

Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair asked for a motion to move the July 2013 meeting date from July 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. So moved by Vice President Corbett, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

It was noted that the August 2013 meeting date will remain at August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Motion on a citizen petition requesting the Town Council to support a resolution urging our state and federal elected officials to work toward reversing the effects of Citizens United v Federal Election Commission (2010).

The Chair recognized Attorney Reich who provided a brief explanation of the citizen petition as noted above. He stated that the Charter allows citizens to petition certain matters to come before their elected board; to allow them to speak on the matter and for the Council to consider what action to take if any.

The Chair briefly reviewed the Rules with respect to the process for this public hearing.

The Chair opened up the hearing and recognized:

1. Russ Arrico, Fayette Street – spoke against this matter coming before the Council noting that it is not a local issue but one that was decided by the Supreme Court.
2. Bevan Croft, Forest Street – spoke in support of the Council issuing a formal statement against Citizens' United decision noting 63% of Watertown voters voted to overturn the Supreme Court decision on a non-binding ballot question.
3. State Representative Jonathan Hecht – spoke in support of the Council issuing a formal statement against Citizens' United. He noted that the form in which you make your statement is not critical; what is important is that at every level people express their strong disapproval of the Citizens' United decision.
4. Richard Markus, Walnut Street – stated that Citizens' United is about voter intimidation. He spoke against Citizens' United.
5. John Mosca, Forest Street – spoke against the Council taking up this issue; as it is not a local issue.
6. Bob McDonald, Edenfield Avenue – agreed with Mr. Mosca and stated that the issue is complicated and that the only way to handle it is either to not address the issue or hear both sides of the matter noting that power does intimidate and it works both ways noting the power of unions as well as corporations
7. Abby Anna, Washburn Street – spoke against Citizens' United decision and stated that corporations are not people and that common sense needs to be restored.