

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 7, 2020

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm.
2. Vice-President McMenimen requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Vidal, and Vice-President McMenimen were present in person. Councillors Mackin, Paz and Stanley were present remotely.
3. Councillor McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on November 2, 2020. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on November 16, 2020. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting were approved.
5. A resolution concerning the bond sale for the new Waltham High School building project was submitted by Vice-President McMenimen, President Brasco and Finance Committee Chair LaCava. President Brasco stated the importance of discussing the matter and it should occur when either the COW meets entirely in-person or entirely remotely. President Brasco moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Dr. Davis Patel of 109 Raffaele Drive, Waltham as a member of the Ambulance Services Review Committee. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from Dr. Patel. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaFauci asked Dr. Patel to state his reasons for wanting to serve. Dr. Patel explained his background and experience. Councillor LeBlanc thanked Dr. Patel for his willingness to serve. Vice-President McMenimen asked Dr. Patel about his knowledge of ambulance insurance and the cost of providing ambulance services. Vice-President McMenimen recognized Dr. Patel for his expertise and that he would be the first doctor to serve on the Ambulance Services Review Committee. Councillor LaFauci moved to confirm the appointment of Dr. Patel as a member of the Ambulance Services Review Committee. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 15 in favor (President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McMenimen) and none opposed.
7. The next agenda item was the use of the non-CPA portion of the Fernald property for the CPW Department. Vice-President McMenimen recused herself from discussion on the matter and relinquished the Chair to President Brasco. President Brasco stated the matter had been re-committed from the Fernald Use Committee. Councillor McLaughlin stated the Mayor was not available to speak on the matter this evening but would be available at a future date to explain her intended use of this portion of the property. Councillor McLaughlin moved to

place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

8. Vice-President McMenimen resumed the Chair and asked the indulgence of the COW to clean up several of the items on the COW docket. As Vice-President McMenimen took each docket item off the table, she gave a brief status and asked for a motion from Councillors on the docket item. Councillor Mackin moved to request the Mayor to provide an update on the matter of the acquisitions of the properties at the Route 117 area at the top of Main Street (4/27/2017). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President McMenimen spoke about the matter of the Council Chamber Safety and Security (5/14/2018) and stated that an opinion had been received from the Law Department in May 2020 to opine on the release of the minutes of the executive session held on 9/17/2018 and were subsequently approved on 2/3/2020. Hearing no motion from the COW, Vice President moved onto the next items. Councillor LeBlanc moved to file without prejudice the matter of 23–25 Gordon Street and 0 Union Street (12/26/2018). The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed without prejudice. Councillor Vidal moved to file without prejudice the matter of the CPC deed restrictions (5/28/2019). The motion was adopted on a voice vote, with Councillor Darcy audibly opposed. Councillor Paz moved to ask the Law Department for an update to the matter of the request from the Conservation Commission concerning the Riverwalk (9/9/2019). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal spoke of the success of the matter of the 2020 census (1/13/2020) and moved to approve the support of the resolution. The motion was adopted on voice vote and the resolution was approved. Councillor Harris moved to file the matter of the property located at 89 Maple Street (8/3/2020), since the property has been acquired for the purpose of providing parking for the Moody Street Fire Station. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the resolution supporting the First Amendment of the US Constitution (9/28/2020). The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 15 in favor (President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McMenimen) and none opposed.
9. A motion by Councillor McLaughlin to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:30pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole