

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 6, 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 Brasco and Councillor Rourke were present.
3. President Marchese moved to accept the minutes of the COW meeting held on May 16, 2016. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. A request was received from the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the new/renovated Waltham High School building project. Vice-President LeBlanc informed the Committee that the Superintendent will attend the COW meeting of June 20, 2016. A motion to table the matter was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
5. A motion by Councillor Waddick to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:05pm. Councillor McMenimen doubted the vote on the motion to adjourn, it was not challenged and the meeting was not adjourned.
6. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of “filling vacancies in the City Clerk’s office” from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen requested the COW Clerk read the resolution. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee individual, Assistant City Solicitor Azadi. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. In response to questioning from Councillor McMenimen, Attorney Azadi explained the sections of the City Charter (2-3) and the City General Ordinances (2-62) and their applicability to the role and responsibilities of the City Council and City Clerk concerning the staffing of the City Clerk’s office. Councillors Logan, Vizard, Giordano and President Marchese offered comments to the discussion. President Marchese moved to file the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the resolution was filed.

7. Councillor McLaughlin informed the Committee and the viewing audience of two public input meetings concerning the Fernald property for June 8 at 6:00pm and June 22 at 6:30pm.
8. Councillor Logan informed the Committee and the viewing audience of a public hearing meeting of the Ordinance and Rules Committee to discuss the Zoning Ordinance amendments on June 21 at 7:00pm.
9. Vice-President LeBlanc reminded the Committee and the viewing audience of the following upcoming events – (1) budget review meeting by the Finance Committee on June 7 from 9:00am – 5:00pm and continuing again on June 9 at 5:30pm, (2) a representative of DCR to attend the COW meeting of June 20, (3) the Superintendent of Schools to attend the COW meeting of June 20 and (4) the square dedication in the name of Ginny Hayes on June 18.
10. Vice-President LeBlanc introduced Monique Mitchell to the Committee. Ms. Mitchell is the new employee in the City Clerk's office replacing Elizabeth Bateman who recently retired.
11. A motion by Councillor Logan to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:30pm.

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