



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

Anthony J. Donato,
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 25, 2018 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 Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Caroline Bays, Anthony J. Donato, 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 Steve Magoon, Assistant Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

James Mello – 514 Mount Auburn Street – Stated that he enjoyed the Faire on the Square.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris wanted to thank John Flynn, Maureen Foley, Mark Comiero, Tom Tracy, Dan McCarthy, Kelley Cronin from the Watertown Savings Bank, the Department of Public Works, and the Fire and Police Departments for their assistance in making the Faire a success. He also stated that Faire members will review the Faire with hopes of improving it even more for next year.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Resolution [Adjusting the Salary of Town Council Clerk](#) for Fiscal Years 2018, and 2019

President Sideris read the ordinance. He then opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, he closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 115, Watertown Code of Ordinances, the [Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance](#)

Councilor Donato provided background on the changes in the ordinance. He stated that Mr. Magoon had requested a six-month delay in implementation to allow the Department of Community Development and Planning to implement new regulations; however, due to an error in drafting the ordinance, it would take place upon adoption. In order to provide the six-month regulation review, he felt an amendment should be made to the ordinance to reflect the desired delay.

President Sideris opened the Hearing to the public; there being no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing.

After an extended discussion regarding the effect of changing the adoption date, Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to amend the proposed changes by adding Section 115.07 stating:

The language of this amended Ordinance will take effect on March 1, 2019. Until that time, the language of the previous Ordinance shall apply.

and by striking from Section 115.03 (1), the words:

Upon adoption of this Ordinance,.

The motion to adopt the language changes to the Ordinance was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The motion to adopt the amended version of the proposed changes to the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Public Hearing and Vote on Proposed Revisions to Chapter 91, Watertown Code of Ordinances, the [Animal Control Ordinance](#)

Councilor Donato provided background stating that the Board of Health received erroneous information regarding state law references for the ordinance. As a result, citations for leaving animals in a car were not enforceable. The current ordinance is being amended so that the references to MGL 140 are changed from §'s 136A – 174E to §'s 136A – 174F so that such citations will now be enforceable.

President Sideris opened the Hearing to the public; there being no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the revised Animal Control Ordinance; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$300 from Watertown Savings Bank to the Watertown Farmer's Market [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Match Program](#)

Mr. Magoon provided background on the resolution. The gift from Watertown Savings Bank provides a match for purchases made at the Farmer's Market. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift of funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 from [Belmont Savings Bank to Offset Expenses Related to the "Faire on the Square 2018."](#)

Mr. Magoon stated that the gift from Belmont Savings Bank is to offset the costs of the Faire on the Square and asked for the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift of funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Committee on Human Services Report Regarding [Affordable Housing and Zoning](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

Councilor Palomba 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.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business requests.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

[Community Preservation Committee](#)

Mr. Magoon read the press release seeking applicants for the Community Preservation Committee and stated that it would be placed with various media sources.

He also mentioned the success of the Faire on the Square and thanked those that participated.

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

Councilor Feltner requested an update on the process for selection of the members of the [Committee Preservation Committee](#), both the Statutory and the At-Large Members.

Councilor Piccirilli requested information regarding [loud music emanating from Victory Field](#) in a written report.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Donato encouraged anyone interested in Community Preservation to submit an application to become a member of the Community Preservation Committee.

President Sideris announced that the School Building Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm to review the updated designs for the Elementary Schools and to discuss mechanical issues including stormwater drainage and sustainability issues.

He also announced that on October 22, 2018, the [Oakley Country Club](#) would be open to 100 Watertown residents or employees for a round of golf. Those interested may contact Tom Tracy by email.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the public forum.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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 8:12 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 October 9, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting – September 11, 2018 – Item 4
2. Ordinance Regarding the Salary of the Clerk of the Town Council – Item 6A
3. Amendments to the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance – Item 6B
4. Amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance – Item 6C
5. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditure Regarding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 20, 2018 – Item 7A
6. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditures Regarding the Faire on the Square 2018 – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 20, 2018 – Item 7B
7. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding Zoning and Affordable Housing – August 2, 2018 – Item 8
~ Zoning Reform Campaign – 2017-18 – Larry Field, Deputy Director, Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance
8. Community Preservation Committee – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 25, 2018 – Item 10
9. Town of Watertown Golf Day at Oakley Country Club – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 11, 2018 – Item 12