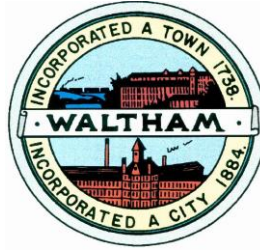


City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee October 24, 2016 6:30 P.M. Minutes of the meeting

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

Attendance; Councillor Darcy, Councillor Leblanc, Councillor Rourke, Councillor Vizard, and Chairman McLaughlin.

Police Chief Keith MacPherson appeared before the committee. Chief MacPherson indicated that the Mayor had originally offered the Administration building and since this project needs to start moving forward he would suggest the use of that building. Chief MacPherson stated the building needs a heating system, sewer system, a working elevator, communication technology, paint, carpeting and equipment. Councillor Vizard asked about a time line for the use of this location. Chief MacPherson said about twelve to eighteen months. Chief MacPherson said he would like to keep some presence on Lexington Street during this transition. Councillor Leblanc said the tour of the Administration building and the Shriver building was helpful. Councillor Leblanc said she is concerned that the Mayor doesn't have enough information before choosing the Administration building over the Shriver building. Chairman McLaughlin read an email from the Mayor indicating her opposition to using the Shriver building because of mold issues. Councilor Vizard asked if there was a working elevator, and would overtime be needed for this project. Chief MacPherson said there is a wheel case lift, and yes overtime would be needed. Councillor Darcy asked if there would be handicapped access, and would the Police department be offering the same programs during this transition. Chief MacPherson said the same programs would be offered. Councillor Darcy said the Mayor and Council should think about their plans to reuse this building after the Police department before renovations begin. Chairman McLaughlin asked if prisoners would be held at this location. Chief MacPherson said no.

Councillor Vizard moved approval that it be hereby ordered that the City Council approves the temporary use of the Administration Building at the Fernald site for a Police headquarters during the time of reconstruction of the current Police headquarters on Lexington Street. Motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councillor Rourke moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

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