

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
September 19, 2022

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President McLaughlin requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin were all present in-person.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on August 1, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor LeBlanc rose to give an announcement of the Master Plan Committee and the upcoming neighborhood meetings that are scheduled.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the transfer of the care, custody and control of records of the Recreation Department to the City Clerk for safekeeping in the Malone Archives Center. Councillor LaCava moved to approve the request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the transfer of the care, custody and control of the land at 240 Beaver Street to the Consolidated Public Works (CPW) Department of the City of Waltham, subject to the deed restriction and Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2020. Councillor Durkee moved to hear from the Mayor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc recused himself from the discussion and vote on the matter due to the proximity of his residence. The Mayor explained the reasons for having the CPW Department oversee the property. Upon questions from Councillor Durkee, the Mayor further explained the process that needed to be followed for use of the property including an environmental assessment, the need to declare the property surplus and the issuance of an RFP. Councillor Darcy expressed his disagreement with the Mayor's statements and stated that the Conservation Commission or an Agricultural Board should have the care, custody and control of the property. Councillors Vidal, Paz, Harris, LaFauci, McMenimen and O'Brien also asked questions of the Mayor and/or stated their view on the Mayor's request. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the transfer of the care, custody and control of the land at 240 Beaver Street to the Consolidated Public Works (CPW) Department of the City of Waltham, subject to the deed restriction and Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2020. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 13 in favor (Bradley-MacArthur, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin), 1 opposed (Darcy) and 1 recused (LeBlanc).

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the transfer of the care, custody and control of the administration building at 240 Beaver Street to the Building Department and its future successor, the Building Maintenance Department of the City of Waltham, subject to the deed restriction and Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2020. Councillor Durkee moved to hear from the Mayor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc recused himself from the discussion and vote on the matter due to the proximity of his residence. The Mayor answered several questions from Councillors Durkee, Vidal and Bradley-MacArthur about the condition of the building, rental payments and the contact person. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the transfer of the care, custody and control of the administration building at 240 Beaver Street to the Building Department and its future successor, the Building Maintenance Department of the City of Waltham, subject to the deed restriction and Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2020. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 14 in favor (Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin), and 1 recused (LeBlanc).
8. President McMenimen moved to take the matter of the "US Wireless (2/11/2020)" from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President McMenimen moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. Councillor Dunn moved to take the matter of the "Site Visit to the new WHS (1/24/2022)" from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. Councillor Harris moved to take the matter of the "Joint Meeting Resolution (2/11/2020)" from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
11. Councillor Harris moved to take the matter of the "Good Energy Electricity Program (3/8/2021)" from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to request representatives from Good Energy attend an October COW meeting to update the Committee on the effectiveness of the program. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
12. Councillor LaCava rose to remind the Committee of the square dedication at the corner of Main Street and Willow Street in honor of former City Councillor and City employee John Duffy on September 25.
13. A motion by President McMenimen to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:10pm.

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