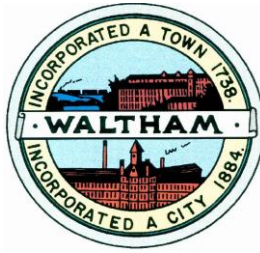


City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee October 9, 2018 Minutes of the meeting

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

Chairman McLaughlin asked if anybody was recording the meeting. Mr. Chris Gambal said that he was recording the meeting.

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

Councillor Vidal made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Stanley discussed an updated draft version of the RFQ that was originally provided by the Fernald working group. Councillor Stanley thanked all the various groups that have provide input to the document. Councillor Stanley mentioned that he has reached out to the Mayor and has not received any response. Councillor Stanley said the revisions to this document is more in line with the rail trail structure. Councillor Stanley presented the scope of services section of the RFQ and reviewed the plan objectives. Councillor Stanley mentioned the potential costs for the RFQ, and informed the committee that Medfield has already completed this process on their similar project. Councillor Stanley stated that the Mayor's email suggested that she had an RFI ready for proposals, but the information is not on the Cities web site nor is anything on the Central register. Councillor Stanley mentioned that the Mayor's master Plan is nothing more than an outline at best. Councillor Darcy said that the Mayor has indicated that she would be putting out an RFI on the next docket, and that he would like to wait for that before taking any action. Chairman McLaughlin asked Councillor Stanley if he has communicated this RFQ with the Mayor. Councillor Stanley said he has reached out to the Mayor previously and again recently and has not received any response from her. Chairman McLaughlin said he is concerned with moving forward without the Mayor's support because this will require funding from the Mayor. Councillor Fowler said that this process has been baffling to date. No department heads are involved or informed on what is going on with the Fernald project.

Councillor Fowler said it is shameful that we are four years into owning this property and we still do not have a real master plan in place. We have been waiting long enough, the Mayor's proposed RFI isn't going to get us anywhere. Councillor Vidal said that he supports this approach because we need to start getting something done. Off Committee, Councillor Randy LeBlanc said he would like to see Councillor Stanley and the Mayor work together on this. Chairman McLaughlin noted that the neighbors are still concerned about this property being over developed. Councillor Stanley said that he and others have been fighting for many years to have control of this property and it's time to start doing something with it. Councillor Stanley made a motion to approve the proposed RFQ for the Fernald master plan. A roll call was requested. Councillor's Fowler, Stanley and Vidal voted in favor, Councillor Darcy and Chairman McLaughlin were opposed. The motion was approved 3 – 2. Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter of Sledding at Owl Hill from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy read the original resolution and then moved approval on the matter. A roll call was requested. Councillor's Darcy, Fowler, Stanley and Chairman McLaughlin voted in favor, Councillor Vidal was opposed. The motion was approved 4 – 1.

Councillor Darcy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno
Clerk – Fernald Use Committee