



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 24, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Ald. Rossetti, Kevin Kelleher, Omar Boukili, Marc Levye, Ed Bean, Paulette Renault-Caragianes, Peter Forcellese, Jr., Frank Wright

Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2014

RESULT:

APPROVED

196375 - That the Administration consider exempting senior citizens from paying the surcharge associated with the Community Preservation Act.:

Mr. Boukili and Mr. Levye spoke on this matter. The city is exploring other ways to offset the CPA charge, including a proposal to raise the residential exemption to 35%.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

196418 - Requesting an appropriation of \$64,000, and authorization to borrow \$64,000 in a bond, for Architectural and Engineering Services to replace existing temporary trailer living quarters for the Fire Department at 220 Washington St.:

Chief Kelleher and Mr. Boukili spoke about the need for this item and said that conversations regarding maintenance were not fruitful. Site exploration for the new facility is planned.

RESULT:

APPROVED

196419 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from Project Bread, for the Health Dept.'s Shape Up Somerville program to support access for low income residents to the Mobile Farmers' Market.:

Ms. Renault-Caragianes discussed multi-lingual outreach.

RESULT:

APPROVED

196420 - Finance Director responding to #196320 re: FY14 appropriations.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196427 - Requesting the adoption of a Home Rule petition relative to an increase in the exemption for residential real property from 30 per cent to 35 per cent.:

Mr. Levy discussed the impact of this proposal on the city's overlay account and noted that it would not effect this year's (FY-14) budget.

RESULT:

APPROVED