

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: None.

Councillor Dunn moved approval of the minutes from 1/17/2023. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci moved to take the Elinor Circle Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was approved. Chairman LeBlanc noted that Mr. Winn, City's Engineer sent a memo stating this project was completed. Councillor LaFauci moved to file the matter without prejudice. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was filed.

Councillor Dunn moved to take the One Brook Road Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Chairman LeBlanc brought the Committee up to date with the matter. Mr. Winn nor the Conservation Commission are interested in purchasing the property. Councillor Dunn moved to file the matter without prejudice. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was filed.

Councillor LaFauci moved to take the Safety at Pine and Lowell Street Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Chair updated the Committee on the status of issue. Councillor LaFauci made a request that was approved by a voice vote to ask Mr. Garvin for an update on the matter and any traffic calming mitigations that are being taken. Councillor LaFauci moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Dunn moved to take the Totten Pond Road, Lexington Street, Bacon Street Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn spoke on the matter. She made a request to ask Mr. Garvin when this project was beginning again. On the request Councillor Katz asked for an amendment to come before the Committee to discuss a safety issue for pedestrians and the slip lane from Lexington Street to Totten Pond road. Amendment was accepted and request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was tabled.

First agenda item: Baltazar Construction Communication from the Mayor

Councillor LaFauci moved to suspend the rule to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Lois Santos, 12 Cedar Stone Road, Oxford, CT representing Baltazar spoke on the matter.

He stated this is a two-year project the state is doing and it will run from Lexington Street from Totten Pond Road to the Town of Lexington line. They are going to install thirty-six-inch water line as well as upgrade sewer and drainage piping. The reason for the communication to the Mayor was to find storage places within Waltham for the pipe, fill, dirt and equipment. They have asked for use of the Fernald property. Mayor McCarthy was in attendance. Councillor McLaughlin asked for start time and the staging location on Lexington Street and other questions relating to trailers and hours. Councillor Katz asked for clarification on the map provided. Mr. Santos has been in communication with Mr. Winn, City Engineer. They plan to work 7am-3pm or 9am-3pm. He stated he would restore the property to satisfaction once the project is complete. Councillor Katz asked about the order of construction. The first phase is Totten Pond Road to Jacks Way with utility work and drainage. The project started today as well as the other project on

Totten & Lexington & Bacon. Phase II is Jacks Way to Lexington border. Councillor Dunn asked how the other project going on at Totten Pond/Lexington/Bacon will affect their work. There will be a public meeting to discuss any questions people may have at Kennedy Middle School in the near future. The public will be notified. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter. He reiterated this project is for the benefit of Lexington and Arlington's water usage. He asked about test pits and where the bad dirt would go once removed. He fears the bad dirt will be used for other things. If it was stored at the Fernald (which it will not be) what would it do to the earth, there. Councillor LaFauci asked about considering lay down pipe on School Street and what incentive is there for the City? If you do work at night, you now have two neighborhoods with construction during the daytime and nighttime. How deep will your trenches be? They will dig 6-12 feet and will need two types of pipes; pipes and materials and the dirt. The chair asked a few technical material questions. Councillor LaFauci asked about the Johnny Carroll's location and why this is not on the table anymore. He reiterated they needed to find other sites for storage. Councillor Dunn confirmed that the use of the Fernald would only be for storage of pipe and would be outside the gate and they can lock it up or fence it in themselves. Councillor Dunn 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 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
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