

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of the Meeting

April 18, 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, D. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick and Logan were present. Councillors Giordano, R. LeBlanc and O'Brien were absent.
3. Since the minutes of the COW meeting held on April 3, 2017 were not available, a motion by President LeBlanc to table the minutes of the COW meeting held on April 3, 2017 was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the re-appointment of Alan Humbert of 60 Clements Road, Waltham to the Board of Library Trustees. Councillor McLaughlin spoke in favor of Mr. Humbert citing his long commitment to serve on the Board and in the community. Councillor McLaughlin moved to confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Humbert. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and Mr. Humbert's re-appointment was recommended for confirmation.
5. President LeBlanc moved to suspend the rules to take a matter out of order. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the appointment of Roger O'Connell of 114 Greer Street, Waltham to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners (3/27/2017) off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to hear from Mr. O'Connell. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. O'Connell stated his experience and reasons for wanting to serve. Councillor Darcy asked the Clerk to inquire and determine the term of the position. Councillor Darcy moved to confirm the appointment of Roger O'Connell to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. The motion was adopted on a voice and Mr. O'Connell's appointment was recommended for confirmation.
6. A resolution proposing the acquisition of the vacant property located at 95 Moody Street for parking purposes was sponsored by Vice-President Logan and Councillor R. LeBlanc. Vice-President Logan gave up the Chair to President Diane LeBlanc to speak on the resolution. Vice-President Logan stated the property was an excellent location to expand parking for commuters during the day and for businesses/restaurants at night. Vice-President Logan moved to request the Traffic Engineer look at the parcel and calculate the maximum number of parking spaces that could be created. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President Logan moved to place the matter on the

table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the Resolution regarding the 95 Moody Street property was tabled.

7. A communication from the Mayor concerning the Marquadt Building at the Fernald property had been recommitted from the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to the Committee of the Whole. *Councillor McMenimen rose and recused herself from deliberation on the matter.* Councillor Brasco spoke about the Mayor's communication and its importance to discuss it in the COW. Councillor Brasco stated the City did not own the Fernald property four years ago when the discussion of the Police Station was being considered. Councillor Brasco moved to request the Police Chief, Fire Chief, CPW Director, Inspector of Buildings and the project architect (CDR Maguire) attend the next COW meeting scheduled for 5/1/2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Waddick requested that a site visit of the Marquadt Building be scheduled. Councillor Waddick moved to respond to the Mayor's communication by requesting a site visit on an upcoming Saturday morning. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
8. A communication from the Mayor concerning a loan authorization in the amount of \$7,280,000 for the Police Station renovation project was re-committed from the Long Term Debt to the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Brasco moved to request that the Police Chief, Fire Chief, CPW Director, Inspector of Buildings and the project architect (CDR Maguire) also attend the next COW meeting scheduled for 5/1/2017 to discuss this matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Brasco moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. Councillor Fowler moved to take the matter of the property located at 1 Balm Avenue (9/28/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler stated a letter was received from the Mayor dated 4/6/2017 with a price from the seller. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor and the Law Department to continue negotiations for the acquisition of the property. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the minutes of the executive session of 12/7/2015 off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was requested and the Clerk would call only those Councillors in attendance on 12/7/2015. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke & Logan), none opposed and 2 absent (Giordano & O'Brien) and the minutes of the executive session on 12/7/2015 were approved. President LeBlanc moved to release the minutes. The motion was adopted on a roll call

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11. President LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the minutes of the executive session of 4/19/2016 off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was requested and the Clerk would call only those Councillors in attendance on 4/19/2016. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 12 in favor (Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick & Logan), none opposed and 1 absent (Giordano) and the minutes of the executive session on 4/19/2016 were approved. President LeBlanc moved to release the minutes. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 12 in favor (Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, D. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick & Logan), none opposed and 1 absent (Giordano) and the minutes of the executive session on 4/19/2016 were approved for release.
12. A motion to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:25pm.

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