



# 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, APRIL 26, 2016 AT 7:15 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 7:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Councilor 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Town Council Meetings  
Councilor Piccirilli made a motion on Councilor Falkoff's behalf to amend the minutes; Councilor Kounelis asked Councilor Piccirilli to withdraw his motion and moved to table the minutes. Councilor Piccirilli withdrew his motion and seconded the motion to table the minutes.

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Centola – Paid a tribute to Bob Galante, an educator, who died suddenly. Mr. Centola wanted to acknowledge his contributions to the community.

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris reminded people that if they are interested in applying to be a Trustee of the Watertown Free Public Library, they need to get their applications in by Friday, April 29, 2016.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$550,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the costs

of infiltration/inflow mitigation projects at various locations throughout the Town. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be obtained through the [Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program](#) or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of this project.

President Sideris opened the public hearing. Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Dennis Sheehan, Department of Public Works Director of Administration and Finance, presented information regarding the request for the Loan Order relating to Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program. President Sideris opened the hearing for public comment; hearing none, he closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order for \$550,000 for the Infiltration and Inflow project; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$500,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(5) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the costs of water system improvements at various locations throughout the Town. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be obtained through the [Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program](#) or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of this project.

President Sideris opened the public hearing. Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Sheehan presented information regarding the request for the Loan Order relating to Local Water System Assistance Program. President Sideris opened the hearing for public comment; hearing none, he closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order for \$500,000 for Local Water Systems improvements; Councilor Dushku seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

## 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Works Report on the [Appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee](#) – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

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

Councilor Dushku moved to appoint Janet Buck to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term to end on July 15, 2017; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved to appoint Brian Pizzi to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term to end on July 15, 2017; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee on Technology and Communication on the [Committee Goals and the Renovation or Change of the Town's Website](#) – Chair Kenneth M. Woodland

Councilor Woodland requested that the report be tabled; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were no requests for new business.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Submission of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Mr. Driscoll presented the [Fiscal Year 2017 Budget proposal](#).

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

There were no requests.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dushku announced that

- The Charles River Clean Up project would take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9 AM
- A Joint Public Works and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees meeting would occur on Thursday May 5, 2016 at 6:15 PM to discuss the Community Path
- Events at the Commander's Mansion relating to Arbor Day would take place on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Councilor Palomba announced that

- The Watertown Youth Council was presenting "The Well-Being of Watertown Youth: A Town Hall Meeting" on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Watertown Savings Bank Room of the Watertown Free Public Library.
- The Watertown Police were sponsoring a Prescription Drug Take Back Day where citizens may drop off unneeded drugs on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Councilor Kounelis announced that a petitioner who brought a request before the Planning Board for a reuse of 55 Bigelow Avenue is withdrawing the request. If anyone was planning on attending the meeting, this request will not be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilor Falkoff announced that the Watertown Community Foundation along with other organizations is sponsoring a Day of Service. To participate, people should go to the website and sign up.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Pat Gold – Read a statement on behalf of Carol Airasian. Ms. Airasian raised concerns about the March 28, 2016 meeting relating to the Senior Center.

Alice Wharton – She was concerned about the same meeting as to why only complaints about the Center were highlighted in the Watertown Tab.

Bert Greenberg – stated that he was waiting for a report.

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, President Sideris asked for a moment of silence for Bob Galante. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 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 a voice vote of   8   for,   0   against,   0   present on May 10, 2016.

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
s/MWP