

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

December 19, 2016

1. Vice-President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:08 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 Councillors Brasco, Rourke, Vizard and Waddick were present.
3. Councillor Logan moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on December 5, 2016. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. Councillor McMenimen rose to inform the Committee about Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Sanderson and wished him well for a speedy recovery.
5. Councillor Fowler moved to take the resolution concerning the overflow homeless shelter (1/11/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler stated that the City has recently awarded a contract for these services and moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
6. Councillor Fowler moved to take the resolution concerning the Waltham Youth & Community Coalition (3/4/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler stated that the leadership for this organization has changed and moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
7. Councillor Fowler moved to take the resolution concerning the property located at 380 Lexington Street (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor to provide a written update on the traffic improvement plans for the intersection at the January 17, 2017 COW meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
8. Councillor Logan moved to take the resolution of “early voting” (12/14/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan stated that the City’s “early voting” program, administered through the Clerk’s Office, was successful and one of a handful of communities that received a gold medal award for its efforts. Councillor Logan moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.

9. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the resolution concerning the Waverly Oaks train station (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to file the matter stating a resolution could always be re-introduced at a future date. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
10. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the request from Superintendent of Schools Drew Echelson to update the COW on the status of the WHS building project (5/23/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to file the matter. On the motion, Councillor Romard stated that keeping it as a docket item would allow for discussion to continue on this significant building project. Councillor McMenimen withdrew her motion to file and moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
11. President Marchese moved to take the resolution concerning the purchase of 476 & 486 Main Street (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Marchese stated that the property had been acquired and the design of the site was going forward. President Marchese moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
12. Councillor Giordano moved to take the resolution concerning the property located at 3 Keach Terrace (8/3/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Giordano moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
13. Vice-President LeBlanc informed the Committee and the viewing audience that the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7:30pm.
14. Vice-President LeBlanc wished the Committee and the viewing audience a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and best wishes for the celebratory event of their faith.
15. A motion by President Marchese to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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