

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

February 5, 2018

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm.
2. Vice-President Logan requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley, Vidal, Waddick and Logan were present.
3. A motion by President LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on January 16, 2018 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of January 16, 2018 were approved.
4. Councillor Vidal moved to take the agenda item of the resolution on “Tobacco Free Tuesday” out of order. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to hear from two Waltham High School students, Havo Akobirshoeva and Allissa Masse. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The two high school students gave a PowerPoint presentation on the tobacco industry, how it is being marketed to young people and the different types of tobacco products, specifically vaping. Councillors Waddick, McLaughlin, Vidal, McMenimen, Diane LeBlanc, Romard and Stanley all praised the content of the presentation; the poise displayed by both students and asked several questions about the program and its impact on students. Councillor Vidal encouraged all to wear orange on Tuesday as a show of support. Councillor Romard asked if a copy of the presentation could be provided to the Councillors. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the resolution on “Tobacco Free Tuesday”. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the resolution was approved.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Courtney Semlow to the Conservation Commission. Councillor Fowler moved to hear from Ms. Semlow. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors Fowler, McMenimen, Romard, and Stanley asked Ms. Semlow to explain her background, experience and why she wanted to serve. Councillor Darcy requested that the term end date be determined. Councillor Fowler moved to confirm the appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appointment of Courtney Semlow, 2007 Stearns Hill Road, Waltham to the Conservation Commission was confirmed.
6. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the City Clerk vacancy (1/8/2018) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Waddick rose and recused himself from discussion on the matter. President LeBlanc suggested several

changes to the current job description of the City Clerk included in the areas of position purpose, supervision received, supervision given, job environment, essential job functions and physical/mental requirements. Councillor Darcy asked that all Councillors be provided with a copy of a "red line" version of the job description with President LeBlanc's proposed changes before any vote. President LeBlanc moved to request the HR Director attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting (Feb 20) to answer questions related to filling the vacancy of the City Clerk position. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to request a representative of the Law Department attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting (Feb 20) to answer questions related to filling the vacancy of the City Clerk position. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the City Clerk vacancy was tabled.

7. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the land acquisitions of 8 parcels in the Route 117/Main Street/Stow Street area (4/24/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc stated the Mayor sent a recent communication to the Council concerning this matter. President LeBlanc spoke of the sequence of events and requests that were made concerning the proposed acquisitions. Councillor Mackin moved to request a copy of the Mayor's original communication of April 20, 2017 be provided to the new Councillors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to invite the Mayor to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting (Feb 20). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Romard moved to request the Clerk of the COW resend the June 20, 2017 communication of the COW to the Mayor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the land acquisitions of 8 parcels was tabled.
8. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution regarding the dock at Cronin's Landing (4/13/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution regarding the dock at Cronin's Landing was filed.
9. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution regarding 380 Lexington Street (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution regarding 380 Lexington Street was filed.
10. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution to invite Brandeis President Liebowitz to a meeting of the COW (11/14/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to request the Clerk of the COW resend an invitation to Brandeis President Liebowitz. The motion was adopted on a

voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution to invite Brandeis President Liebowitz to a meeting of the COW was tabled.

11. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the appropriation request of \$53,240 for the Piety Corner intersection (3/13/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the appropriation request of \$53,240 for the Piety Corner intersection was filed.
12. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution of the downtown power outage (5/8/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution of the downtown power outage was filed.
13. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution on bomb threats (9/25/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution on bomb threats was filed.
14. Councillor Romard moved to take the matter of the School Committee request for 190 acres at the Fernald property (7/31/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen rose and recused herself from discussion on the matter. Councillor Romard spoke about the ability of the City to redraw the lines between the CPA portion and the non-CPA of the Fernald property. Councillor Romard stated an individual at the State said it was possible. Councillor Darcy asked who the State individual was and if redrawing the lines would invalidate his original vote on the CPA/non-CPA split. Councillor Romard moved to request the CPC to inquire of the State CPC the ability of the City to redraw the lines. On the motion, Councillor Mackin asked the Clerk's Office to provide a copy of the communication before it is voted at the Council meeting so that the request is clear. Councillor Romard stated that he would draft the request for the next Council meeting. The motion of Councillor Romard to request the CPC to inquire of the State CPC the ability of the City to redraw the lines was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the School Committee request for 190 acres at the Fernald property was tabled.
15. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the 95 Moody Street property (3/27/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. It was stated that a response on the request from the COW had been received from the Traffic Engineer but not from the Mayor. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to resend the original request to the Mayor concerning an appraisal of the property. The motion was

adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the 95 Moody Street property was tabled.

16. President LeBlanc reminded the Committee of the upcoming FY2019 budget and the need for the City Council to prepare its budget request. President LeBlanc asked the Clerk of the COW to send a copy of the current FY2018 City Council budget to all councillors.

17. A motion by Councillor Darcy to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:30pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole