



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett
Vice President

John A. Donohue
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis
District A Councilor

Cecilia Lenk
District B Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.
District C Councilor

John J. Lawn, Jr.
District D Councilor

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 - 7:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber
Administration Building

ADOPTED MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:15 pm, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** [May 11, 2010](#). Councilor Donohue moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None noted.

Councilor Donohue moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move forward agenda item: 7 a) Acceptance of a [Proclamation](#) honoring the 2009 Watertown Girls' Field Hockey team, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote.

Council President Sideris read the proclamation which was presented to each player. Athletic Director, Michael Lahiff thanked the Town Council for the honor and recognized Artie Venezia and Steve Messina for their generous donations toward the purchase of championship rings. Mr. Lahiff proudly acknowledged that the girls' field hockey team consisted of good players, good students and good citizens. Mr. Michael Noftsker, retiring head master, presented a ring to each player. On behalf of the Council, Council President Sideris presented head coach Eileen Donahue with a bouquet of flowers.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on Business Trash Collection – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilors Falkoff and Piccirilli read the report. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the report, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by voice vote. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the recommendations in the report that, effective January 1, 2011, the town will only provide commercial trash collection for businesses that use 3 totes/week or less and the cost will reflect the actual costs the town incurs by providing this service. Recycling will be mandatory. It was seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote. Councilor Falkoff moved to make a joint referral to Public Works and Rules and Ordinances to evaluate whether the fine structure for trash infractions should be revised, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote.

b) Joint Committee on Budget and Fiscal Oversight and Education and School System Matters [report](#) on a pending loan order, proposed renovations at Phillips School and Watertown Family Network – Councilors Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Cecilia Lenk - Chairs. Councilor Lenk read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote. Councilor Falkoff noted that the joint meeting was a good idea and a necessary one; and noted that it points to the need for joint collaboration. Councilor Lenk agreed and indicated that it was a good way to share budget items.

c) Economic Development and Planning report and action on a [re-appointment](#) to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett indicated that the committee met earlier this evening to interview Ms. Melissa Santucci for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was noted that the committee voted 3-0 to recommend her reappointment. Vice President Corbett also indicated that the committee met to discuss and review an initial multi-use project as part of a central business plan which entailed a five story building to include a hotel, retail and condominiums. Mr. William York, Nancy Scott and Steven Magoon, were all in attendance. It was noted that the Committee was receptive to the project. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the verbal report, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote. Councilor Corbett moved the re-appointment of Ms. Santucci for a 5 year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:

a) Briefing on the recent events on Waverley Avenue -Edward P. Deveau, Chief of Police. Chief Deveau provided a brief overview of an event that took place on May 13th as a result of an arrest in a New York Time Square attempted bomb incident. A raid took place on Waverley Avenue by federal authorities including the FBI and ICE. The planning of the raid included federal, state and local police. The 6AM raid had no impact on the opening of the middle school or an elderly housing complex, just steps from the incident.

Town Manager Driscoll applauded the efforts of our police department. He noted that the raid went off without a hitch which was due in part to the joint efforts of federal, state and local authorities. It was noted that Watertown may be reimbursed for the \$5,000 in police overtime as a result of the May 13th raid. Both Chief Deveau and the Manager emphasized that the action by the FBI should in no way cast doubt on Watertown as a safe, diverse, tolerant and welcoming community.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) Acceptance of a [Proclamation](#) honoring the 2009 Watertown Girls Field Hockey team and a proclamation recognizing the 100th birthday of Edith Pane – sponsors Mark S. Sideris, Council President and John A. Donohue, Councilor. Councilor Donohue indicated that a proclamation for Mrs. Pane will be postponed until the next meeting.

b) 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 \$525,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to various school buildings, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such remodeling, reconstruction or repair. The Manager provided a brief overview of the loan order and noted that the matter was advertised for a public hearing and vote on June 8th.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President attended and participated in a church sponsored recycling event that included the shredding of paper items. He asked the Manager to look into sponsoring a similar event for our citizens.

The President indicated that he will work with the appropriate officials to update the girls' field hockey signs that are posted throughout the town.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

1. FEMA has extended their deadline for flood relief.
2. Memorial Day parade – Monday, May 31st.
3. Watertown has received a TREE USA award, its 19th year.

10. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Corbett requested that the MBTA address the graffiti at the car barn; and suggested that a letter be written to the state requesting the replacement of the docks at the town's Landing which were destroyed by recent storms.

Councilor Falkoff read a list of [requests](#). The Manager indicated an answer to some of the items will be provided at next Tuesday's Public Work's budget hearing.

Councilor Kounelis followed up on a June 28th discussion of extended patrols at the east end due to the relocation of the police station; and made a follow up request on Wells Avenue.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba thanked Mr. Magoon for his initial discussion/presentation of an economic development plan held at the library last evening. He noted his enjoyment of the topic and the sharing of ideas with residents.

Councilor Donohue thanked Council President Sideris for scheduling one of the budget hearings on a Saturday. He indicated that this new approach was very well received.

12. PUBLIC FORUM:

Pat Gold, Duff Street – regarding a committee report on renovations to the Phillips School; she noted that the Senior Center shares gym space and parking with the Phillips School and stated that the Senior Center and Council on Aging should have been brought in the loop and informed of the planned renovations as they may be effected, especially if new tenants are sought for the renovated space.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by unanimous vote.

[Addendum](#)

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted as amended, on June 8, 2010 by voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President