

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday - February 16, 2016, 6:00 PM Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/11/16 at 3:51 PM)

- 1. Approval of the October 27, 2015 Minutes
- 2. Approval of the November 17, 2015 Minutes
- **3. 200518: Discuss** (Connolly, Davis, Heuston, Sullivan, Rossetti, McLaughlin, McWatters, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White Jr.) That the Mayor or his designee report at this Board's January 14, 2016 meeting on the large number of malfunctioning streetlamps and to update this Board the status of the contractor(s) responsible for their maintenance.
- **4. 200249: Discuss** (Niedergang) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board on complaints about overzealous and mistaken ticketing by Health Inspectors for minor infractions of trash and yard regulations.
- **5. 200431: Discuss** (McLaughlin, White Jr., Ballantyne, Lafuente) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to describe inspections for new residential units and whether they protect buyers from shoddy construction and poor soundproofing.
- **6. 200522: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services and the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the 12/31/15 collapse of the carriage house roof at 13 Tufts Street, and explain the inspections and procedures before a building permit is issued for work on old buildings.
- 7. 200619: Discuss (Heuston) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services notify the Beacon

- Street Star Market to change the time that their vendor sweeps the parking lot, since the current time of 4 AM violates the noise ordinance and disturbs neighbors.
- **8. 200630: Discuss** (McLaughlin) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 625 McGrath Highway for structural problems and trash violations.
- **9. 198956: Discuss** (White Jr., Rossetti) That the Administration develop with this Board a strategy to analyze the increasing use of Runway 33L at Logan Airport and document the adverse noise impacts.
- **10. 199100: Recommend** (Rossetti) That this Board supports the efforts of the Logan Community Advisory Committee and requests that the FAA re-examine its Runway 33L policies to reduce noise complaints.
- **11. 200074: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the Administration update the Committee on Public Health and Safety monthly on data for Logan Airport Runway 33L, and that the City engage Wig Zamore and communicate with officials from Cambridge and other communities on this matter.
- **12. 200216: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the City Clerk invite the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee representative to this Board's next meeting to recommend action for the increased impact of Logan air traffic.
- **13. 200479: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) That the MassPort Community Advisory Committee seek to address Logan Airport noise, pollution, and traffic issues by sponsoring a regional citizens' forum, an online runway database, and federal research.
- **14. 192737: Discuss** (O'Donovan) That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.
- **15. 199520: Discuss** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) That the Administration prioritize a public health initiative to control the opiate abuse epidemic, including nearby health and educational institutions and any other available resources.
- **16. 200075: Discuss** (Connolly) That the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety with a listing of all ordinances and traffic regulations regarding bicycles.

- **17. 200172: Discuss** City Solicitor Responding to #200075 re: Ordinances and Traffic Regulations regarding bicycles.
- **18. 200311: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the Administration provide this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety the names of the Community Cabinet members mentioned at the Committee meeting on 11/17/15.
- **19. 198097: Discuss** (Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on its public education campaign concerning appropriate bicycling in central business districts.
- **20. 199724: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss concerns regarding #198703 and #199522 for public safety at Assembly Row and citywide.
- **21. 199948: Discuss** (White Jr.) That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a list of all notices sent to property owners pursuant to Ordinance 9-97 (nuisance control) in the last two years.
- **22. 200140: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.) That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a "Don't Block the Box" program at key intersections that impede the flow of traffic and present a public safety hazard, and report back to this Board in writing within 30 days.
- **23. 200309: Discuss** (Connolly) That the Administration arrange for Matrix Consulting to appear before this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to report their findings on public safety.
- **24. 200312: Discuss** (Connolly) That the Administration provide this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety with a financial breakdown of funding relative to the matter of addiction.
- **25. 200355: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/8/15.
- **26. 200492: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 10/22/15.

- **27. 200519: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan, McWatters, Niedergang) That the Chief of Police consider deploying body cameras for all police officers, and prepare a feasibility report within 30 days for this Board's Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
- **28. 200534: Discuss** (McWatters) That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Berkeley Street at various times for speeding motorists.
- **29. 200587: Discuss** Ben Asack submitting comments re: establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- **30. 200618: Discuss** (White Jr.) That a representative of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss any reductions in service at Somerville Hospital.
- **31. 200631: Discuss** (McLaughlin) That the Chief Fire Engineer provide the Ward 1 Alderman with the number of real and false fire alarms for Assembly Row, and any fines assessed.
- **32. 200641: Discuss** (Connolly) That the Administration consider implementing a Certified Emergency Response Team as outlined by FEMA.
- **33. 200693: Discuss** (Heuston) That the Chief of Police conduct a directed patrol in Lincoln Park to investigate suspicious activity at the shed structure.
- **34. 200694: Discuss** (Heuston) That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the purpose and condition of Lincoln Park's shed structure, and whether it should be locked when not in use.