

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

May 1, 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. Councillor Waddick moved to suspend the rules to take the three appointments listed on the agenda out of order. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Martha Creedon of 731 South Street, Waltham to the Board of Library Trustees. Councillor Giordano moved to suspend the rules to hear from Martha Creedon. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Creedon gave a brief summary of her background, experience and reasons for serving. Councillor Giordano moved to confirm the appointment of Martha Creedon to the Board of Library Trustees. On the motion, Councillor Darcy requested that the term of the appointment be included on the final order. The motion was adopted on a voice and the appointment of Martha Creedon was recommended for confirmation.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Katy Holmes of 152 Plympton Street, Waltham to the Waltham Historical Commission. Councillor Waddick moved to suspend the rules to hear from Katy Holmes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Holmes gave a brief summary of her background, experience and reasons for serving. Councillor Waddick moved to confirm the appointment of Katy Holmes to the Board of Library Trustees. On the motion, Councillor Darcy requested that the term of the appointment be included on the final order. The motion was adopted on a voice and the appointment of Katy Holmes was recommended for confirmation.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Milton Shull as a Constable. Councillor Fowler moved to suspend the rules to hear from Milton Shull. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Shull gave a brief summary of his background, experience and reasons for serving. Councillor McMenimen asked questions about the license and the provision in the ordinance that states that Constables are not allowed to carry a firearm while serving as a Constable. Councillor Fowler moved to confirm the appointment of Milton Shull as a Constable. The motion

was adopted on a voice and the appointment of Milton Shull was recommended for confirmation.

7. President LeBlanc moved to table the minutes of the COW meeting of April 3, 2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were tabled.
8. President LeBlanc moved to table the minutes of the COW meeting of April 18, 2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were tabled.
9. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer the "care, custody and control" of the 14 Church Street property to the Recreation Department. Councillor Waddick moved to suspend the rules to hear from the Acting Recreation Director, Nick Abruzzi and Library Director, Kelly Linehan. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Waddick asked several questions of Mr. Abruzzi about renovations to the property, the types of programs that would be offered, the ages of the children who would be served, staffing needs, access by other groups and concern about proximity to the shelter. Councillor Romard asked questions about the responsibilities of the Recreation Department under "care, custody and control". Councillor McLaughlin asked several questions of Ms. Linehan about the Library's involvement in the program offerings. President LeBlanc asked questions about the differences between this site and the Waltham Community Center and additional concerns about the "care, custody and control". Vice President Logan explained that the Building Department would be responsible for maintenance/repair issues and the Recreation Department would be in charge of "care and control". Councillor Waddick moved to transfer the "care, custody and control" of the 14 Church Street property to the Recreation Department. On the motion, Vice President Logan inquired if a "declaration of surplus" had been received from the current department having "care, custody and control". The motion to transfer the "care, custody and control" of the 14 Church Street property to the Recreation Department was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Waddick moved to request the Mayor forward a "declaration of surplus" from the current department having "care, custody and control". The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A request was received from the Mayor seeking authority from the City Council for land acquisitions for traffic, bridge, road and sidewalk improvements at Route 117/Main Street Bridge/Stow Street/Third Avenue Signal. President LeBlanc informed the Committee that the Traffic Engineer, Michael Garvin was requested to attend the COW meeting of May 15. President LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
11. Councillor Brasco moved to take two items of related purposes (Marquadt Building & the loan authorization for the Police Station renovations)(3/27/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Brasco moved to hear from Police Chief

Keith MacPherson, Fire Chief Paul Ciccone, CPW Director Michael Chiasson, Inspector of Buildings William Forte and CDR Maguire architect Mark Saccoccio. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Brasco asked several questions of Mr. Chiasson concerning the needs of the CPW Department in moving to the Fernald property, including parking and salt shed capacity. Councillor Brasco asked several questions of Mr. Saccoccio about the existing design of the police station, the square footage needs and the ability to meet the long term needs of the Police Department. Councillor Brasco stated the \$7.3 million cost of the police station renovation did not include relocation and renovation costs to the Marquadt Building. Councillor Brasco asked several questions of Chief Ciccone about the funding status of the new Moody Street Fire Station. Chief Ciccone emphatically stated the new Moody Street Fire Station was his priority. Councillor Brasco asked several questions of Chief MacPherson and his understanding of the impacts of the proposed move to the Marquadt Building. Councillor Brasco stated his sole purpose was to be fiscally responsible and in an efficient manner that best serves the City and its employees. Councillor Brasco asked several questions of Mr. Forte about the cost of the relocation to the Marquadt Building and related renovations. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked Mr. Chiasson if the entire CPW Department needed to move to Fernald. President LeBlanc agreed with Councillor Brasco's analysis and re-iterated that the CPW Department should move to Fernald, a new stand-alone Police Station and a new Moody Street Fire Station. Councillor Waddick praised Councillor Brasco for his work and efforts. Councillor Waddick suggested a new Police Station at Fernald should be considered, since a temporary move would not be necessary. Councillor Brasco made the following three requests:

- Request the Mayor to prepare an RFP to move and relocate the CPW Department to Fernald, Mackerel Hill or other City owned property. (approved on a voice vote)
- Request the Mayor to prepare an RFP for a new "stand alone" Police Station at Fernald or the current location. (approved on a roll call vote, 13 in favor-Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick and Logan / Darcy absent / McMenimen recused).
- Request the Mayor to prepare an RFP for the construction of a new Moody Street Fire Station. (approved on a roll call vote, 13 in favor-Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, D. Leblanc, R. LeBlanc, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick and Logan / Darcy absent / McMenimen recused).

Councillor Brasco moved to place both matters (Marquadt Building & the loan authorization for the Police Station renovations) back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and both matters were tabled.

12. A motion by President LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 10:00pm.

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