



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, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 6:15 P.M.
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, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, 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 – 6:15 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 Branch Library; 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 enter into executive session to discuss the above two stated items; Councilor Falkoff 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

There were no speakers for the Public Forum

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the November 22, 2016](#) Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes for November 22, 2016 as corrected; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris requested a referral to the Committee on Public Safety to address safety issues along Arsenal Street and other streets where construction is occurring and requested the Committee discuss the safety issues with proper public officials. Councilor Piccirilli moved to make the referral; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on Proposed Zoning Text Amendments Related to [Affordable Housing](#)

Mr. Magoon made a presentation of the Zoning Amendment changes regarding the Council's request to increase affordable housing from 12.5% to 15% town wide. The changes include

- ~ Creating a set aside system: Units from 0-6 are exempt; 6-19 Units would be 12.5%, and projects with 20 or more units would be 15%
- ~ Of that 15%, one third would be reserved for residents whose income is 65% of the area median income and the remainder would be for people whose income is up to 80% of area median income
- ~ The calculation for cash in lieu of unit payment is being streamlined
- ~ If a project provides deeper subsidies to the 65% or lower income group, it would be exempt from some density requirements.
- ~ 100% of the cash in lieu payments will be paid when the first Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public.

Fred Reynolds – Housing Partnership – spoke stating the purpose of the change was to allow Watertown residents to remain in the community.

Bill McQuillan – Boylston Properties – Asked the Council to consider the financial impact of the income standards and who can take advantage of these standards.

Jennifer Van Campen – 49 Phillips St. – Executive Director of Metro West Collaborative Development – Spoke in favor of the changes and that they were in line with other communities.

There being no other speakers, President Sideris closed the hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Zoning Amendments as presented; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. After a discussion regarding the effects of the changes, the motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 for and 1 present. All Councilors voted in the affirmative, except for President Sideris who voted present.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in Order to Fund an [Agreement with the Library, AFSCME Council 93 Union](#) Covering the Period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Mr. Driscoll provided information on the changes for the agreement with the Library Associates for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

The basic changes included a base wage increase of

- ~ 2% beginning July 1, 2016
- ~ 1.75% as of July 1, 2017
- ~ 2% as of July 1, 2018

And salary adjusted comparables of

- ~ \$0.50/hour for clerical staff at Step 10
- ~ \$0.52/hour for Librarians at Step 1
- ~ \$0.62/hour for Department Heads at Step 1.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the approval of the transfer of \$26, 800 to fund the agreement; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a [Transfer of \\$41,850 from the Fiscal Year 2017 Debt Retirement](#) – Interest on Short Term Debt Account to the Fiscal Year 2017 Town Capital Projects Account in Order to Move Forward with Painting Project at the Watertown Free Public Library.

Mr. Driscoll provided background information on the Library improvements, specifically painting. Ms. Cole, the Library Director, spoke regarding the need for the change. Mr. Driscoll requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$41,850 to paint the walls of the Library; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$259,400, Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Any Other Enabling Authority, for the Purpose of Paying Costs of [Replacing and Installing Carpets at the Watertown Free Public Library](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background information on the Library improvements, specifically the carpeting.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Joint Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Report on the [Draft Animal Control Ordinance](#) – Anthony Palomba and Kenneth M. Woodland, Chairs

Councilor Palomba read the report for the Joint Committee. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Councilor Dattoli requested that the report be corrected regarding the name of the Committee; President

Sideris commented that it would be adjusted. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report on [Signs on Public Property](#)
– Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Approve That the Committee Work with the Town Attorney to Draft a Policy to Allow Private Signs on Public Property

Councilor Woodland read the report. Councilor Dushku moved to accept the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. Councilor Falkoff moved that the report be amended by deleting the following paragraph in the minutes:

Councilor Falkoff expressed concerns about clutter and Ms. Peterson stated that there's no reason to have an overriding concern about that because for 30 years, the town's regulations really haven't been obeyed and we haven't seen that problem.

And inserting in its place the following two paragraphs:

In response to concerns about clutter, Ms. Peterson stated that there's no reason to have an overriding concern about that because for 30 years, the town's regulations really haven't been obeyed and we haven't seen that problem.

Councilor Falkoff stated that she is not in favor of allowing signs for private events on public property (unless they are co-sponsored by a town department, board, or committee) because it gives the impression that the town has endorsed or sponsored the event.

Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. After a discussion of the report, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the action item that the Town Council approve that the Committee work with the town attorney to draft a policy to allow private signs on public property; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. After a discussion regarding the need for a signage policy, the motion failed on a roll call vote of 4-5. Those voting in the affirmative were Councilors Dushku, Feltner, Palomba, and Woodland; those voting in the negative were Councilors Dattoli, Falkoff, Kounelis, Piccirilli, and President Sideris.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business requests.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll announced that the Administration Building would be closed at noon on December 23, 2016, and that it would be closed on December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017.

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

Councilor Kounelis requested a status update on the recording secretary pool and the status of the crossing signal at 705 Mount Auburn Street. She stated that the use of Calvin Road is unusable when trucks are unloading and enforcement of policy is needed.

Councilor Dattoli asked for an estimate of when the Transportation Planner could be filled.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dushku announced that there would be a Planning Board meeting on transportation aspects of the Arsenal Project on December 14, 2016. He also announced that there would be two Committee on Transportation meetings on January 4, 2017. One would be a Joint meeting with the Committee on Rules and Ordinances at 6:30 regarding the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ordinance. The other at 7:30 would relate to the next steps in transportation for Watertown.

On January 12, 2017, a consultant would make a presentation regarding the rules and regulations needed for the TDM ordinance. The Shuttlebus program would also be discussed.

Councilor Feltner announced that she would be attending her second Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show on January 20, 2017. She also announced that she would be participating on January 21, 2017 in the march at Boston Common.

Councilor Dattoli announced that on December 17, 2017 at the John A Ryan Skating Rink, the Watertown Youth Hockey would sponsor a Holiday Family Skate from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m. He also announced that on December 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., there would be a special Joint Town Council meeting with the School Committee to discuss the School Master Planning.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

Matt Brown – he suggested that the community start a metal recycling program.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 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 vote of 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on January 24, 2017.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s/MWP

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes for November 22, 2016 Town Council Meeting (Item 6)
2. Report from the Planning regarding Changes to Inclusionary Zoning (Section 5.07) – (Item 8)
3. Resolution #70 relating to the Transfer of Funds for the agreement with the Library, AFSCME Council 93 Union – December 13, 2016 (Item 9A)
4. Agenda Items – Transfer of Funds Request and Proposed Loan Order – Michael J. Driscoll, December 8, 2016 (Items 9B and 9C)
5. Joint Town Council Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Report of the Meeting on October 5, 2016 regarding a Draft Animal Control Ordinance (Item 10A)
6. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report for meeting on November 21, 2016 regarding signs on public property (Item 10B)