

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 7, 2016

1. Vice-President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm.
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 President Marchese were present.
3. Councillor McLaughlin moved to accept the minutes of the COW meeting held on February 16, 2016. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. A resolution concerning the report of Zoning Code violations under Chapter Z, Article VII, Section 7, and Subsection 7.434 of the City of Waltham was submitted by Councillors McMenimen and Logan. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee individual – Inspector of Buildings, William Forte. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Forte gave a detailed power point presentation of the results of the activity of his department for the past year. Mr. Forte also explained the enhancement to building permit revenue through his application of the final cost affidavit requirement for projects costing \$100,000 or more. Councillors Rourke, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, Brasco, Vidal, Darcy, Giordano and Logan asked questions ranging from concerns about the enforcement process and its impact on the community, the process of applying for and receiving a building permit and the ability to make the process more user-friendly for the public. There were also concerns raised about the aggressive manner in which violations were pursued and the behavior of some employees in their interactions with the public. There was some appreciation expressed towards Mr. Forte for his power point presentation and his attempts to make positive changes to the overall administration of his department. Councillor McMenimen moved to file the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the resolution was filed.
5. Councillor Giordano moved to take the matter of 3 Keach Terrace (8/3/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Giordano moved to request the Mayor and the Chair of the Conservation Commission

attend the next COW meeting (3/21/2016) to discuss the property. Councillor Giordano moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion to table was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

6. Councillor McLaughlin rose to speak about the recent Waltham Youth Hockey Bantam tournament held in Waltham, in a rare situation where both finalists were Waltham teams, ultimately resulting in a Waltham victor.
7. Vice President LeBlanc announced a citywide community meeting would be held on March 15 to discuss the proposals for the traffic improvements at Totten Pond Road, Lexington Street and Bacon Street intersection.
8. Councillor Giordano moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:30pm.

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