

# Waltham City Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2016

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Council President Marchese called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

City Clerk Rosario Malone clerked the meeting.

President Marchese made an announcement regarding the MMA Conference on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Clerk called the roll.

**Call of the Roll:**

**Present:** Councillors Darcy, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Vizard, Giordano, Brasco, Fowler, Rourke, Waddick, Vidal and Marchese.

**Absent:** None

The Clerk recited the Council Prayer, and then President Marchese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Giordano asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served; past and present.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes from the 12/28/2015 Council meeting. All were in favor. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes from the 1/3/2016 Special Council meeting. All were in favor. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor O'Brien moved to suspend Rule 8 to take a matter out of order. All were in favor. The matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor O'Brien took the Resolution for the WHS Cheerleaders out of order.

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councillors McLaughlin and O'Brien spoke on the Resolution. They asked the WHS Cheerleaders and their Coach, Kerrie Blanchard, to approach podium.

Councillor O'Brien moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from an off Council member.

The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

WHS Coach Kerrie Blanchard spoke. She thanked the Council for the recognition. Councillor O'Brien moved to suspend Rule 39 and act on the Resolution without committee reference.

All were in favor. The matter was approved by a voice vote.

O'Brien moved to accept the WHS Cheerleading Resolution.

All were in favor. The matter was approved by a voice vote.

President Marchese called a one minute recess.

The Clerk read Rule 86.

The Clerk read the first public hearing.

### Grant of Location

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY, a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the City Council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located substantially as shown on the revised plan made by A. Debenedicitis, Dated November 20, 2015 and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

Exchange Street— Southerly from pole 89/3 thence turning and running westerly approximately 255 feet north of Main Street, a distance of 34 feet of conduit.

Maureen Carroll, from Eversource in Waltham spoke in favor of the petition. She explained this petition is to upgrade the service at the Waltham Boys and Girls Club.

Erica Young, Director of the Waltham Boys and Girls Club, 20 Exchange St. spoke in favor of the petition.

With no one else in support and no one else in opposition and no one in a neutral position on the petition, President Marchese closed this portion of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors.

Councillor Waddick asked questions reading his concern for traffic on the street.

Councillor Vizard spoke about previous traffic concerns they have worked through.

There were no further questions from Councillors. President Marchese closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

The Clerk read the second public hearing.

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Second Avenue – Northeasterly from pole 557/3 at Winter Place a distance of about 10 feet of conduit.

Maureen Carroll, from Eversource in Waltham spoke in favor of the petition. This petition is for the parking garage going in on Second Ave.

With no one else in support and no one else in opposition and no one in a neutral position on the petition, President Marchese closed this portion of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors.

Councillor Romard asked about the timing of the work to be in conjunction with another project going on in the same area.

There were no further questions from Councillors. President Marchese closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

### **Communications from Mayor**

1. Drake Playground: Loan appropriation for the playground renovation  
Referred to the Long Term Debt Committee.
2. Combined Police/Fire Station – Lexington Street and Moody Street Fire Station  
Renovation and Addition  
Referred to the Public Works Committee
3. 554 Lexington Street: Stigmatine’s property  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole
4. 25 Lexington Street and Basement Offices – City Hall and Government Center  
restructuring of office space  
Referred to the Economic and Community Dev. Committee
5. Recommendation regarding 14 Church Street: Restructuring of office space  
Referred to the Economic and Community Dev. Committee
6. 655 Lexington Street/Cat Connection RFP: Informative communication
7. Recommendation Regarding 92 Felton Street shelter location  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole
8. Veterans Housing: Informative communication
9. 380 Lexington Street: Informative communication

### **Applications for Licenses and Permits**

Class I License - 85 Linden St. - Aston Martin of N.E. Lotus Motorsports Inc.  
Referred to the License and Franchise Committee

Class II License – 825 Main Street - Don’s Service Center  
Referred to the License and Franchise Committee

Extended Hours – 12 Harvard Street – CVS Pharmacy #114  
Referred to the License and Franchise Committee

### **Presentation of Petitions**

Councillor Waddick rose to ask if the Capital Improvement Budget could be put on the Docket for the next meeting. All Councillors received a copy of the budget and he would like to discuss it.

President Marchese noted his request.

1. Brandeis Resolution

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councillor Darcy spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor Darcy moved to suspend Rule 39 to act of the matter without committee reference.

All were in favor. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy moved to approve the Resolution. All were in favor. The resolution was approved by a voice vote.

## 2. Winter Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the Resolution and request.

President Marchese referred the resolution to the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the request included with the Resolution.

On the request Councillor LeBlanc asked that the Mayor be invited to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss homeless shelter option within the City.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to approve the request.

All were in favor.

The request was approved by a voice vote.

## 3. The MCRT Resolution

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councillor Fowler spoke on the Resolution.

Fowler moved to suspend Rule 39 and act on the Resolution without Committee reference.

No One was in favor.

President Marchese referred the Resolution to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

## 4. Lollibots Resolution

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councilor Vizard spoke on the Resolution and request.

President Marchese referred the Resolution to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Vizard spoke on the request submitted with the resolution.

He has asked that the Assistant City Clerk invite the Lollibots to the next Public Works Committee Meeting on January 19, 2016.

On the request Councillor Vizard made a motion to approve the request. All were in favor.

The request was approved by a voice vote.

## 5. 42 Gregory Street Resolution

The Clerk read the Resolution.

Councillor Fowler spoke on the resolution and the request.

President Marchese referred the resolution to the Public Works Committee.

On the request Councillor McMenimen rose to state a point. The point being this matter was already approved by the Council and if we didn't rush to get the matter resolved it could have been handled properly the first time.

Councillor Fowler rose to a point of order.

Councillor Rourke spoke on the request.

On the request Councillor Fowler moved to approve the request. All were in favor.

The request was approved.

**Unfinished Business and Other Business**

1. President shall appoint Vice-President to be confirmed by Council under Rule 15", and President to announce members of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. President Marchese nominated Diane P. LeBlanc for the Vice President position for the 2016 City Council year.

Councillor Logan closed the nominations. All were in favor.

The Clerk called the roll for nominations for Vice President.

Diane P. LeBlanc was unanimously nominated by the Council to be the Vice President of the City Council for the 2016 year/term.

President Marchese named the Standing Committee members and the Ad Hoc Committee Members. (See attached.)

President Marchese noted that the Chairs of each Committee will be chosen at each Committee meeting.

President Marchese asked the Clerk's Office to post the members of the Committees on the City website.

2. Mayor Veto for WATCH-WHA Tenant Rental Assistance Proposal

Councillor Waddick moved to table this matter on the Council Floor.

All were in favor. Matter was tabled on the Council Floor.

There being no further matters before the City Council, Councillor LeBlanc moved to adjourn.

All were in favor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Council President Marchese declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant of the City Clerk

January 13, 2016

**Approved by the City Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1/11/16  
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2016 – RULE 61

<b>LICENSES &amp; FRANCHISES:</b>	<b>ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:</b>
Stephen F. Rourke *	George A. Darcy, III *
Paul J. Brasco	Robert J. Waddick
Joseph J. Giordano, Jr.	William H. Fowler
Daniel P. Romard	Robert G. Logan
Patrick J. O'Brien	Carlos Vidal

<b>FINANCE:</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>
Paul J. Brasco *	Joseph W. Vizard *
Joseph J. Giordano, Jr.	John J. McLaughlin, Sr.
Kathleen B. McMenimen	George A. Darcy, III
Daniel P. Romard	William H. Fowler
Joseph W. Vizard	Daniel P. Romard

<b>ORDINANCES AND RULES:</b>	<b>LONG TERM DEBT:</b>
Robert G. Logan *	Robert J. Waddick *
VP Diane P. LeBlanc	Kathleen B. McMenimen
Stephen F. Rourke	George A. Darcy, III
Patrick J. O'Brien	William H. Fowler
John J. McLaughlin, Sr.	Carlos Vidal

<b>VETERANS SERVICES:</b>	<i>Meeting Times:</i>
Joseph M. Giordano, Jr. *	L&F – 7:00 PM
VP Diane P. LeBlanc	Econ & Comm Dev. – 7:00PM
Paul J. Brasco	Fin Comm – after COW
John J. McLaughlin	O&R – after COW
Patrick J. O'Brien	PW- 6:30 PM
	LTD / VS – call of the chair

Ad Hoc Committee for Use of the Former Fernald Property

John J. McLaughlin \*  
George A. Darcy, III  
Stephen F. Rourke  
Joseph W. Vizard  
VP Diane P. LeBlanc

Ad-Hoc Committee to Examine the Council Committee Structure

Robert J. Waddick \*  
Stephen F. Rourke  
William H. Fowler  
Former Councillor Edmund Tarallo  
Former Councillor Sally Collura

Ad-Hoc Committee to Study the Re-Use of the Former Fitch School

Stephen F. Rourke \*  
Kathleen B. McMenimen  
Robert G. Logan  
VP Diane P. LeBlanc  
Joseph W. Vizard

Ad-Hoc FOG Ordinance Advisory Committee

Randy LeBlanc      CoChair \*  
Charles Lombardi   CoChair \*  
Robert Coleman      Clerk  
Joseph LaCava  
Paul Finger  
Jerome Nocera  
Michael Colomba

Ambulance Service Review Committee

Robert G. Logan  
William F. Fowler