City of Waltham



Fernald Use Committee November 2, 2020 Minutes of the meeting

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

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

Councillor Darcy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of uses for a portion of the non-CPA parcel of the former Fernald School for the CPW Department.

The Mayor gave a brief presentation of the history of the cities purchase of the property in December 2014. The Mayor briefly went over what has been done on the site to date. The Mayor reviewed a site map focusing on Parcel 3A and Parcel 3B. The Mayor said she is looking to see if the committee concurs, or not, with this use on the lower half of the Fernald property. Councillor Harris asked the Mayor if she was seeking approval. The Mayor said yes. Councillor Harris asked the Mayor if she agreed with the proposed uses for 3A & 3B. The Mayor said yes. Councillor LeBlanc said he felt this was a good location for the CPW Department. Councillor LeBalnc also discussed a need for a hockey rink and a recreational complex on this site. The Mayor said that would have to be done on the CPA side of the Fernald. Councillor LaCava said he agreed with this location for the CPW Department, Councillor LaCava asked the Mayor is she has involved the CPW Department in this discussion. The Mayor said she had discussed this with them previously. The Mayor requested that this item be tabled and discussed at greater length. Councillor Harris moved to table the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. The Mayor respectfully requests confirmation from the City Council on the Fernald 5K route.

Councillor Darcy informed the committee that himself and Chairman McLunghlin walked this route with Bernie McDonald from the CPW Department. Councillor Darcy said this route is on the CPA portion of the map. Councilor Darcy moved to table the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor LaCava made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno Clerk – AD-Hoc Committees