

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of the Meeting

December 7, 2015

1. Vice-President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:00 pm.
2. Vice-President LeBlanc requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – all Councillors except Councillor Waddick were present.
3. A motion by President Marchese to accept the minutes of the COW meeting held on November 16, 2015 was adopted on a voice vote.
4. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning snow removal for the 2015-2016 winter season (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee member – CPW Director Michael Chiasson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen questioned Mr. Chiasson about the CPW plans for the upcoming snow season. Mr. Chiasson stated that the same plans would be in place with some minor tweaks and he has met with the outside contractors and the School Superintendent. Mr. Chiasson also explained the continued method of pretreating streets, including both highly traveled and less traveled ones. Councillor McMenimen spoke of four areas of concern – sidewalks, roofs on schools, ice on hill and salting. Councillor Romard asked questions concerning historical expenses, condition and readiness of equipment and the ability to notify business owners of their obligation and methods of clearing sidewalks. President Marchese asked questions concerning the emergency shelter, the manner for residents to contact CPW and the ability to use parking meters. Councillor Logan asked questions on how an early snow may impact the leaf program. Councillor Vizard asked questions concerning sidewalk plowing and snow banks that affect street corners. Councillor Fowler expressed concern about the plowing of Lexington Street and if more attention could be paid to widening the lanes when plowing of the street. Councillor McMenimen stated she was satisfied with responses of Mr. Chiasson and moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the property located at 380 Lexington Streets (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee member – Assistant Solicitor Patricia Azadi. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen gave a brief status of the information that was presented to and discussed by the Council. Councillor McMenimen indicated that additional discussions on the matter should be held in Executive Session. Councillor McMenimen moved to go into Executive Session *due to potential litigation*, to appoint Paul G. Centofanti as clerk of the Executive Session, to invite Attorney Azadi into the Executive Session and to reconvene in Open Session. The motion was adopted at 8:40 pm on a roll call vote of 14-0, with Councillor Waddick absent. Open session was reconvened at 9:40 pm.

Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor appear at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole or that she reply in writing whether or not she will support the Council in either the purchase or taking the property at 380 Lexington Street for the purpose of traffic improvements at the Totten Pond Road/Lexington Street intersection. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of eight (8) in favor (Fowler, Giordano, Logan, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rourke, Stanley, Vizard), 3 opposed (Darcy, McMenimen, Romard), 2 absent (Marchese, Waddick), 1 present (Brasco) and Vice-President LeBlanc presiding.

6. Councillor McLaughlin reminded the members and viewing audience of the "One Waltham Food Drive" and the ways in which people could donate/participate.
7. Vice President LeBlanc wished Happy Chanukah and to remind everyone of the annual lighting of the menorah on Thursday, December 10 at 4:30 in the City Council Chamber.
8. A motion by Councillor McMenimen to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote and the Chair declared the committee adjourned at 9:45pm.

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