



***Waltham City Council  
Public Works and Public Safety Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, May 6, 2019***

***Hoover Committee Room  
City Hall, 610 Main Street  
Waltham, Massachusetts***

Randy LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Attendance

Present:

Randall J. LeBlanc-Chair

Diane P. LeBlanc

Kristine A. Mackin

Joseph P. LaCava

Absent:

Cathyann Harris

Diane LeBlanc moved approval of minutes from 3/18/2019. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

*New matters:*

*Recommendation regarding the Bentley University communication regarding the Beaver Street Rotary sign design*

Councillor Diane LeBlanc said she spoke to Mr. Garvin about this and he questioned whether the Traffic Commission had authority over the signage. Public Works Director Chiasson said that there had always been a DeVincent Circle sign on the Rotary and that Bentley had asked to place the signs at the rotary because they are now maintaining it. Mr. Chiasson reviewed the history of the signs. Councillor LaCava asked if there is any harm in the Council authorizing the sign. Councillor LaCava moved approval for sign number 4. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to send the decision to the Traffic Engineer. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that it be approved

*Tabled matters:*

*Composting Resolution*

Councillor Mackin moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Mackin moved to hear from off Committee members. Connor Miller from Black Earth Composting was present. Councillor Mackin asked Mr. Miller for an overview of a municipal composting program. Mr. Miller explained that the state has grant programs for providing bins. Pickups are once a week. The average home could have 10 pounds of compost a month. Overall the cost is more expensive than trash because the density of pickups. Councillor Mackin asked Mr. Chiasson about the cost

of tipping and trucking for trash. Councillor Mackin asked if the City has considered a pay as you throw policy. Mr. Chiasson said that trash limits might be a better idea. Without limits take-up of composting will lag. Councillor Mackin said that people don't like keeping compost in their house. Mr. Miller reviewed strategies for keeping the materials until pickup. Councillor Mackin asked about rodent proofing the containers. Councillor Mackin asked about operating a composting site. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked about how many businesses are composting. Mr. Chiasson said the two colleges and the Chateau are composting but he is unsure if there are any other. Chairman Randy LeBlanc reviewed the cost savings composting for some restaurants. Councillor Mackin asked if the requirement for composting applied to school districts. Chairman LeBlanc asked what a composting building would look like. Mr. Miller reviewed what one would look like. Mr. Miller said there is a lack of places to bring composting materials. A local location would save money. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked how many households are using the services. Mr. Miller said about 30 but they have many more in the surrounding towns. Councillor Mackin moved to request that the Purchasing agent let the Committee know what the time frame is for the trash contract renewal. The request was approved. Councillor Mackin moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

#### *17-25 Paving Resolution*

Councillor LaCava moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor LeBlanc asked if Mr. Chiasson had reviewed the opinion. Mr. Chiasson said there were two areas that he wanted to see in there the flowable fill, infrared and did not make it into the ordinance. Mr. Chiasson said for the most part he would approve them. Mr. Chiasson said he is not concerned about the workload. Mr. Chiasson said that a provision allowing a four lane road to be paved to the center line and flowable fill and infrared missing. Councillor Diane LeBlanc said the ordinance is not ready yet because it is missing certain elements. Councillor Diane LeBlanc said she could support this if we are doing other activities such as notifying residents when streets are being repaved. Councillor Diane LeBlanc made a motion to have the ordinance redrafted to include the missing elements. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

#### *Resolution Protecting Youth From the Dangers of Using Tobacco & Vaping Resolution*

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to request that the Health Director and members of the Board of Health attend the next committee meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

#### *Flagg Cir.*

Councillor Mackin moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Mackin asked Mr. Chiasson about the update to the plan. Mr. Chiasson said he update the plan as requested. Councillor Mackin moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

#### *Harrington Rd. Legal Opinion on Sidewalks & Curbing*

Councillor LaCava move place the matter on filed. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that it be filed.

Councillor LaCava moved to adjourn at 6:49 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk