

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSE
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024, at 8:18 p.m.**

Voting members present: Chair Robert Ferullo, Councilor William Pappalardo, Councilor Joseph Demers, Councilor Robert Toro, and Councilor Joanne Campbell

Non-voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, Councilor Charles Viola, and Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2024, all in favor, 5-0.

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Woburn Host Lions Club for special event permit for a charity dog walk at Horn Pond and area streets on May 11, 2024, with request for waiver of umbrella liability insurance:

Representing the Woburn Host Lions Club was Past President Frank DiMauro, P.O. Box 81, Woburn, MA. Mr. DiMauro said the Woburn Host Lions Club is planning to sponsor a charity dog walk starting at Lions Park at Horn Pond on May 11, 2024. He said this is the first event of this type the Host Lions Club has sponsored. He said the club is comprised of volunteers. He said registration will be done on a rolling basis between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. He distributed to members of the committee a diagram indicating where the registrations booths and other temporary structures affiliated with the event will be located. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Campbell to accept a document from Mr. DiMauro indicating the location of the registration booths and other temporary structures for the May 11, 2024, event; approved, 5-0. Mr. DiMauro said registration will be a walk-up type of method. He said homeowners and renters insurance usually covers dog bites. He said the club has procured general liability insurance of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate per named insured but is seeking a waiver from umbrella liability. Councilor Demers said the City Council recently adopted an ordinance change regarding the requirements for liability coverage, and this is the inaugural petition from an organization seeking a waiver for the umbrella liability coverage. He said he will be voting in support of granting the waiver. He said petitions like this are exactly why the council changed the ordinance to allow for charitable organizations to seek relief. Councilor Pappalardo said he is totally in support of granting the waiver. He asked if the committee should ask the City Solicitor to weigh in. Councilor Demers said the former City Solicitor was involved in authoring the ordinance change. Councilor Toro said he is a member of the Public Safety & License Commission, and he is also President of the Woburn Host Lions Club. He said he wants to state on the record that he has no direct involvement in this event. Councilor Campbell said she thinks this event is a great idea, and she will be bringing her Chihuahua to participate. She said her concern is dog bites, but supposed if every dog is on a

leash, it ought to be okay. Mr. DiMauro said he thinks the event will be a lot of fun. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Campbell to suspend the council's rules to allow any member of the council not on the committee to address the waiver request; approved, 5-0. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said she thinks this event is a great idea. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro that the request from the Woburn Host Lions Club for a waiver of umbrella liability insurance for an event on May 11, 2024 "ought to pass;" approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to adjourn; all in favor, 5-0. Chairman Ferullo adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees