

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of the Meeting

June 20, 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 McMenimen and Waddick were present. The Clerk stated that Councillor McMenimen was absent due to an injury and would be recuperating at her daughter's home.
3. President Marchese moved to accept the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 6, 2016. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to appoint Georgie Hallock, 23 Briar Hill Lane, Waltham to the Council on Aging (COA) Board. Councillor Darcy moved to approve the appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appointment of Georgie Hallock to the COA Board was approved.
5. A request was received from Councillor Rourke to re-appoint Diana Young, 147 Bishops Forest Drive, Waltham to the Community Preservation Committee. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the re-appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the re-appointment of Diana Young to the Community Preservation Committee was approved.
6. A request was received from Councillor Rourke to re-appoint Randy LeBlanc, 144 Summer Street, Waltham to the Community Preservation Committee. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the re-appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the re-appointment of Randy LeBlanc to the Community Preservation Committee was approved.
7. A request was received from Councillor Rourke to re-appoint Daniel Melnechuk, 100 Hardy Pond Road, Waltham to the Community Preservation Committee. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the re-appointment. The

motion was adopted on a voice vote and the re-appointment of Daniel Melnechuk to the Community Preservation Committee was approved.

8. A request was received from Councillor Rourke to re-appoint Kevin Dwyer, 168 Adams Street, Waltham to the Community Preservation Committee. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the re-appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the re-appointment of Kevin Dwyer to the Community Preservation Committee was approved.
9. President Marchese moved to take the matter of the Waltham High School building project (5/23/2016) off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Marchese moved to hear from off-committee individuals, Superintendent of Schools Drew Echelson and WHS Principal Greg Demeo. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Marchese also recognized the members of the School Committee and the School Building Committee who were in attendance. Dr. Echelson provided the Committee with a copy of his slide presentation. Dr. Echelson and Mr. Demeo gave an overview of the proposed building project including the educational enhancements, program offerings, technology improvements, facility improvements and the overall proposed campus environment. Both Dr. Echelson and Mr. Demeo stressed the educational plan for the project was the priority in importance. Dr. Echelson and Mr. Demeo shared the sites that were being considered for the location of WHS. It was explained that the site plans were not a design, but rather an illustrative rendering of the location of the building and other amenities. President Marchese and Councillors Vizard, Rourke, Romard and Darcy asked follow up questions. President Marchese moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the WHS building project was tabled.
10. Councillor Logan moved to take the matter of the DCR maintenance/repair of the Moody Street dock (4/13/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to hear from an off-committee individual, DCR Commissioner Leo Roy. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan gave an overview of the collaboration between the DCR and the City of Waltham for a variety of recreation projects, including the Riverwalk, Connors Pool and others. Commissioner Roy acknowledged and stressed the importance of building partnerships with the City and other communities. Commissioner Roy expressed the willingness of

the DCR to work with the City on the Riverwalk and the Moody Street dock, but explained the limitations on the resources from the DCR. Commissioner Roy stated that he would have engineers from the State come out to look at the Moody Street dock to determine the scope and potential cost of the project. Once completed, Commissioner Roy stated he would be willing to meet again with the COW to discuss. Councillor Logan moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the Moody Street dock was tabled.

11. Councillor Logan moved to take the matter of the 218 South Street condominiums (10/13/2015) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan explained the situation of the condo fees and its impact on the two (2) affordable units. Councillor Logan moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into discussion with the condominium association for the 218 South Street Condominiums concerning the two (2) affordable units. 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 and the matter of the 218 South Street condominiums was tabled.
12. Councillor Vidal moved to take the matter of the acquisition of the property located at 141 Ash Street from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to request the Mayor to provide a written update of the acquisition for the next COW meeting of June 27. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the 141 Ash Street acquisition was tabled.
13. Councillor Fowler moved to take the matter of the acquisition of the property located at 380 Lexington Street from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor to provide a written update of the acquisition for the next COW meeting of June 27. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the 380 Lexington Street acquisition was tabled.
14. Councillor Fowler moved to take the matter of the acquisition of the property located at 1 Balm Road (Arrigo Farm) from the table. The motion

was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to request the Mayor to provide a written update of the acquisition for the next COW meeting of June 27. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the 1 Balm Road acquisition was tabled.

15. It was announced that a special meeting of the Ordinance and Rules Committee would be held on June 21 at 7:00pm for public input on the draft zoning ordinance amendments.
16. It was announced that a special meeting of the Fernald Re-use Committee would be held on June 22 at 6:30pm for public input on the re-use of the Fernald property.
17. A motion by Councillor Giordano to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:35pm.

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