

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 p.m.

Present: Councillors Harris, Logan, Hanley & McLaughlin.

Absent: Dunn.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from 9/21/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Artie Kronefeld, of The Waltham Times, was audio recording the meeting.

First agenda item: Zoning Ordinance Amendment at 181-185 Felton Street

Attorney Mike Connors, representing the petitioner, spoke on the zoning map change. President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department review this petition. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Special Permit modification at 20 Williams Street

Attorney Joseph Connors and petitioner Robert Kaitz spoke on the modification. President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department review this petition. President Logan moved to table the modification. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: Health Insurance Resolution

President Logan spoke and made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department initiate & draft a home rule petition and to include the mayor and the city council. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley asked if the school committee should be included. The original review from the Law Department from 2008 stated they should not. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to take the CAVA Group LLC special permit application off the table.

Attorney Michael Connors was present and spoke on his latest revised filing. There is only a change to one condition related to map C101. Nick Skoly of VHP was also present and pointed out the delivery/dumpster areas on the map. Attorney Connors read the new language into the record about delivery and dumpster areas. Councillor Hanley moved approval of the special permit. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the leaf blowing Chapter 17 ordinance amendment matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Logan suggested he be the spokesperson from the Committee to represent the council to speak to department heads within the Law Departments opinion, Solicitor Laughman suggested there be Councillor that meets with department heads to discuss in more detail how the ordinance shall be enforced. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan moved to take the snow removal on sidewalks ordinance amendment matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department, mayor and DPW Director attend next meeting to discuss. President Logan moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Hanley moved to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Clerk of the Ordinances & Rules Committee
October 8, 2026