



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

April 22, 2014

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: David Lutes, Ed O'Donnell, David Shapiro, Jason Grossfield

Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2014

RESULT:

APPROVED

Approval of the Minutes of April 08, 2014

RESULT:

APPROVED

194833 - That the Director of Commissions update this Board on #193203, the city's volunteer commissions, including vacancies for each commission and the number of times each commission met in 2012 and 2013 (to date):

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195477 - Requesting approval of amendments to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.:

Mr. Lutes and representative from the law office reviewed ongoing changes to the ordinance. On page 3 of the draft ordinance, it was approved to remove the wording "or causes to be collected" from the first paragraph. Alderman Connolly asked that the Mayor's Office inform the committee, in writing, as to how it will enforce the particulars of the ordinance.

RESULT:

APPROVED

195725 - That the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters with input on restricting formula businesses in Somerville by requiring specific review and oversight before they may enter central business districts.:

Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Grossfield discussed how other communities have banned formula businesses and they will provide examples of the approaches used and also provide a draft template for the committee to review relating to how other communities handle this subject.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196208 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to amend the Junk Dealer Ordinance to eliminate restrictions against operating on Sundays, legal holidays, and nights.:

Mr. Shapiro distributed reference information relative to the subject at hand and the committee discussed junk dealer businesses being open on Sundays. The Law Department will provide an Ordinance at the next regular meeting of the BOA.

RESULT:

APPROVED

196385 - That the City Solicitor determine whether the U.S. Postal Service complied with federal law and applicable guidelines regarding the closing and selling of the Union Square Post Office facility.:

Mr. Shapiro submitted a records request to the Attorney General's office to get the documents regarding the relocation of retail portion of the Union Square Post Office.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE