

Veterans Service Committee
June 24, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairwoman D. LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McLaughlin	Present
Councillor R. LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Stanley	Present

Chairwoman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 10:30 p.m.

Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the March 6, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. Resolution – Councillor Brasco - Dated June 24, 2019
Veterans Housing Preference.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Waltham City Council President Paul Brasco appeared before the committee and presented his resolution about housing preference for Veterans. Councillor Brasco said his resolution request that the Waltham City Council send a letter of support to the State delegation for House Bill number 3539. Councillor Brasco said that it is also the intent of this resolution that the Waltham City Council craft an ordinance that requires a percentage of all new affordable housing units be offered to qualified lower income Veterans. Mr. David Digregorio also spoke in support of this resolution. Mr. Digregorio told the committee how hard it was for Veterans to afford property in Waltham and that he would like to see Waltham be the first community in the State to provide a program of Veterans preference for housing. Councillor McMenimen moved to split the question. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of sending a letter of support to the State delegation for house bill number 3539. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved approval to send the matter to the full Council to be referred to the Ordinance & Rules committee to craft an ordinance for Veterans preference on affordable housing. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk