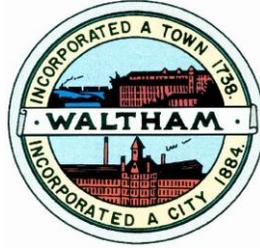


City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee January 22, 2018 Minutes of the meeting

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Councillor Darcy, Councillor Stanley, Councillor Vidal, Councillor Waddick, Chairman McLaughlin.

Chairman McLaughlin asked if anybody in the audience will be recording the meeting. Mr. Alex Green of 11 Mount Pleasant Street Waltham said he would be recording the meeting.

Chairman McLaughlin distributed a letter received from Mr. Chris Leary dated December 9, 2017 to all committee members.

Councillor Darcy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. Mayor's communication dated November 22, 2017
Recommended Master Plan for Fernald Property (190 acres).

Councillor Stanley said he has reviewed the Mayor's document and felt it was incomplete in many ways so he like to make some requests to get further clarification.

Councillor Stanley request that the Mayor report to the Fernald Use Committee the status of the asbestos abatement and demolition of the twenty non-contributing buildings referred to the so called recommended Master Plan for Fernald Property submitted to the Council and dated November 22, 2017. On the motion Councillor Darcy noted that the cottages have been demolished so the asbestos is remediated in those buildings. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Stanley request that the Mayor submit to the Fernald Use Committee any reports or plans regarding the Fernald Property conducted by the Jones Lang LaSalle Real Estate Firm and the Sasaki Associates Planning Firm which the City obtained by the Commonwealth's Department Capital Assets & Management or any other State Agency or Departments. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Stanley request that the Waltham Law Department prepare language necessary to enact zoning to allow for all of recommendations in the so called recommended Master Plan for Fernald Property submitted to the City Council and dated November 22, 2017 and be it further requested that the clerk of the Fernald Use Committee obtain a copy of zoning proposals by the Ward 3 & 4 Councillor's relating to the Fernald Property for distribution to the Fernald Use Committee. On the motion Councillor Darcy noted that the proposed zone change by the ward three and ward four Councillor's currently is tabled in the Ordinance and Rules Committee. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Stanley request that a representative of the Fernald Working Group attend the Fernald Use Committee meeting on Monday February 12th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and convey the thoughts of the Fernald Working Group on the Mayor's Fernald Property recommended Master Plan submitted to the City Council and dated November 22, 2017. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Stanley request that the Directors of C.P.W, Veterans Services, Recreation Department, Planning Department, a representative of the Historical Commission and the Conservation Commission appear before the committees on Monday January 29th 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber to discuss the Mayor's request to transfer certain parcels and buildings to the care, custody, and control of various departments & commissions. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy moved to take the Natural Inventory resolution from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy made a motion to request that a national inventory be conducted at the Fernald Property, including identification of trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and any and all significant natural features, such as stone walls, etc. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy made a motion to table this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy moved to take the Sledding at Owl Hill resolution from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved approval of this resolution. On the motion Councillor Waddick said that he believes the committee needs to wait until the site layout has been determined before starting to approve individual plans. Councillor's Stanley and Vidal agreed that waiting for a comprehensive plan is more prudent. Chairman McLaughlin said he felt this was a safe decision because no other conversations about this area has been discussed. Councillor Darcy said approving this would only formally recognize what this area is currently being used for. Off Committee, Councilor Fowler said we must not proceed with this in a piece mail approach, we should be following the Mass. DEP environmental process. Councillor Stanley moved to table this request. A roll call vote was requested. Councillor Darcy – no, Councillor Stanley – yes, Councillor Vidal – yes, Councillor Waddick – yes, Chairman McLaughlin – no. The tabling motion was approved 3-2.

Councillor Darcy moved to take the Fernald Front Lawn resolution from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved approval of this resolution.

Councillor Stanley moved to table this request. A roll call vote was requested

Councillor Darcy – no, Councillor Stanley – yes, Councillor Vidal – yes, Councillor Waddick – yes, Chairman McLaughlin – no. The tabling motion was approved 3-2.

Councillor Darcy moved to take the Playground for people with developmental or physical disabilities resolution from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved approval of this resolution. On the motion Councillor Waddick said this is a good idea but we cannot approach the Fernald Reuse one idea at a time. Councillor Stanley moved to table this request. A roll call vote was requested. Councillor Darcy – no, Councillor Stanley – yes, Councillor Vidal – yes, Councillor Waddick – yes, Chairman McLaughlin – no. The tabling motion was approved 3-2.

Councillor Stanley request that the City of Waltham Environmental Specialist & a representative from the Law Department appear before the Committee on January 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss environmental matters relating to the Fernald Property and the Mayor's recommendations outlined in the Master Plan for Fernald Property dated November 22, 2017 dated & submitted to the Council. A roll call was requested.

Councillor Darcy – yes, Councillor Stanley – yes, Councillor Vidal – yes, Councillor Waddick – yes, Chairman McLaughlin – yes. The request was approved 5-0.

Councillor Darcy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno
Clerk – Fernald Use Committee