

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

July 31, 2017

1. Vice-President Logan called the meeting to Order at 11:10 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, Vidal, Waddick and Logan were present. Councillor Rourke was absent.
3. A motion to table the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 27, 2016 was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
4. A communication was received from the School Committee in response to the City Council request dated July 20, 2017 and a request of the School Committee for the entire Fernald property (190 acres). Councillor McMenimen rose and recused herself from discussion/vote on this matter. Councillor Waddick spoke about the original request of the School Committee for 75 acres of the Fernald property and is now seeking 190 acres. Councillor Waddick stated that the City Council is willing to work with the School Committee; just tell us what 75 acres you want. Councillor O'Brien asked about the process to turn over the 190 acres. Vice-President Logan stated that you would need an order transferring the custody & control and a letter from the current department having custody & control by declaring it as surplus. Vice-President Logan further stated if it is in general inventory, a declaration of surplus may not be needed. Councillor R. LeBlanc asked about the pluses and minuses of transferring the 190 acres to the School Committee. Vice-President Logan stated that the City Council could not get it back and since 140 acres of the property were funded through the Community Preservation Act (CPA), an additional 140 acres would need to be identified to compensate the CPA. Councillor Romard asked who would be responsible for security on the property if it is transferred to the School Committee. Vice-President Logan stated the City would be responsible. President LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
5. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the loan authorization of \$7,280,000 for renovations to the police station (3/27/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to request the Mayor and the City Solicitor attend the next COW meeting (9/19/2017) to address a claim against the City related to the renovation project in Executive Session. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request was approved. President LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice and the matter was placed back on the table.

6. A motion by President LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 11:20pm.

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