

**CITY OF WOBURN
WOBURN CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCES CHARTER & RULES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 – 8:55 P.M.**

Voting members present: Chair Joseph Demers, Councilor Robert Toro, Councilor Robert Ferullo, and Councilor Lou DiMambro. Absent: Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Non-voting members present: President Jeffery Dillon, Councilor William Pappalardo, Councilor Charles Viola, and Councilor Joanne Campbell

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2024; approved, 4-0.

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Order amending the Woburn Municipal Code by adding XLII Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (Sections 2-258 through 2-261): Chair Demers said he is looking at what other communities are doing. He said he is hoping to get additional language and clarification and present it at the next committee meeting as a working draft. He said he expects there will be no action tonight. Councilor Ferullo asked if the chair has considered an on-going revolving process that involves the zoning ordinance being examined at certain intervals. Chair Demers said he believes there are towns that do something like that every other year. He said there are multiple ways to skin the cat here. Councilor Ferullo said he just wants to raise that as an issue. Chair Demers said he appreciates Councilor Ferullo's comments and he will take them under advisement. He said other communities have also hired consultants. He said Woburn has a zoning ordinance that has not been updated since 1985. He said if someone were to challenge the ordinance in court solely on the basis of obsolescence, they might have a valid case and the city could lose. Councilor DiMambro said he likes the idea of revisiting the ordinance every two years. He said that would mirror the terms of the terms of the City Council members. He said the ordinance would be addressed every two years.

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MOTION made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to adjourn; in favor, 4-0. Chair Demers adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees