



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Personnel/Appointments Committee

*Councillors Crowe (Chair), DeMaria (Vice Chair), Condon,  
Anderson, Matheson*

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Tuesday, October 30, 2018

5:30 PM John & Christina Markey Senior Community Center, 7  
Washington St.

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Councillor Peg Crowe, Councillor Barbara Murphy, Paul Condon, David Camell, John P. Matheson, Deborah DeMaria, Craig Spadafora and Stephen Winslow

Councillor Crowe called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.  
John Miara will be filming the meeting.

### Minutes to be Approved

Minutes from the October 22, 2018 to be approved.

**A motion was made to table approving the minutes from October 22, 2018 by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Camell. All were in favor.**

### Business

#### 102-18

Council Re-appointment: Thomas E. Brennan, 12 South Cedar Park, Melrose, MA 02176, as City Clerk, term to expire February 28, 2021.

*Tom gives the committee an update on the upcoming election he explains that he did get a city cell phone and has met and spoke with Captain Cronin and arranged the day for Election Day. He called all the Ward Wardens and sent a letter with his number. He packed the supply cases and ballot boxes and put 60% in the boxes. They are working on the early voting and are up to about 1300 by now.*

*Councillor Crowe says they are here for the re-appointment of Mr. Brennan and after reviewing the solicitor's explanation of discussion and reasons for executive session she feels this meeting is most appropriate for executive session and gives a handout which reason #1 explains. (see enclosed) Kate also wrote an explanation of discussion dated October 22nd, when Councillor O'Malley requested an explanation of professional competency and character reputation the solicitor included a 2000 opinion form the Attorney General's office saying they are not technical terms rather a common understanding of what they mean. (see enclosed) The Attorney General endorses the common sense understanding the rights and she feels they owe the City Clerk the common courtesy and is most appropriate in Executive Session. She explains if they choose executive session they will adjourn tonight and are required to give the Clerk 48 hours written notification prior to the proposed executive session and allow them to invite who they deem necessary unless they want to do it in open session.*

*Councillor Spadafora makes a statement that he agrees with this it protects the employee and if it's in the public domain you could ruin a person's career. It should be done in confidence and he also feels that executive session is something which should not be on Facebook or be telling people or reading emails during this event or releasing*

*minutes this is people's character which has to be protected.*

*Councillor Crowe says she agrees and it is noted she will make sure it happens that way. She also explains that she would like the committee to review the minutes from October 22, 2018 and the following motion is made:*

*\*\*\*\*Motion to table approving the minutes from October 22, 2018 was made by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Camell. All were in favor.*

**A motion was made by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Camell, that the Appointment be tabled to adjourn and reconvene in Executive Session date to be set. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **Other Business**

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councillor David Camell, seconded by Councillor Barbara Murphy, that this meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.**