

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: LaFauci

Councillor Durkee moved approval of the minutes from 5/15/2023. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Online Permitting & Digitalization of Building Permit Process Resolution
Councillor Dunn moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur, maker of Resolution spoke on the matter. Mr. Aucoin, Director of IT and Mr. Bower, Building Inspector spoke and answered questions from Councillor Bradley-MacArthur. Inspector Bower said all permitting is done in person now. During COVID they did let some get approved using email to send documents etc. they had a drop box as well. there are numerous types of permits they handle; one-to-two families, two or more families, kitchen remodel, roofs, trench signs, plumbing, shed, commercial etc. all the way to 3000 plus square foot projects. Director Aucoin spoke historically on programs; The Govern system the Building Dept. does use this as well as some other depts. like wires, health, engineer, fire within the City. The solutions would be to upgrade the govern system which maintains all inter-operability or buy another system. Councillor Dunn asked about the additional fees added to the online system. Councillor Katz asked about cost of systems. It would be six hundred thousand for a new one or eighty-thousand to upgrade current one. Councillor Durkee agreed with the option of improving the current process. Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: 17-80 at Marion Street

Councillor Durkee moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Assistant Solicitor Learned spoke on the matter and noted she believes that the residents should first deal with the resurfacing issue before proceeding with the public way matter. There is the proper number of signatures and CPW and Engineering have submitted the cost estimate. Councillors Durkee and Dunn asked questions about the Plympton School playground and the cost of paving the road. Assistant Solicitor Learned explained that the ordinance stated the City pay 66% and the resident pays 33% which was changed a few yrs. ago. The City only used to pay 25% and the resident paid 75%. Councillor Dunn mentioned the school paying for the road because the school uses it for drop off and pickup. Councillor Durkee made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department opine on the process on the conversion from a private way to public way on Marion Street and having including what all the requirements and cost would be to the residents on the conversion. Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: 17-80 at Buxton Lane

Councillor Durkee moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Assistant Solicitor Learned spoke on the status of the matter. The petition is viable and the city Engineer and Law Departments can begin betterment order. Rick Burns, 14 Buxton Lane and Jeff Pond, 15 Buxton Lane were in attendance and spoke on the matter. They asked about street layout and payment options. Solicitor Learned spoke and stated the ordinance specifically states the frontage is divided equally among all residents. Councillor Katz moved to request the Law and Engineering departments together prepare the estimated betterment order

within the required plan and to submit to the City Council for approval. 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 Dunn moved to adjourn.
Chairman LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
June 14, 2023