

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 – 6:45 P.M.**

Voting members present: Chair pro tem Joseph Demers, and Councilor Robert Toro. Absent:
Chair Joanne Campbell

Non-Voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, Councilor Robert Ferullo, Councilor Charles Viola, Councilor William Pappalardo and Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Chair pro tem Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2025; approved, 2-0-1.

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Appointment of Anthony Langone, Jr. to the Woburn Redevelopment Authority: Mayor Concannon said everyone on the City Council is familiar with Mr. Langone. He said he has served the city admirably. He said Mr. Langone's work situation has changed and he can return to municipal service. He said he thinks Mr. Langone's addition to the WRA would be a great fit. Chair pro tem asked Mr. Langone to tell the committee about himself and why he wants to join the WRA. Mr. Langone said he was born and raised in Woburn and is a U.S. Air Force veteran. He said he started public service as an aide for state representatives James Dwyer and then Richard Haggerty. He said he served on the city's Traffic Commission and then the Conservation Commission, where he learned a lot about zoning. He said he was most recently employed by the state Office of Campaign & Political Finance. He said community involvement is very important to him. He said there is so much going on. He said Central Square is a big topic. He said he is hoping to play an active role with the WRA. Councilor Toro said he is enthusiastic about Mr. Langone's addition to the WRA. He thanked Mr. Langone for his military service. Chair pro tem Demers said he wants to echo Councilor Toro's remarks. He said he has talked with Mr. Langone about his vision for an expanded role for the WRA. He said he will proudly support Mr. Langone's candidacy for the WRA. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair pro tem Demers to suspend the City Council's rules to allow any non-voting member of the council to address the appointment; approved, 2-0-1. Councilor DiMambro said Mr. Langone is a good pick for the WRA. He said Mr. Langone is an asset to the city. He said the city needs guys like Mr. Langone. He said Mr. Langone is invested in the community. He said the WRA needs that. He said he is on board with Mr. Langone's appointment. He thanked Mr. Langone for his willingness to serve the community. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said she is excited for Mr. Langone to join the WRA. She said she enjoyed working with Mr. Langone when he was on the Traffic Commission. She said she hopes to see some of Chair pro tem Demers' ideas for Woburn Center

come to fruition. Councilor Viola said he was happy to hear Mr. Langone was interested in joining the WRA. He said he will be happy to support Mr. Langone's nomination tonight. Councilor Pappalardo said he is the City Council's liaison to the WRA. He said he thinks it is time to get some fresh blood on that board and that Mr. Langone will be a good addition. President Dillon said he has worked with Mr. Langone on a lot of projects. He said he is always amazed by the quality of Mayor Concannon's appointments. He said Mr. Langone is mature beyond his years. He said Mr. Langone is always doing things for the community. He said Mr. Langone does a great job. He said the downtown is an important part of the city. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair pro tem Demers that the appointment of Anthony Langone to the Woburn Redevelopment Authority "ought to pass," approved, 2-0-1.

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Appointment of Douglas Olander to the Woburn Redevelopment Authority: Mayor Concannon said he is equally excited to present Mr. Olander for nomination to the WRA. He said he approached both Mr. Langone and Mr. Olander after a couple members of the board resigned. He said historically the WRA has focused on improving downtown Woburn. He said the additions of Mr. Olander and Mr. Langone will make for a strong WRA. Chair pro tem Demers asked Mr. Olander to tell the committee about himself and why he wants to join the WRA. Mr. Olander said he was born and raised in Woburn and is a 2006 graduate of Woburn High School. He said he just started his own family. He said he is involved in a multi-generational family business, of which he is a co-owner. He said he works in and is familiar with the downtown area. He said he brings his children to downtown festivals. He said he thinks he will have an opportunity to put some new ideas on the table. He said he can't wait to join the board. Councilor Toro said Mr. Olander seems like he will be another great addition to the WRA. Councilor Mercer-Bruen welcomed Mr. Olander to municipal government and said if there is anything the City Council can do, to reach out. She asked Mr. Olander to please remember the City Council is here to support him and the WRA. President Dillon welcomed Mr. Olander aboard. He said he has known Mr. Olander personally and professionally. He said Mr. Olander is part of a great Woburn family. He said he is excited to see younger people getting involved. Councilor DiMambro said he thinks Mr. Olander will be a great fit. He said Mr. Olander and his business do a lot for the city. He said the city wants younger guys to come to municipal service. Councilor Pappalardo said he thinks Mr. Olander will do a great job. He welcomed Mr. Olander aboard. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair pro tem Demers that the appointment of Douglas Olander to the Woburn Redevelopment Authority "ought to pass;" approved, 2-0-1. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair pro tem Demers to return to the regular order of business; approved, 2-0-1.

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Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair pro tem Demers to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Chair pro tem Demers adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees

