft letter with a minor modification to the MBTA; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved that the Town Council support the collection of basic data on traffic in Watertown, using existing DPW resources; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved that the Town Council support the Transportation Committee in collaboration with the Department of Community Development and Planning and the Watertown Public

Transit Task Force, in convening a community forum to learn about the options and required expertise related to municipal transportation planning; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved that the Town Council ask staff to report at the next Transportation Committee meeting on

(1) What provisions the Zoning Ordinance or currently issued Special Permits now contain regarding Transportation Demand Management (TDM);

(2) What TDM ordinances and regulations other municipalities have adopted; and

(3) What TDM information and tools are available from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC);

Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was reported.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Mr. Driscoll asked for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Buck of 212 Boylston Street for a term to expire on July 15, 2017 and Brian Pizzi of 17 Avon Road for a term to expire on July 15, 2017 to the Stormwater Advisory Committee. Under Town Council Rules, the appointments are referred to the Committee on Public Works for their review.

B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointments to the Planning Board

Mr. Driscoll asked for the confirmation of the appointment of Gary Shaw of 77 Russell Avenue for a term to expire on February 15, 2019, and for the reappointment of Fergal Brennock of 71 Lovell Road for a term to expire on February 15, 2017; Jeffrey Brown of 50 Stoneleigh Circle for a term to expire on February 15, 2018; John Hawes of 110 Garfield Street for a term to expire on February 15, 2018; and Linda Tuttle-Barletta of 48 Buick Street for a term to expire on February 15, 2019 to the Planning Board. The appointment and reappointments under Town Council Rules will be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning for their review.

Mr. Driscoll stated that Town Hall would be closed at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2016.

On April 9, the Health Department would be holding a Rabies Vaccination Clinic – Cats at 1:30 and Dogs at 2:30.

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

Councilor Dushku asked for the policy relating to the playing field scheduling, especially as it relates to the order of priority for Watertown youth events.

Councilor Falkoff asked that confirmations be attached to agendas in the future.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli mentioned two upcoming events:

- April 8, 2016 – 5th Annual Music Fest at the Watertown Middle School at 5:30 p.m.
- April 15, 2016 – Full Strength for Youth at the Ryan Arena at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Palomba reminded people of the meeting in the auditorium at the Coolidge School Apartments, 319 Arlington St. on March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Senior Center and the leadership skills for the incoming Director of Senior Services.

Councilor Palomba reminded people of the speech by Dr. Lafayette at the Middle School on March 31, 2016. He also commended the Police Department for working with a community organization to receive training.

Councilor Dushku informed people of the Committee on Public Works meeting on March 30, 2016 regarding Complete Streets.

President Sideris reminded people of Athena Health's required public hearing being presented at 6:30 p.m. on March 29 at the Coolidge School Apartments.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

[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 April 12, 2016.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s/MWP