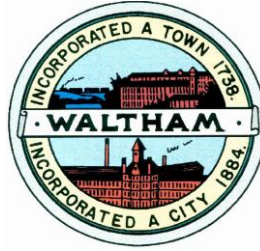


City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee March 8, 2021 Minutes of the meeting

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

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

Councillor LaCava made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2020 meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. Councillor Harris moved to take the Mayor's tabled matter dated 11-23-20 regarding renting of selling the McLaughlin Building at the Fernald property from the table. Motion was adopted on a Voice vote.

The Mayor appeared before the committee. The Mayor gave the committee a history of previous discussions and initiatives on the Fernald site. The Mayor informed the committee that upon further review since this area is zoned for recreational her request cannot be approved. The Mayor said she will tell the interested parties that they cannot use this building or parking area. The Mayor requested the matter be filed. Councillor LaCava asked how does the city proceed with tearing down this building. The Mayor said the city will have to request that through DCR. Councillor LaCava made a request that the building be torn down and this matter be filed. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the tabled matter dated 11-27-17 regarding the Mayor's master plan for the Fernald from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc asked the Mayor for an update on her master plan. The Mayor spoke about the progress being made on the three cottages. Councillor Harris asked about the Cardinal cottage. The Mayor said an application needs to be made to the ZBA. The Housing Department would handle this phase of the project. Councillor Harris asked the Mayor about Hillside Admin and Howell Hall. The Mayor said she will speak with the Recreation Department about that. Councillor Harris asked the Mayor for an update on the restorations of the wet lands. The Mayor said this project is ready to go. The Mayor said she has plans in her office that she will be forwarding to the Clerk's Office.

Councillor Harris made a request that the committee be provided with all bid documents related to the restoration of wet lands at the Fernald site. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaFauci asked for a status update on the Shriver building. Councillor LaFauci said he would like to see the City move forward with this property. Councillor LeBlanc made a request to have the Mayor and the Housing Director in to discuss the potential use for Cardinal Cottage. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc made a request to have the Mayor and the Director of Recreation in to discuss potential uses at the Fernald property, and discuss needs for space for the Recreational Department. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc made a request that the Mayor and the Housing Director come in to discuss the potential uses for the Marquardt Building. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno
Clerk – AD-Hoc Committees