



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 20, 2016

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	

Others present: Jill Lathan - Recreation, Michael Glavin - OSPCD, Alan Inacio - OSPCD, George Proakis - OSPCD, Michael Feloney - OSPCD, Thomas Galigani - OSPCD, Brad Rawson - OSPCD, Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, Ed Bean - Finance, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Peter Forcellese - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Aldermen's Chamber and was called to order at 6:10 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Document List: None

#### **FY-17 departmental budget review:**

##### **Revolving Funds**

(Alderman Rossetti recused herself from all discussions regarding the Cable Telecommunication revolving fund and the Planning and Zoning revolving fund.)  
Representatives from each department spoke about their respective revolving funds.

##### **Parks & Recreation**

Ms. Lathan spoke about the departments' budget requests and spoke about the proposal to re-align maintenance of the city's fields from the DPW to Parks & Recreation. Members asked several questions about plans for how the maintenance will be performed and how

the funds will be best used, as the scope involved is unclear. Chairman Lafuente expressed dismay that the re-alignment was not made in consultation with the Board of Aldermen and he feels that the plans for maintaining the fields are not comprehensive. Aldermen Heuston and Rossetti agreed that the plan is not comprehensive and that the stated manpower might not be enough to get the job done satisfactorily. Alderman Niedergang said that he believes the information presented by Ms. Lathan is adequate and that he fully supports the budget as presented. Alderman Davis spoke about the poor condition of the fields and said that the city can't afford to wait to get it right.

### **Enterprise Funds**

Ms. Lathan spoke about the enterprise funds for the ice rinks and Dilboy Field.

### **OSPCD – Administration**

Mr. Glavin and Alan Inacio spoke about this portion of the budget

### **OSPCD - Planning and Zoning**

(Alderman Rossetti recused herself from all discussions regarding OSPCD - Planning and Zoning.)

Mr. Proakis spoke about this portion of the budget.

### **OSPCD – Housing**

Mr. Feloney spoke about this portion of the budget.

### **OSPCD - Economic Development**

Mr. Glavin spoke about this portion of the budget.

### **OSPCD - Transportation and Infrastructure**

Mr. Rawson spoke about this portion of the budget.

### **Requests for information:**

- Alderman Rossetti asked (Recreation) for a breakdown of the “salary stipend” for the past 3 fiscal years.
- Alderman White asked (Recreation) for a breakdown of the Professional & Technical Services line.
- Alderman Ballantyne asked (Mr. Mastrobuoni) that the Professional & Technical Services line for Field Maintenance be reworded for clarity.
- Alderman White asked (Mr. Snyder) to provide clarity for why the administration is seeking to place field maintenance under the Recreation Department and how it would improve the maintenance of the city’s fields, as well as how resources and personnel would be deployed.
- Alderman White asked (Recreation) to provide information from similar communities that have field maintenance under their Recreation Departments.
- Alderman Lafuente asked (Recreation) that an equipment list for field maintenance be provided.
- Alderman White requested additional salary information for OSPCD – Administration.

- Alderman White requested (OSPCD – Transportation/Infrastructure) additional information on the Professional and Technical Services line item.
- Alderman Rossetti requested an Executive Session prior to this week’s BOA meeting to be updated on union negotiations.
- Alderman Rossetti asked (Mr. Mastrobuoni) for the number of non-union positions in the salary contingency line.
- Alderman Rossetti asked (Mr. Mastrobuoni) for information on the city’s contribution to the CPA fund.