

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 19, 2017

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 8:00 pm.
2. Vice-President Logan requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll - Councillors Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick and Logan were present.
3. President LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. President LeBlanc moved to take the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
5. An order proposing that the "Highland Street Spur," which branches off from the main course of current day Highland Street at its intersection with Hope Avenue and ends at an intersection with Curtis Street midway between Sharon Street and the main course of Highland Street, as shown on Plan of Bridge and Ways, made by Joseph H. Curtis, dated May, 1870, was laid out and accepted as a public way by the Town of Waltham on June 2, 1873, was never abandoned, and is therefore a public way to this day, and that the Waltham City Council hereby confirms the prior acceptance of this roadway as a public way and its current status as a public way, directs the City Clerk to add this section Highland Street to the official list of public ways of the City of Waltham, and directs the City Engineer to survey this public way and to draw up plans showing its precise layout was sponsored by Vice-President Logan. Vice-President Logan asked President LeBlanc to take the Chair so that he could speak on the proposed order. Vice-President Logan distributed a handout and through a PowerPoint presentation explained and demonstrated the historical sequences of Highland Street from the late 1800's to the current day, stating that the "Highland Street Spur" was originally laid out and accepted as a public way and there is no evidence that was ever abandoned. Based on the foregoing, Vice-President Logan stated it was a logical conclusion that the "Highland Street Spur" is still a public way. Vice-President Logan stated that the City Engineer had some concern, but an order from the City Council would address it. Vice-President Logan moved to accept the order "that the "Highland Street Spur," which branches off from the main course of current day Highland Street at its intersection with Hope Avenue and ends at an intersection with Curtis Street midway between Sharon Street and

the main course of Highland Street, as shown on Plan of Bridge and Ways, made by Joseph H. Curtis, dated May, 1870, was laid out and accepted as a public way by the Town of Waltham on June 2, 1873, was never abandoned, and is therefore a public way to this day, and that the Waltham City Council hereby confirms the prior acceptance of this roadway as a public way and its current status as a public way, directs the City Clerk to add this section Highland Street to the official list of public ways of the City of Waltham, and directs the City Engineer to survey this public way and to draw up plans showing its precise layout." The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the order was approved.

6. Vice-President Logan moved to take the matter of the acquisition of 67 Crescent Street (2/13/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President Logan stated there had been some confusion over the price for the property. Vice-President Logan moved to request the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property at 67 Crescent Street and/or their authorized representative for the acquisition of said property by the City for park and open space purposes as soon as possible. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the request to the Mayor was approved. Vice-President Logan moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
7. Vice-President Logan moved to take the matter of the acquisition of 95 Moody Street (3/27/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President Logan stated a response to his request concerning parking had been received from the Traffic Engineer. The Traffic Engineer estimated the property could accommodate about 35 parking spaces. Vice-President Logan moved to request the Mayor to obtain an appraisal of the property at 95 Moody Street. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the request to the Mayor was approved. Vice-President Logan moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
8. Vice-President Logan returned to the Chair.
9. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the Mayor's request seeking authority for eight (8) land acquisitions pertaining to traffic, bridge, road and sidewalk improvements in the Main Street/Route 128 area (4/24/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved the following three requests to the Mayor.
 - o Request the Mayor to obtain appraisals for the properties of 1362 Main Street, 1273 Main Street, 22 Bear Hill Road, 1335 Main Street, 1352 Main Street, 1344 Main Street, 75 Third Avenue and 1290 Main Street to obtain a value for any gift or taking.

The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request to the Mayor was approved.

- o Request the Mayor, after attaining the value for the properties of 1362 Main Street, 1273 Main Street, 22 Bear Hill Road, 1335 Main Street, 1352 Main Street, 1344 Main Street, 75 Third Avenue and 1290 Main Street, to send a letter to each owner seeing if he/she/it will gift the acreage to the City for the specific purpose of traffic improvements.

The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request to the Mayor was approved.

- o Request the Mayor to provide the COW members with a copy of each appraisal and an update regarding the owner's willingness to gift the property to the City for the specific purpose of traffic improvements (attached).

The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request to the Mayor was approved.

President LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

10. Councillor Vidal moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the acquisition of 141 Ash Street (4/211/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.

11. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of filling vacancies–Assistant City Clerk (12/27/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to file the matter. On the motion, Councillor McMenimen explained that if there was an outstanding request, it could only be acted on if there was an active docket item. President LeBlanc withdrew her motion to file. President LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on voice vote and the matter was tabled.

12. Councillor Marchese moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the acquisition of 101R Elm Street (10/24/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Marchese moved to go into executive session, appoint Paul Centofanti as the clerk of the executive session and to reconvene in open session. The motion did not pass on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Fowler, Giordano, D. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard & Vidal), 6 opposed (Brasco, Darcy, R. LeBlanc, McMenimen, Rourke and Waddick) and Logan presiding. Councillor Marchese moved to request a representative of the Law Department attend the next COW meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request to the Law Department was approved. Councillor Marchese moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on voice vote and the matter was tabled.

13. Councillor Fowler moved to take the matter of the resolution regarding 380 Lexington Street (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler inquired about the status of the Piety Corner intersection project. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Traffic Engineer provide an update on the status of the planning of the 380 Lexington Street/Piety Corner intersection by appearing at the next COW meeting or sending a written report. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request to the Traffic Engineer was approved. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on voice vote and the matter was tabled.

14. Vice-President Logan reminded the COW that next Monday is the last Council and Committee meetings before the summer recess and if there are docket items in other committees, Councillors should be prepared to express their intent for the item.

15. President LeBlanc moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:40pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole