

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of the Meeting

April 19, 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 Councillor O'Brien was present.
3. Since the minutes of the meeting, April 4, 2016, were distributed just prior to the meeting, President Marchese moved to table the minutes until councillors had sufficient opportunity to review. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were tabled.
4. A resolution concerning the acquisition of the property located at 141 Ash Street was submitted by Councillors Vidal and Rourke. After a brief explanation of the purpose of the resolution (to acquire the property for the public purpose of open space/recreation and specifically to create a neighborhood "pocket park"), Councillor Rourke moved to give the Mayor the authority to seek an appraisal of the property located at 141 Ash Street. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Rourke moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
5. A resolution concerning a personnel matter was submitted by President Marchese. President Marchese explained the matter is being worked on and moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
6. President Marchese moved to take the matter of the property located at 380 Lexington Street (11/9/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Marchese moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property, to have Paul G. Centofanti be the clerk, to invite the Mayor and to reconvene open session at the conclusion of the executive session. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 13–0 (O'Brien absent, LeBlanc presiding) – 8:10pm.

7. Open session was reconvened at 9:40pm.
8. President Marchese moved to place the matter of the 380 Lexington Street property back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
9. Councillor Fowler moved to take the matter of the homeless shelter (1/11/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor attend the next meeting of the COW, 5/2/2016, to discuss plans for the overflow homeless shelter for next winter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter of the homeless shelter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
10. Councillor Logan moved to take the matter of the Moody Street dock (4/13/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan expressed his concern and dissatisfaction with the State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on their lack of response to attend a COW meeting to discuss the matter despite the multiple attempts by the City to contact them. Councillor Logan moved to place the matter of the Moody Street dock back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
11. Vice President LeBlanc made two announcements – Waltham Overcoming Addiction forum on 4/20 and a Happy Birthday wish to her mother, Ellie LeBlanc, on turning 90 years of age.
12. A motion by President Marchese to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:45pm.

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