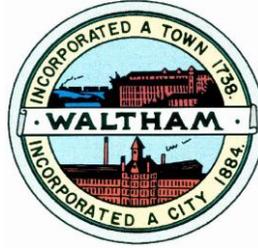


City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee March 22, 2021 Minutes of the meeting

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

Attendance: Councillor Harris, Councillor LaFauci, Councillor LeBlanc, Chairman McLaughlin.

Councillor Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2020 meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. Councillor LeBlanc request dated 3-8-2021
Invite the Mayor and the Veterans Director into the next Fernald Use meeting to discuss Building uses on the Fernald site.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the Master plan dated 11-27-17 from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor and Veterans Director Michael Russo appeared before the committee. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the potential use of the Marquardt building for Veteran's housing. Mr. Russo said he did a tour of the building in 2017 and felt at the time that it could be converted for Veteran housing. Mr. Russo said that he would need an architect to perform a review. Councillor LeBlanc asked Mr. Russo if he could look into funding sources for the initiative. Mr. Russo said he would research potential funding sources. Off committee, Councillor Darcy ask if the Building Commissioner had responded to his request from December. The Clerk said no response to date has been received. Councillor LaFauci made a motion that the Clerk send a reminder over to the Building Commissioner. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy asked Mr. Russo approximately how much square footage would be needed, and is parking needed. Mr. Russo said he was not sure on the size or if parking was needed. Councillor Darcy asked if the elevator had been de-Commissioned, and if this housing would be for Waltham Veterans only. Mr. Russo said he was not sure on either. Councillor LaFauci asked if he knew how many Veterans were in the city. Mr. Russo said about two thousand. Councillor LeBlanc made a motion to transfer care, custody and control of the Marquardt building over to the Veterans Department. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Harris asked what the next steps in this process would be. The Mayor said the city would have to put a proposal out for architectural services. Councillor Harris made a request that the Mayor pursue an RFP for an architect to survey the Marquardt Building to be used for Veterans Housing and then present that architectural review to the Fernald Committee. Councillor Harris moved to place the master plan matter dated 11-27-17 back on the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Harris moved to take the matter of the Cottages 3-26-18 from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc asked the Mayor if she would like the committee to transfer the cottages to the Housing Department. The Mayor said that would be helpful. Councillor LeBlanc made a motion to transfer care, custody and control of all three cottages (Trapelo, Cardinal, Baldwin) to the Housing Division. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno
Clerk – AD-Hoc Committees