



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

August 12, 2015

REPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Vice Chair	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	

Others present: City Clerk John Long, Matt Buckley - Law, Jason Grossfield - Law, William Roche - Personnel, Stephen Carrabino - SPD, Patrick Sullivan - SFD

All candidates for promotion within the Fire Department were interviewed by the committee.

1. Approval of the June 30, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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2. Approval of the July 9, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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198252: Assistant City Solicitor responding to legal questions raised about the appointment of Constables.

Deputy Chief Carrabino suggested that constable licenses should be limited to Somerville residents. Presently, there are 29 constables operating Somerville with only 7 being Somerville residents. Mr. Grossfield listed a number of municipalities that have either a residency or reciprocity requirement. The City of Cambridge has a distinction between the power to arrest or not in their ordinance for constables. Alderman Heuston likes the ordinances held by Boston and Cambridge and discussed how Somerville might be liable for those Somerville appointed constables who may go to other communities. Alderman Heuston would some language added to the draft ordinance giving the committee the ability to deny appointments. Additional changes were made to the draft ordinance.

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

198484: Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.

Mr. Sweeney appeared along with the person of the moving company he used for the previous incident in question. Mr. Long reported that he spoke with the landlord, who could not attend tonight's committee meeting. Mr. Grossfield spoke about the actions from the previous meeting. Mr. Applegard, from the eviction moving company, recounted the events of the day in question. The question was asked if there were any outstanding complaints against Constable Sweeney and the response was that there are none. A motion was made to approve Mr. Sweeney as a Constable for the remainder of the year.

RESULT:

APPROVED

198524: Requesting a review of Edwin Torres' Constable License.

The committee voted to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

The committee approved the revocation of Mr. Torres' Constable license.

RESULT:

NOT APPROVED

199626: Requesting the promotion of Christopher Major to Deputy Chief in the Fire Department.

Mr. Major will be in charge of the Fire Department's training programs.

RESULT:

APPROVED

199627: Requesting the promotion of Matthew Wall to District Chief in the Fire Department.

Mr. Wall will be responsible for Central Street West.

RESULT:

APPROVED

199628: Requesting the promotion of Thomas Gorman to Captain in the Fire Department.

Mr. Gorman will have responsibility for an entire unit as well as the upkeep and maintenance of the apparatus.

RESULT:

APPROVED

199629: Requesting the promotion of Justin Bonner to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199630: Requesting the promotion of Marc Ardolino to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199631: Requesting the promotion of Dennis Sullivan Jr to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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