

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 24, 2019

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 10:20pm.
2. Vice-President Logan requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava, D. LeBlanc, R. LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Nabulime, Stanley, Vidal and Vice-President Logan were present.
3. President Brasco moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 17, 2019. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to request the City Council declare the former North Branch Library building surplus for the purpose of demolition. A declaration of surplus for the building only was voted by the School Committee at its meeting of June 5, 2019. The School Committee will retain the care, custody and control of the land associated with the property located at 685 Lexington Street. Councillor Fowler moved to approve the declaration of surplus for the former North Branch Library. On the motion, Councillor Darcy moved to table the matter pending input from groups that would like to use the building for dogs and/or cats. The motion to table did not pass on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to hear from the Mayor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor explained that due to the parking requirements for the property, the Building Department is unable to issue a certificate of occupancy. The Mayor suggested that there may be buildings at the Fernald property that could be used. Councillor Romard stated the cost to renovate the former North Branch Library would be too expensive. Councillor Stanley was in agreement with the Mayor and moved the question. The motion to declare the former North Branch Library building surplus for the purpose of demolition was adopted on a voice vote, with Councillor Darcy audibly opposed.
5. A resolution concerning the Community Preservation Act was submitted by Councillor LaCava and President Brasco. Councillor LaCava spoke about a ballot question to have the voters decide whether to continue the CPA tax. Councillor LaCava moved to request the Law Department craft the ballot language to repeal the CPA tax and respond by the August 5 special summer meeting. It was explained the request had been voted already. Councillor Lacava moved to table the matter of the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

6. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to take the matter of Arrigo Farm (2/18/2014) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor D. LeBlanc stated that the minutes of five executive sessions on this matter had been provided to the COW members who were in attendance for each of the five executive sessions. Councillor D. LeBlanc stated that the executive session minutes be approved and released and be voted by only those COW members who were in attendance.
- Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to approve the executive session minutes of 2/18/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none opposed. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to release the executive session minutes of 2/18/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none were opposed.
 - Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to approve the executive session minutes of 3/3/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none opposed. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to release the executive session minutes of 3/3/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none were opposed.
 - Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to approve the executive session minutes of 3/17/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none opposed. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to release the executive session minutes of 3/17/2014. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none were opposed.
 - Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to approve the executive session minutes of 6/1/2015. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none opposed. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to release the executive session minutes of 6/1/2015. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (President Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Stanley and Vice President Logan) and none were opposed.
 - Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to approve the executive session minutes of 4/4/2016. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Vidal and Vice President Logan) and none

opposed. Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to release the executive session minutes of 4/4/2016. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Vidal and Vice President Logan) and none were opposed.

Councillor D. LeBlanc moved to file the matter of Arrigo Farm. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.

7. A motion by Councillor D. LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 10:45pm.

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