



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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 AT 7:15 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER 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 Council Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Steve Magoon, Acting Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Russ Arico – Spoke against the CPA as it currently exists.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the September 13, 2016](#) Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes for September 13, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Creation of the Victory Field Phase 2 Committee

President Sideris announced the membership of the Victory Field Phase 2 Committee. The designated members are Councilor Piccirilli, Chairman; Councilor Palomba, Vice-Chairman; Peter Centola, the Director of Recreation; and the Director of Planning or his designee. The appointed members are Elodia Thomas, abutter; Elliot Friedman and Anne Korte, members of the general public; Mark Leonard, representative of youth sports; and Michael Lahiff, representative of the Watertown School Athletics.

6. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to Offset Expenses Related to the “[Faire on the Square 2016](#).”

Mr. Magoon, Acting Town Manager, provided a description of the gift from Belmont Savings Bank. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance and expenditure of gifts of funds; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Amending Title V of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Public Works, [Chapter 55, Curbs and Sidewalks, Section 55.02, Sidewalk Requirements](#)

Mr. Magoon provided background on the need for the suggested change in the ordinance.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public.

Elodia Thomas spoke on the need for improvements.

Burt Greenberg stated that his concern regarding the narrowing of the streets due to the requested changes.

There being no other speakers, President Sideris closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the amendment to the ordinance as presented in the legal notice; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion.

Councilor Dushku made a motion for a friendly amendment to the ordinance by inserting in Section 55.02(i) after the words “create a barrier” the following words: “and addition of a curb is not planned and where there is currently no grass planting strip, the default treatment is to create a planting strip, however,”.

President Sideris requested a clarification from the Attorney Reich regarding the amendment. Attorney Reich stated that the change was within the scope of the advertised notice and that it reduced the broad discretion of the Superintendent of Public Works as provided in the legal notice. The amendment therefore could be considered.

Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. After discussion of the change, the motion to amend Section 55.02(i) was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The motion to adopt the ordinance as amended was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report on [Remote Participation](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 8 in the agenda; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed [Resolution Supporting The Implementation Of A Remote Participation Policy](#)

Councilor Woodland read the resolution. President Sideris opened the hearing to the public. There being no speakers, President Sideris closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the resolution supporting the implementation of a remote participation policy as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report on [Remote Participation](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

See minutes for this item above.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Falkoff stated that she would like to know how the money was being used from the O'Neill Charitable funds. President Sideris stated that grants were no longer made after Harvard terminated its annual payments of \$100,000 to the fund. It was determined that documentation should be presented before making any further plans.

Councilor Dushku requested a referral to the Public Works Committee regarding an update of the site selection of the recent 604b grants for the Stormwater Advisory Committee; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Feltner requested information regarding mitigation measures on Arsenal Street and asked if the information is being captured to serve as a basis for policies for future projects.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

[Signs on Town Property](#)

Mr. Magoon requested a referral to the Rules and Ordinances Committee the matter of private signs on public property. Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter of private signs on public property to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for policy direction; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Magoon announced that the Department of Health released its 2016-2017 Free Public Flu Clinics schedule, which can be obtained either by contacting the Health Department or going online.

Mr. Magoon then announced the reintroduction of the Citizens Police Academy run by Captain Dupuis. It is entitled Understanding through Education and will begin on October 5. To register, contact the Police Department at 617-972-6500.

He also announced that the Administration Building will be closed on October 10 for Columbus Day.

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

Councilor Dushku requested information on the formation of the Complete Streets working group and a status report on the recommendations from the Collins Center and Committee on Public Works on facilities consolidation.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Feltner stated that parking for the handicapped was not protected when considering the Arsenal project.

Councilor Kounelis stated that a constituent, Mr. Willoughby, indicated his appreciation for and satisfaction of the repair of the entry doors.

Councilor Palomba announced that Invest in Watertown was sponsoring an event on October 2, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Marriott Residence Inn, 570 Arsenal St. Mr. Warren Tolman, former State Representative and Senator will speak on the 2016 Presidential Election.

Councilor Dushku announced that there will be three meetings regarding Transportation on September 29, 2016, October 4, 2016, and October 5, 2016. The September 29, 2016 and October 5, 2016 meetings will be on the Transportation Management Association and the Shuttle Bus. The meeting on October 4 will be held at the Watertown Middle School where the State Department of Transportation will hold an informational meeting on the Arsenal Corridor Study. He also announced that on Sunday, October 2, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Live Well Watertown would sponsor an event along the Charles at Waterfront Park.

Councilor Falkoff announced that on Thursday, September 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., the Democratic Town Committee was sponsoring a fundraiser for the John Carver Scholarship Fund at the Plumbing Museum.

Councilor Feltner announced that on Sunday October 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., the 3rd Annual Crazy Color Family Fun Run was being held at Hosmer School. The funds raised will be used to support the elementary schools.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – Thanked President Sideris for setting up the Victory Park Field Committee. She also expressed concerns about the public’s understanding of the process for creating sidewalks.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 October 11, 2016

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s/MWP