

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

September 18, 2017

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 8:00 pm
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, Giordano, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick and Logan were present.
3. A motion to take the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 26, 2017 and July 31, 2017 from the table was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by President LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 26, 2017 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of June 26, 2017 were approved. A motion by President LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on July 31, 2017 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of July 31, 2017 were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor pertaining to the "Air Rights" above a portion of the parking lot located at 230–234 Moody Street. Vice-President Logan relinquished the Chair to President LeBlanc so that he may speak on the matter. Vice-President Logan spoke about the downtown area and the impact of the RFP to get additional parking. Vice-President Logan stated there are two proposal options in the RFP and the Mayor is requesting the preference of the Council. Vice-President Logan stated "Proposal A" is for a low-rise garage and the developer would commit \$1.8 million to the City to acquire other parking sites in the downtown. Vice-President Logan stated "Proposal B" is for a tall parking structure near the Charles River and also stated the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) would not be in favor. Vice-President Logan moved, in response to the Mayor's request, the City Council recommends "Proposal A" of the RFP for leasing the air rights above a portion of the parking lot located 230–234 Moody Street and that the City Council requests the Mayor to act on the response to the RFP as soon as possible.
5. A resolution concerning the acquisition of the property located at 0 Prospect Hill Road was submitted by Councillor Romard and Councillor O'Brien. Councillor Romard spoke in favor of the resolution explaining his reasons and the benefits of acquiring the site. Councillor Randy LeBlanc inquired about the use of CPA funds to pay for the acquisition. Councillor McMenimen inquired if this was the Antico "Tower Property", if anyone has apprised the Mayor and who will negotiate on behalf of the City. Councillor Romard moved to request the Mayor to enter into negotiations and start the process to purchase the 5 acre parcel at 0 Prospect Hill Road. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Romard moved to place the matter of the resolution on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

6. Councillor Marchese moved to take the matter of the land acquisition of the property located at 101R Elm Street (10/24/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Marchese moved to invite the Planning Director, Law Department representative and the representative who prepared the environmental report to the next COW meeting on October 2, 2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Marchese moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
7. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the loan authorization of \$7.280 million for the Police Station renovation project (4/24/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to go into Executive Session, to appoint Paul Centofanti Clerk of the Executive Session, to invite Solicitors John Cervone and Luke Stanton to the Executive Session and to reconvene Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was adopted on a roll vote of 14 in favor (Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick) and Logan presiding – 8:25pm.
8. At 8:40pm, Open Session reconvened. President LeBlanc moved to place the matter of the loan authorization of \$7.280M for the Police Station renovation project back on the table. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
7. A motion by President LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:45pm.

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