



***Waltham City Council  
Public Works and Public Safety Committee  
Minutes***

***Monday, October 16, 2017***

***Hoover Committee Room  
City Hall, 610 Main Street  
Waltham, Massachusetts***

Chairman Waddick Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The clerk took attendance. Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Romard, Vidal, and Chairman Waddick were all present.

Councillor Romard moved to accept the minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved.

**New matters:**

Resolution College Farm Road

Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

**Tabled items:**

Resolution East View Park

Councillor Romard moved to take the resolution from the table. Councillor Darcy spoke about the resolution and explained that residents have been experiencing sewer backups. Councillor Romard moved to hear from the City Engineer Stephen Casazza. The motion was approved. Mr. Casazza explained that there was a backup on September 4, 2017 caused by a rock in the main and another one on February 2, 2017 cause by root intrusion. Councillor Romard moved to hear from the residents who have been affected. The motion was approved. William Connolly and Eileen Donovan spoke about having 3 backups since moving in. They felt the response from the City has been good but they want to make sure the sewer doesn't backup again. Mr. Casazza said he would have the line looked at to see if the problem can be found. Councillor Romard moved to have Mr.

Casazza attend the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Works Committee to provide an update. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table the motion was approved.

#### Resolution College Farm Road

Councillor Fowler moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Fowler moved to request that the Traffic Commission do a study of College Farm Road and determine what can be done to improve the safety of the general public. The study should include the safety of pedestrians as well as cars. It should include speed limit signs and any traffic calming methods. It should also include the installation of sidewalks where possible as well as cutting back vegetation where it is a hazard. Also, markings on the island at Lincoln Street to make it more visible and other issues that the commission deems helpful. The request was approved. Councillor Fowler moved to lay the matter on the table the motion was approved.

#### Sidewalks and Curbing Harrington Road

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Romard moved to send a request to the Law Department to review the draft betterment order as to form and constitutionality, and that the betterment be based on the residents paying 10% of the cost and the city paying 90% of the cost due to the general public use of the street to access the neighborhood. Councillor Brasco raised concerns that this might be setting precedent by allocating the betterments in this manner. Councillor Romard spoke in favor of the betterment calculation as this is the only public sidewalk to access the Pigeon Hill neighborhood. The request was approved.

Councillor Fowler moved to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard  
Clerk of the Public Works and Public Safety Committee