

Waltham City Council Public Works and Public Safety Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Chairman Waddick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The clerk took attendance Councillors Fowler, Romard, Vidal and Chairman Waddick were present. Councillor Brasco was absent.

New Matters:

A Resolution Sponsored by Coucnillor Romard regarding the Lions at 380 Lexington street. Councillor Romard said that he was surprised at how quickly the city had moved the lions to city hall. He said he would work with the City and residents to find a location for the Lions. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The resolution was tabled.

A Resolution sponsored by Councillor Fowler, Councillor Romard and others regarding adding sidewalks and curbing to Totten Pond Rd. Councillor Romard said that this was brought in to indicate to the Mayor that this is a priority for the City Council. Councillor Romard brought this in to make it part of the discussion as the intersection project moves forward. Councillor Fowler stated that this is important for public safety. Chairman Waddick said he isn't opposed to this but that he has concerns about passing these type of resolutions rather than going through the process laid out in the General Ordinances if people want sidewalks. Councillor Fowler moved to amend the resolution by striking from the be it resolved clause "Mayor to install new cement sidewalks and granite curbing for the entire length of both sides of the roadway as a benefit to the general public and not as a betterment to the residents" and inserting in place thereof "Traffic Commission install new cement sidewalks and granite curbing for the roadway in conjunction with the Piety Corner intersection reconstruction project." The amendment was adopted. Councillor Romard moved approval of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

Tabled matters

Councillor Fowler moved to take the Street Opening Petition at 200 Smith Street under Section17-25 of the General Ordinances off the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Fowler moved to hear from an off committee member, the petitioner's Attorney Jack Mula. The motion was approved. Attorney Mula went over the conditions contained in the Board of Survey and Planning decision. Councillor Fowler moved to approve the petition with the following special conditions:

200 Smith NWALP Property Owner LLC will pave the street curb to curb and use controlled low strength material or flowable fill and all seems will be treated with an infrared asphalt repair.

That the final patchwork will be completed subject to the approval of the Director of Consolidated Public Works.

That there will be one continuous patch running the length of the easement and not multiple patches for each cut.

That 200 Smith NWALP Property Owner LLC will adhere to all conditions in the decision of the Board of Survey and Planning Dated April 5, 2017. The resurfacing petition was approved with conditions.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the resolution regarding Converting Private Ways to Public Ways off the table. The motion was approved. Councillor LeBlanc asked the Assistant City Clerk and Clerk of the Committee to talk to the City Clerk about getting an updated street listing. Councillor LeBlanc moved to lay the matter back on the table. The matter was tabled.

Councillor Romard moved to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 5:54 pm.