

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Katz, Durkee, LaFauci and LeBlanc.

Absent: None.

Councillor Durkee moved approval of the minutes from 11/6/2023. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci moved to suspend the rules to take the Traffic Mitigation at Entry Points in Waltham Resolution out of order. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The Clerk read the Be It Resolved part of the Resolution. Councillor Durkee moved to suspend the rules to hear from off committee member Linda Nelson from the Weston Traffic and Sidewalk Commission. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from off committee member Michael Garvin, Traffic Commissioner. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Katz spoke on the resolution. Ms. Nelson, member of the Traffic & Sidewalk Commission in Weston reports to the Select Board with suggestions. Councillor Katz handed out a map that depicted exact spots where he is speaking of. The main reason for this Resolution was the unfortunate accident that happened with Brandeis students. River Road in Weston turns into South Street in Waltham. He stated the resolution should be called Safety at River Road and South Street. Traffic Engineer Garvin spoke on the matter. Ms. Nelson stated some accident and speeding data reported in this area. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the Resolution and made a request that approved by a voice vote to have Mr. Garvin and Councillor Katz work together to create some solutions for better safety precautions in this area. Councillor Katz moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci moved to suspend the rules to take the Reduce Traffic Resolution out of order. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee moved to take the Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc relinquished the Chair to Councillor LaFauci. Councillor LeBlanc made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have Engineer Garvin do a site visit on Linden Street and Beaver Street for the possibility of installation of slip lanes. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chair Pro Tem LaFauci relinquished the chair to Councillor LeBlanc.

First agenda item: Relocating CPW Resolution

Councillor Darcy, maker of the Resolution spoke on the Resolution. He has heard that the CPW is moving to the Fernald property location and this is not ideal for the neighbors of Wards 3 and 4.

CPW should be location in a commercial or industrial area not a residential neighborhood.

Councillor LaFauci stated that every surrounding town in the area has their public works departments within and around residential neighborhoods; Newton, Wellesley, Watertown, Belmont, Arlington and Lexington. Councillor LaFauci stated this Resolution was based off of a rumor. Off committee member Councillor Bradley-MacArthur stated she has seen photos of CPW activity at the Fernald location. Councillor Durkee moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Durkee moved to take the 17-80 Resurfacing of Mt. Pleasant St. matter off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department draft the order for this matter again. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

With no further matters Councillor Durkee moved to adjourn.
Chairman LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
December 8, 2023