



# 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, AUGUST 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, Lisa J. Feltner, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Angeline B. Kounelis arrived at 6:16 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 p.m.**

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.

B. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate –former east and north branch libraries and 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; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

**3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 p.m.**

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Pat Gold – Raised objection to the Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) changes proposed.

**6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the [November 10, 2015](#), [November 24, 2015](#), [December 1, 2015](#), [December 8, 2015](#), [January 12, 2016](#), [March 2, 2016](#), [May 31, 2016](#), and [July 12, 2016](#) Town Council Meetings

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of November 10, 2015 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of November 24, 2015 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of December 1, 2015 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of December 8, 2015 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of January 12, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of March 2, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of May 31, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of July 12, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

## 9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- B. Resolution Noting the [10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Library Renovation](#) Of The Watertown Free Public Library's Renovation And Addition And Congratulating The Library Trustees And Staff On The Quality Of Library Service And Facilities Offered To The Citizens Of Watertown.

President Sideris asked for a motion to move up in the schedule the above item regarding the Library. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up item 9B; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris read the Proclamation regarding the Library. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris recognized Mr. Driscoll who asked Ms. Cole to make a few remarks about the success of the library and its being acknowledged in the Harvard Family Research Report.

Ms. Leone Cole, Library Director, thanked her staff for providing quality services, the Town Council for supporting the Library, and the Harvard Family Research Group for acknowledging the Watertown Free Public Library as a source of family engagement.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. A Proposed Resolution Regarding the [Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Process](#)

President Sideris read the Resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the resolution; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

### B. Reappointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

The President of the Town Council is authorizes to appoint a member to the Stormwater Advisory Committee, and in this capacity, President Sideris reappointed David Stokes to a two year term ending on July 15, 2018.

President Sideris further announced that on September 13, 2016, there would be a public hearing and discussion on the status of the branch libraries and the possible disposition of those libraries.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. Public Hearing and Vote on Proposed Changes to the Existing Commercial [Snow Ordinance](#).

President Sideris recognized Councilor Woodland who provided a brief presentation of the changes in the ordinance. Among the changes affecting commercial properties are

- Providing the Town Manager with increased authority to enforce the ordinance
- Removing the mandatory warning requirement; warnings will be discretionary
- Increasing the fines from \$25 and \$50 to \$100, \$200, and \$300 fines.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to amend the Watertown Code of Ordinances in Chapter 96 §27 (B) and Chapter 96 §99 (C) as presented in the recommendations of the Committee Report; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After a discussion regarding the effects of the ordinance, the Town Council adopted the motion unanimously on a roll call vote.

### B. Public Hearing and Vote on NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a/ EVERSOURCE ENERGY Petition – [Nichols Ave/490 Arsenal Way](#) #2136323

President Sideris recognized Mr. Magoon to explain the requested change. President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition from Eversource Energy for Nichols Ave/490 Arsenal Way; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding paving in the affected area and double poles, the Town Council adopted the motion unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Public Hearing and Vote on [Comcast Corporation/65 Grove St.](#)

President Sideris recognized Mr. Magoon to explain the requested change. President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition from Comcast Corporation for 65 Grove Street; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

D. Public Hearing and Vote on NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy [WO #2148736](#)

President Sideris recognized Mr. Magoon to explain the requested change. President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition from Eversource Energy to install conduit from Hovey Street to 790-792 Belmont Street; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion.

After a discussion regarding the need to clarify the meaning of handwritten notes on the petition, Councilor Piccirilli moved to withdraw his motion and asked the Council to table the request; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 8-1 voice vote. All Councilors voting in the affirmative; Councilor Dushku voted in the negative.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on the Proposed Zoning Text [Amendments Related to Affordable Housing Requirements](#) and Referral to the Planning Board.

Mr. Driscoll presented the reading of the changes of the amendment; These amendments will be forwarded to the Planning Board for review.

B. Resolution Noting the [10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Library Renovation](#) Of The Watertown Free Public Library's Renovation And Addition And Congratulating The Library Trustees And Staff On The Quality Of Library Service And Facilities Offered To The Citizens Of Watertown.

Please see minutes following Item 6 regarding the Library.

C. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Target Corporation to the Watertown Fire Department for the [Purchase of a Gear Extractor](#)

Mr. Driscoll presented information regarding the gift and asked for the favorable consideration of the Council. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance and expenditure of a gift of funds of \$5,000 from Target Corporation to purchase a gear extractor; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- D. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of Personal Property from the Watertown Men's Summer Basketball League, Family, and Friends for a Bench, Additional Pavers, and Plantings at [Saltonstall Park](#) in Memory of Two Members of Their Fraternity

Mr. Driscoll presented information regarding the gift and asked for the favorable consideration of the Council. Mr. Centola, Recreation Director, spoke on behalf of accepting the gift. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance of a gift of tangible personal property; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- E. An Order Accepting an [Easement for Traffic Signal Equipment](#) at the Intersection of Arsenal Street and Irving Street Upon Property of NStar Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Authorizing the Town Manager to Accept the Grant of Easement

Mr. Driscoll presented information regarding the acceptance of the easement and asked for the favorable consideration of the Council. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the order of acceptance of the easement and to authorize the Town Manager to accept the grant of easement; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- F. Action Item on Proposed Improvements to the [Filippello Park Grove Street Entrance](#)

Mr. Driscoll introduced Mr. Magoon regarding the above action item. Mr. Magoon recommended that the Town move forward with the design drawings for Filippello Park and for the Town to apply for the Stanton Grant. The funds received could be used for design and construction. Councilor Piccirilli moved to proceed with the development of plans for the proposed improvements to Filippello Park at the Grove Street entrance based on the design presented on July 12, 2016 at the Town Council meeting and to apply to the Stanton Grant to assist with the funding of the proposed improvements; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

## 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Works Report on [Parking Meters](#) – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

Councilor Dushku read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion.

Councilor Falkoff stated that there were two amendments that should be made to the report in Paragraph 4 of the report:

- In sentence 5, the words “.50 cents per hours” should be amended to read “50 cents per hour”
- In sentence 7, remove the words “and 5 pay stations” from the sentence.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to so amend the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli then moved to accept the report as amended; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on [Town-Wide Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) policy and the Watertown Transportation Management Association \(TMA\)](#). – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Refer the Draft Transportation Demand Management Programs Ordinance to the Town Attorney for Review

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

Councilor Dushku moved that the Town Council refer the draft Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programs Ordinance to the Town Attorney for review; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion.

There was a discussion regarding the process and whether the ordinance should be referred to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances prior to a referral to the Town Attorney. The motion was not adopted on a roll call vote of 4-5. Councilors Dattoli, Dushku, Palomba, and Piccirilli voted in the affirmative; Councilors Falkoff, Feltner, Kounelis, Woodland, and President Sideris voted in the negative.

Councilor Falkoff moved to refer the ordinance to The Committee on Rules and Ordinances for review; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to the Committee on Human Services for a public discussion of temporary field lighting solutions for youth sports; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Mr. Driscoll asked that David Jay be appointed to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term to terminate on July 15, 2018. The report will be forwarded to the Committee on Public Works for their recommendation.

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

Councilor Falkoff requested an update on the O'Neil Charitable Trust. President Sideris regretted that he overlooked this item and will contact Mr. Tracy to provide the information.

Councilor Kounelis requested

- The status of the pilot for the Atrium School
- The status of DPW 's involvement in the level of maintenance it will provide for Sampson Street as well as the status of the concrete stairs
- The status of the person taking minutes for the Town Council

Councilor Dushku requested the status of the Complete Streets Policy and Work Group.

Councilor Feltner requested information on the Annual Town Reports. President Sideris stated that there was a lag in previous reports and going forward this should be completed on an annual basis.

### 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli announced

- That there is a gofundme page to raise funds for the benches to be installed at Saltonstall Park. If anyone cares to donate, they can do so at [gofundme.com/timperiovincent](http://gofundme.com/timperiovincent). Donations will be accepted until August 31.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry Walk will be held on September 24
- The Long Term School Facility Master Plan Steering Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on August 16 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Phillips School.
- The final meeting of the same committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 23 at Watertown High School
- The Historical Commission will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 11 and one item under discussion is the preservation of the existing School Buildings
- That he will be holding Office Hours at 5:00 p.m. on August 24 outside the Library.

Councilor Feltner announced that at 6:30 p.m. on August 19, there would be a Family Movie Night. She also announced that August 19 is the last day to register to vote in order to be able to vote in the state primary.

Councilor Dushku announced that the last summer concert, a Swing Band, would be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 11. He also announced that the Community meetings regarding the Arsenal Project would be held on August 17 and August 31, both at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that the state primary will be held on a Thursday this year and the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

President Sideris announced that at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, “The Moving Wall” at the Gore Place and is opened to the public.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

James Mello – 119 Mt. Auburn Street – Spoke in favor of the Snow Ordinance.

Pat Gold – Thanked the Town Manager for the selection of the new Senior Services Director.

Burt Greenberg – Spoke kindly of Ray Musetti, a former Council member, who recently died.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

President Sideris requested a moment of silence for Ray Musetti.

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 8:53 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 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on September 13, 2016

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
s/MWP