

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

December 21, 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 were present.
3. Councillor Logan moved to accept the minutes of the COW meeting held on December 7, 2015. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. The first item of new business was a resolution concerning “early voting” sponsored by Councillor Logan and other Councillors, with an accompanying request. Councillor Logan gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the resolution. Councillor Logan moved approval of the request to the City Clerk’s office asking the Clerk to prepare a plan for early voting and submit it to the Council by February. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request approved. Councillor Logan moved to place the resolution on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was placed on the table.
5. Councillor McMenimen moved to reconsider the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to amend the minutes in Item 5 by inserting the phrase “due to potential litigation” immediately after the word “Session” in the sentence “Councillor McMenimen moved to go into Executive Session”. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen then moved approval of the minutes as amended. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved as amended.
6. President Marchese moved to take the matter of enhanced cable TV coverage (9/8/2014) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Marchese announced that WCAC –TV employee, Kerry Quinlan, was leaving the station for a new employment opportunity and wanted to thank her for her longstanding commitment to the local cable channel, in particular the coverage of the City Council and Committee meetings. Vice President LeBlanc also spoke highly of Ms. Quinlan and on behalf of the City Council wished her well in her future endeavors. President Marchese moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning Lisa Genova from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen gave a brief summary of Ms. Genova, her Waltham roots and her literary accomplishments. Since Ms. Genova’s schedule did not permit her the opportunity to appear before the Committee, Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the resolution and stated she could sponsor a new resolution in the future. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. Councillor Waddick rose to thank former City Councillor and Council President James Regan for his annual donation of calendars to the City Council.
9. Councillor Logan moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning acquisition of the property located at 67 Crescent Street (4/27/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan move to request an update regarding the status of the appraisal for the property. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A motion to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote and the Chair declared the committee adjourned at 8:17pm.

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