

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Harris, Logan, Hanley, McLaughlin.

Absent: None.

Councillor Dunn moved approval of the minutes from 2/17/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Artie Kronenfeld of The Waltham Times was audio recording the meeting.

Councillor Hanley moved to take the Pet Grooming Resolution from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Solicitor Laughman was present to speak on the matter. She had nothing further to add to her latest draft of the ordinance amendment. Councillor Hanley moved to adopt the language and table of uses for the Pet Grooming Ordinance Amendment. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved to have the Law Department draft advertising language and to send the amendment out to the full Council to have the Clerk schedule a joint public hearing with the Board of Survey & Planning. The motion was approved on voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to take the Handicap Resolution off the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Solicitor Laughman was present to speak on the matter. She stated that the major discrepancy was the ramp/elevator distinction. This would be a policy change not an ordinance amendment and would need to be sent to Inspector Bower to adopt for Building Department. Councillor Hanley moved to send the law opinion from Solicitor Laughman to the Building Inspector. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to take the MIRROD One Zoning Amendment off the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved to have the Assessor provide property tax abatements for the last 3 fiscal years. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley made another request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Traffic Engineer provide the current balance of traffic mitigation and list if projects funded by it since January 2023. Councillor Hanley moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the Flock Camera Resolution off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Solicitor Laughman spoke about her memo submitted to the Council. Home Rule amendment states cities and towns can create their own ordinances if they don't disqualify state law. Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on voice vote.

President Logan takes Inclusionary Zoning off the table. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan spoke on the legal opinion received from the Law Department. President Logan moved that the Law Department submit a draft ordinance amendment to the Clerk and that the Clerk schedule a joint public hearing with the Board of Survey and Planning. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the special permit application for 220 Moody Street off the table. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the petitioner submit renderings of the proposed building from all four directions and that the petitioner consider making improvements to Embassy Park and they inform the Committee what they are willing to make to the park. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Clerk of the Ordinances & Rules Committee
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