

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

November 7, 2016

1. Vice-President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:04 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 O'Brien, were present.
3. Councillor McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on October 17, 2016. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. Councillor Giordano rose to address the Council Chamber and viewing audience about the passing of the Mayor's father, Charles McCarthy. Councillor Giordano spoke fondly about Mr. McCarthy's life and legacy as a Waltham citizen, including his service as a WWII Navy veteran. Vice President LeBlanc requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. McCarthy.
5. A resolution concerning the acquisition of the property located at 101R Elm Street was submitted by President Marchese and several other councillors. President Marchese stated the Mayor was enthusiastic about the acquisition of this property but unable to appear this evening due to her father's death. President Marchese moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to appoint Maureen Hoch, 16 Albemarle Road, Waltham as a member of the Waltham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. Councillor Darcy moved to hear from an off-committee individual - Maureen Hoch. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Hoch answered questions concerning her background, experience and her reasons for wanting to serve. Councillor McMenimen gave a brief history of the Affordable Housing Trust and spoke favorably of Ms. Hoch. Councillor Darcy moved to appoint Ms. Hoch as a member of the Waltham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for the unexpired remainder of a two year term ending on February 2, 2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and Ms. Hoch was appointed as a member of the Waltham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust.
7. Vice President LeBlanc reminded those present in the Council Chamber and the viewing audience that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8 and encouraged all to exercise their voting rights.

8. Councillor Giordano reminded those present in the Council Chamber and the viewing audience that Veterans' Day is Friday, November 11 and encouraged all to attend the ceremony at 10:30 am at the Circle of Remembrance on the Waltham Common to honor those who have served in the military to protect our country.
9. Councillor Romard reminded those present in the Council Chamber and the viewing audience that a public meeting to discuss the Waltham High School building project will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 pm in the Cannon Lecture Hall at Waltham High School and encouraged all interested to attend.
10. Councillor Rourke rose to thank the efforts of City employees Kara Wilson, Bill Forte and Jim Lacrosse for their prompt response to ensure the Ward 8 polling location at the Waltham Community Center was easily accessible on Election Day.
11. A motion by Councillor Logan to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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