City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee February 27, 2017 Minutes of the meeting

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

Attendance: Councillor Darcy, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Rourke, Councillor Waddick, Chairman McLaughlin.

1. Western Greenway resolution – Councillor Darcy

Councillor Darcy moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Sonja Wadman appeared before the committee. Ms. Wadman provided the committee with two handouts showing the proposed twenty five mile Western Greenway extension. Councillor Darcy noted that there is potential for further expansion of the trails once some demolition takes place. Chairman McLaughlin asked if there has been any conversations with the Girls Scotts and Umass. Ms. Wadman said yes.

Councillor Darcy suggested the committee schedule a site view for some time in the spring. Councillor Darcy made a motion to table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. Art gallery, Exhibit Center reuse resolution – Councillor Darcy

Donald Cusano from the Waltham Building Department appeared before the committee. Councillor Darcy asked if the buildings were all insured. Mr. Cusano said all are insured except the Shiver Building. Councillor Darcy asked what improvements are needed at the old Howe Library in order to get the building usable. Mr. Cusano said he was not sure because he has not been in there for a full review. Councillor Darcy suggested the committee schedule a site view of the Howe Library for some time in the spring. Councillor Darcy made a motion to table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Rouke made a motion to request that the Clerk contact the Umbrella Community Arts Center in Stow and try to find out about their organizational structure. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas J. Magno Clerk – Fernald Use Committee