



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018***

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

Chairman Vidal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

Present: Brasco, R. LeBlanc, Harris, Romard, Vidal

Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved approval of the minutes from 3/5/2018. Then motion was approved on a voice vote.

New matters:

Sidewalks not being cleared

Councillor Fowler introduced his resolution. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to hear from off Committee members, the Superintendent of Schools, the Consolidated Public Works Director and the School Safety Officer. Superintendent Echelson reviewed the process he goes through when deciding to have a snow day and identified the people that he consults. CPW Director Chiasson explained that the area that was not cleared on Lexington Street was missed because a tree had fallen. Director Chiasson presented maps showing the sidewalk plow routes. Councillor Fowler stressed the importance of getting both the east and west sides of Lexington Street. Councillor Romard asked questions about the streets identified on the maps presented by Director Chiasson. Superintendent Echelson and Safety Officer Frassica spoke about how the sidewalk plow routes were developed. President LeBlanc asked if making sure that areas with downed trees are taken care of at the end of the storm can be part of the standard Public Works process for sidewalk snow removal. Councillor Darcy pointed out that the most important routes are plowed and that without a shoveling ordinance the City can only cover so much ground. Councillor Harris asked about the decision to not allow parking at the Whitemore lot. Councillor Randall LeBlanc said he was happy with the way that Director Chiasson addressed his concerns during the storm. Councillor Fowler said that other than the issue on Lexington Street he feels snow removal went well this winter. Councillor Romard moved to file the resolution. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that it be filed.

Expanding Parking Near the Train Station at Moody Street

Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to request that the Traffic Engineer appear at the next Committee meeting to discuss the resolution. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table the motion was approved on a voice vote.

Tabled matters:

Resolution Parking Lot at Veterans Skating Rink

Councillor Randall LeBlanc introduced his resolution. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to hear from off committee members the Recreation Director and the Traffic Engineer. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Randall LeBlanc reviewed a map of the area and discussed potential sites. Recreation Director Abruzzi discussed ways he could free up more spaces. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to request that the Traffic Engineer provide designs for parking locations the motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Romard expressed concern about losing trees in some of the proposed areas. Councillor Romard questioned why a full traffic light could not be installed for pedestrian crossing, the Traffic Engineer said that after a study it did not meet the warrant. Councillor Darcy pointed out that federal regulation do not allow for a light if it does not meet the warrant. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Resolution Crosswalk Safety

President LeBlanc reviewed her resolution and provide some of the history of the City using crosswalk signs. Traffic Engineer Garvin said that they were tested in 1993 and a number of them were knocked down. Councillor Randall LeBlanc discussed areas that could use such signs. Councillor Randall LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table the motion was approved on a voice vote.

Sidewalks Harrington Road

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Romard move to invite the Mayor, the City Engineer and Assistant City Solicitor Learned to the next Committee meeting to discuss the betterments. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Romard move to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Resolution Administrative Consent Order

Councillor Romard moved to invite the City Engineer to the next Committee meeting to discuss the resolution. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Romard moved to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Committee adjourned at 7:08 pm