



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2019***

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

The Clerk called the meeting to order 6:50 pm. The Clerk asked for nominations for Committee Chairperson for 2019. Councillor Mackin nominated Councillor Randall J. LeBlanc. Councillor Mackin moved to close nominations. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Randall LeBlanc was elected Chairperson on a voice vote.

Councillor Randall LeBlanc assumed Chair.

Attendance

Present:

Randall J. LeBlanc

Cathyann Harris

Diane P. LeBlanc

Kristine A. Mackin

Joseph P. LaCava

Absent: None

Councillor Harris moved approval of minutes from 12/17/2018. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

New matters:

17-25 Street Opening 84 Upton Rd.

Councillor Harris asked the petitioner Mr. Christopher Smith questions about the project and disruption to the neighborhood. Ward Councillor McLaughlin asked questions about the demolition of the house and said that there was community support for the project. Councillor LaCava moved approval with conditions. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Tabled matters:

17-25 Street Opening 172 Lyman Street

Councillor LaCava moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Nabulime asked questions of the City Engineer about the work. The Engineer Casazza reviewed the need to cut and cap utilities. Councillor Nabulime said that she wants the street to be closed as soon as possible after it is open and would like to know the plan for this. Councillor Nabulime said she still wants to hear from the Public Works Director and asked that he attend the next meeting. Councillor Mackin asked the petitioner if he had a community meeting. Mr. Fragle said he had talked to some of the neighbors but had not had a meeting yet. Councillor Nabulime said she would facilitate a meeting. Councillor Diane LeBlanc spoke about the importance of the public nature of the 17-25 process for allowing the community to know about these street openings. Councillor Harris moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Committee adjourned at 7:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk