



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 19, 2011

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis M. Sullivan	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Cindy Hickey	Dir., Council on Aging	Present	

- Open forum to discuss matters of concern to the city's senior citizens.

The committee held this meeting at Faulkner Towers, in keeping with its policy of holding meetings at various senior residence buildings throughout the city, in an effort to bring City government directly to the city's senior citizens. Ms. Hickey spoke about the various programs and services offered through the Council on Aging, among them, a senior chorus, cooking classes, arts and crafts, exercise programs and I. D. Day. She also informed those present that the city would pay for flu shots for elderly residents who are uninsured. Alderman White spoke about Alderman Taylor's efforts on behalf of the city's seniors and explained how the Board of Aldermen works to protect the city's elderly population.

Residents expressed concern over how the budget cuts would impact senior services, sidewalk safety, parking enforcement and snow removal, especially at bus stops. Alderman Connolly reminded everyone that problems can be reported to the city by dialing 311.

Alderman White's motion **that the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the bus stops near the hospital are cleared of snow**, was approved.