

April 15, 2021

Good afternoon Councilor Clingan,

Many of my colleagues and myself are Somerville Residents.

I am a somerville resident, born and raised and now raise my own children in my family home.

I work for Boston Carting, formerly known as FW Russell Disposal at 120 McGrath Highway. The rubbish company was sold in October 2020 along with the Somerville Rubbish disposal contract. Boston Carting is renting the property at 120 McGrath Hwy.

I have contacted the DPW many times and I haven't received any response to my complaints.

Since Boston Carting has taken over the operation, there are many things going on that I feel needs to be known by those in charge in Somerville.

All of the trucks are not getting repaired as needed. The City of Somerville contract states all trucks must be under 5 years old or in great working condition. The trucks we drive in Somerville are unsafe. They are all leaking fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid. One of our trucks, in another city, had failed brakes and rolled over an employees leg. He had to have multiple surgeries and will never regain full use of his leg.

The trucks that are supposed to be in the city of somerville get taken out and put in other municipalities because the trucks they have in operation in other cities, Milton & Braintree break down and they take a truck from Somerville and that just hurts the operation in Somerville.

All of the drivers follow procedure and put in writing any repairs needed to their truck. None of the repairs are getting done and I am in fear every time I get behind the wheel.

We are out there much longer hours than we were before as we are extremely understaffed and our trucks constantly break down. All of the key employees have since left or are already preparing to leave. There is no trust in the new Owner and his staff

Our nextel direct connect phones were shut off on monday for non payment. We now all have to use our own cell phones to keep in contact with each other and the Somerville DPW sanitation supervisors, John O'Connell, Charlie Roche and Brian Murphy. The city of somerville contract states there must be nextel/direct connect communication with the somerville DPW supervisors. The new owners have eliminated the direct connect to save money.

Yard Waste is about to start in Somerville and we are so understaffed and unprepared to handle it. The current Management have no idea what the day to day operation is that they do not know what is needed to endure Yard Waste. We also have Tufts University students returning soon and we are just as unprepared for that.

The dumpsters at the Schools in Somerville have holes in them and broken covers which causes a rat problem.

The Somerville contract states all white goods must be picked up the same as reported. We have not been completing that.

The Somerville contract states any late out call must be picked up that day. We have not been completing that. You can see the result of this with trash and white goods littering the sidewalks throughout the city.

The Somerville contract states all rubbish trucks must be off the street each day by 3:30pm. We have not adhered to this as we are extremely understaffed. My fear is my children or anyone else child playing outside and getting hit by a rubbish truck that is still on the street at 5:00pm or later.

Myself and my coworkers are unable to provide to you our names as we are in fear of retaliation.

I know everything I have stated here can be corroborated if investigated. I hope and pray it can change before someone gets hurt or worse.

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