



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 26, 2015
REPORT OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE

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

Others present: George Proakis - OSPCD, Ethan Lay-Sleeper - OSPCD, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman Sullivan and adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Document List:

- Medical Marijuana Draft Ordinance (with 199554)
- Maps (with 199554)
- Planning Board Recommendation (with 200001)

Approval of the August 6, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Approval of the June 4, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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199554: Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15 Re: Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.

Mr. Proakis provided an overview of the Marijuana Treatment Facilities and proposed locations and informed the members that this item needs to be acted on soon or the process might have to start over. Mr. Proakis wants to hear the Board's thoughts on this matter and the proposed locations. A copy of the draft ordinance and a document with maps of Somerville, highlighting some areas being considered for the facility, were distributed to the committee. Mr. Proakis stated that the district now had one additional facility. Possible locations were discussed, including Inner Belt, Mystic Avenue and the area near the Stop and Shop. Alderman Heuston asked why the Union Square area was not considered as a possible location, adding that she is not comfortable putting a facility in her ward as it is very densely populated and could have day care centers in the neighborhoods.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

200001: Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #199554, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15, Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.

The members were given written copies of the Planning Board's recommendations. Alderman Niedergang stated he is fine with the Planning Board's recommendation, however, he did suggest ruling out Inner Belt as a possible location and asked that a couple of locations in Ward 5 be removed from the list. Alderman Lafuente asked for the reasoning of recommending that a facility be located on Mystic Avenue. Alderman White felt some information was missing from the recommendation, such as signage size and parking requirements based on square footage. These issues need to be flushed out and given some consideration before making a decision. Alderman Heuston asked that the requested information be sent to the committee before the next meeting.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE