

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

January 17, 2023

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 9:15pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. VP McLaughlin asked the Clerk to call the roll to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley–MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and VP McLaughlin were present in-person.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 27, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the December 27, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor Harris moved to take the matter of the Good Energy – Electricity Aggregation Program (3/8/2021) off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to hear from Good Energy representative Stefano Loretto. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Loretto gave a detailed Power Point presentation to itemize the success of the program including participation and the realized cost savings to participants. Mr. Loretto stated the success of the program exceeded his expectations, indicating the Waltham default rate was 10.9 cents compared to the Eversource rate of 25.6 cents. Mr. Loretto further stated the other programs offered to Waltham residents with higher renewable percentages of 50% and 100% were as much as 10 cents lower than the Eversource rate. Councillor Harris asked several follow up questions about the renewal contract including the expected time frame and potential rates. Councillor Harris moved to have Mr. Loretto's presentation sent to all Councillors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors Paz, Bradley–MacArthur, LeBlanc, Katz, LaFauci, Vidal, Dunn and President McMenimen asked questions about the renewal process and ways to encourage more participation. Several Councillors spoke of their initial skepticism of the program but were pleased to hear about its success. President McMenimen moved to file the matter without prejudice stating the matter could be reintroduced at a future date for an update to the program. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and VP McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

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