

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes of the Meeting  
February 7, 2022

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President McLaughlin requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin were present. Councillor LeBlanc was absent.
3. Councillor Harris moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on January 18, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Matthew Deveaux as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from Mr. Deveaux. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Mr. Deveaux gave a brief summary of his background and experience for the position. Councillor LaFauci moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Deveaux. On the motion, Councillor Darcy inquired about the term of the appointment. It was stated the term would be verified prior to the final vote of the City Council next week. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appointment of Mr. Deveaux was confirmed.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to conduct a site visit for the City Council at the new Waltham High School, 554 Lexington Street. It was stated that the City Clerk would coordinate a day/time with the Mayor.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to honor an individual. The Mayor appeared to introduce Luca Zottola and Jack Butler to the City Council and to explain the incident and circumstances where Mr. Zottola rescued Mr. Butler from falling through the ice at Hardy Pond. The Mayor praised the actions of Mr. Zottola and presented him with an award certificate to signify his heroics. Councillors LaFauci and Katz both spoke admirably about the two boys and the actions of Mr. Zottola. Councillor Katz moved to affirm the request of the Mayor to honor Mr. Zottola. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. Councillor LaFauci moved to take the matter of the appointment of Nina Udwin as a member of the Waltham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (8/2/2021) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from Ms. Udwin. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Ms. Udwin gave a brief summary of her experience for the position, including her reasons to serve. Councillor LaFauci moved to confirm the appointment of Ms. Udwin. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appointment of Ms. Udwin was confirmed.

8. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:25pm.

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