



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - September 14, 2016, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 9/9/16 at 7:00 AM)

1. **Approval of the May 17, 2016 Minutes**
2. **200309: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the Administration arrange for Matrix Consulting to appear before this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to report their findings on public safety.
3. **201482:** Conveying the Carlson Group's study of Somerville's fire and rescue services.
4. **200140: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a "Don't Block the Box" program at key intersections that impede the flow of traffic and present a public safety hazard, and report back to this Board in writing within 30 days.
5. **200519: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan, McWatters, Niedergang) – That the Chief of Police consider deploying body cameras for all police officers, and prepare a feasibility report within 30 days for this Board's Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
6. **201889: Discuss** (Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 15-17-19 Henderson Street for all code violations and unauthorized removals of stop work orders and unsafe building notices, and report back to this Board on recommended actions to ensure the public's health and safety.
7. **201897: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne) – That the

Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board on plans to deal with gas leaks and explain why utilities are not required to repair Level 3 leaks.

8. **201988: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.
9. **201475: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board his assessment of whether Stop Work Order fines and penalties are sufficient to deter developers from working without permits, and provide a detailed list of all Stop Work orders issued since May, 2015.
10. **201789: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct NIT personnel to immediately investigate the property at 40 Columbus Avenue for health and building code violations.
11. **201790: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services dispatch NIT personnel to investigate 87 Lowell Street for building code violations.
12. **201794: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on measures to design streets and bike lanes, and educate drivers and bicyclists, to increase safety with respect to the door-opening zone for parked cars.
13. **201932: Recommend** Requesting the adoption of the 2016 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
14. **201375:** District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin.
15. **201198:** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/24/16.
16. **200587:** Ben Asack submitting comments re: establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
17. **201799:** (Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on a bicycle public safety/education campaign. (3rd request)
18. **201777:** (Connolly, Lafuente, McWatters, McLaughlin) – That the Mayor and the Chief of Police update the city website with expanded information on Police policies on Biased Based Policing, with all recent complaints and outcomes, as well as the complaint filing

process and relationship with the Human Rights Commission.

19. **201565:** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration work with this Board to provide evidence of the City's runner-friendly activities to the Road Runners Club of America in order to be designated a Runner Friendly Community.
20. **201498:** (Niedergang) – That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officer enforce the leash law on the Community Path and around Lexington Park.
21. **201410:** (Sullivan) – That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition relative to allowing Special Police Officers to serve up to age 70.
22. **201334:** (Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the LED conversion project to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety by the second week of June.
23. **201308:** (McLaughlin, Sullivan) – That the Chief of Police extend school crossing guard services from 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM.
24. **200878:** (Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board in writing on the street lamp contractor's repair of street lamps since the last Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.
25. **200846:** (Davis) – That the Administration inform this Board of efforts to assist Riverside Community Care, formerly at 78 College Avenue, in finding a new location for its mental health day treatment program.
26. **200641:** (Connolly) – That the Administration consider implementing a Certified Emergency Response Team as outlined by FEMA.
27. **200479:** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the MassPort Community Advisory Committee seek to address Logan Airport noise, pollution, and traffic issues by sponsoring a regional citizens' forum, an online runway database, and federal research.
28. **200216:** (Rossetti) – That the City Clerk invite the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee representative to this Board's next meeting to recommend action for the increased impact of Logan air traffic.
29. **199724:** (Rossetti) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss concerns regarding #198703 and

#199522 for public safety at Assembly Row and citywide.

- 30. 199520:** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration prioritize a public health initiative to control the opiate abuse epidemic, including nearby health and educational institutions and any other available resources.

- 31. 192737:** (O'Donovan) – That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.