

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:13 p.m.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Harris, Logan, Hanley.

Absent: McLaughlin.

Councillor Logan moved approval of the minutes from 4/6/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Steve Milmore, 41 Madison Rd, Waltham, of The Waltham Times was audio recording the meeting.

First agenda item: Zoning Amendment for Affordable Housing

President Logan stated they need to wait to see what the Board of Survey and Planning meets so he tabled the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Second agenda item: Zoning Amendment for Pet Grooming

Councillor Hanley moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Third agenda item: Zoning Amendment at 495 Lincoln Street

Attorney Joseph Connors, representing the petitioners Rick Pizzi and Anthony Cardillo were present and spoke on their zoning amendment. Councillors Dunn, Hanley, & Logan asked questions. The basement is considered a level, there will be one common/shared driveway and building will be three stories high. Councillor Dunn made a request that was approved by a voice vote to send to the Law Department to opine. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Fourth agenda item: Council Rule 92 Resolution

President Logan made a request to ask the City Engineer and the Law Department to attend a committee meeting to discuss this Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Fifth agenda item: Chapter 17 Ordinance Amendment – Leaf Blowing

President Logan handed out a copy of amendments he had made to the Sidewalks, Public Ways, Public Spaces, Private Ways, & Parking Areas. President Logan made a motion to amend the language to not include the police department. President Logan made a request to send the amendments to the Law Department to opine. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Sixth agenda item: Council Rule 66 Resolution

President Logan spoke and Councillor Hanley spoke. President Logan said he would draft a copy to align with the present procedure they have been doing. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the Snow Removal Amendment off the table. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan made a request to amend the ordinance to add single and two-family homes and to add the exempt process be managed by CPW. On the motion Director Chiasson should be just one and two-family homes; not three & four family homes. When it snows, DPWs top priority is schools. Councillors Dunn and Hanley asked questions. The request was approved by a voice vote. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the Flock Camera Resolution off the table. The motion was approved on voice vote. Chief O'Connell, Capt. Maher and Deputy Champion all were present to discuss. Councillor Logan read an email he received from someone about flock cameras and talked about the cities contract and databases being owned by Flock system. Chief O'Connell stated we own all our information on the database. Dep Champion and Captain Maher do monthly audits. President Logan made a request for a surveillance policy. On the motion Deputy Champion spoke and asked if any other departments use surveillance technology. The Chief and Capt. Maher also spoke. Councillor Hanley asked how many detectives use flock? Twenty detectives. Is there an alert system? Yes, there is. Have there been any success stories? Chief listed and read through some positive stories and arrests of bad people; trafficking, drugs, etc. Councillor Dunn asked if you have used it to track criminals in the act of being a criminal. Yes, they have. Councillor Logan moved approval of the request. President Logan moved to take the Snow Removal Amendment off the table. The motion was approved on voice vote. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to take the RCI One Zoning Amendment off the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Keir Evans, Chriss Carr, Jim Ward were in attendance. The mayor was also present to discuss. Mr. Evans spoke on the timeline in front of them from here through the end of June. July 1st is when the Green Street project would like to commence. Second and third readings of these zoning amendments would need to be done on June 22nd. The Mayor stated the regulatory agreement (development agreement) will be completed soon. Councillor Hanley asked if there were any other roadblocks or time crunches or things we need to be sure are done within this timeline. Mr. Evans spoke and said if we could have the joint public hearing happen on May 11th, this would give us some time to make sure everything is completed. President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the City Clerk schedule a joint public hearing with the Board of Survey and Planning on May 11, 2026. President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Mayor and the petitioners and the Law Department attend all committee meetings between now and June 22, 2026. Councillor Dunn asked about the comprehensive review and if we can still wait until the end of May to hear what they are reporting on. Councillor Hanley moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Dunn moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Clerk of the Ordinances & Rules Committee
April 24, 2026