

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

May 7, 2018

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 8:10pm.
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 and Logan were present. Councillor Waddick has resigned from the City Council.
3. A motion by President LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on April 17, 2018 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of April 17, 2018 were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve a “taking order” for the Arrigo Farm property. Councillor McLaughlin gave a brief summary of the events leading up to the acquisition of the property, including it was being acquired with CPA funds. Councillor McLaughlin moved to approve the “taking order”. On the motion, Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from the Mayor and City Solicitor John Cervone. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen spoke of the importance of acquiring the property and the need to preserve it. The Mayor gave a summary of the acquisition process, including the environmental testing needs, the complexity of getting a clear title to the property and the final acquisition cost of \$3,296,250 that was determined prior to her involvement. The Mayor gave a brief summary of the future potential uses of the property, including farming and the RFP process to be followed. Councillor Stanley congratulated the Mayor and spoke of his longstanding support for the acquisition. Councillor Mackin asked if individual groups interested in community farming could respond to the RFP. Councillor Romard asked several questions about the price and the difference between acquiring the property by a “sale” versus a “taking”. Councillor Darcy asked if the land could be used for any educational purposes and gave a brief historical perspective of the property. The motion of Councillor McLaughlin to approve the “taking order” was adopted on a roll call vote of 13 in favor (Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley, & Vidal), none against and Logan presiding.
5. A motion by President LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:40pm.

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