



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 7, 2011

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William A. White Jr.	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
Michael Glavin	Exec. Dir., OSPCD	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Dave Fallon	Captain, SPD	Present	
Timothy Toomey	State Representative	Present	

**192050 - That the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) respond to the attached list of problem addresses and be prepared to provide an update at this Board's October 24 Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting.:**

Chairman White recapped the last meeting on this matter. Mr. Nuzzo spoke about the process of visiting troubled properties and enforcement for violations, citing examples of how complaints are handles. Residents expressed concerns over certain properties with alleged violations and also about the leaking roof at the East Somerville Library.

Alderman Roche's *motion that the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the roof of the East Somerville Library, make the necessary repairs and report back to the committee,* was approved.

The committee also discussed the tracking system for dealing with multiple complaints made to various departments for the same properties. Mr. Boukili explained how SomerStat tracks complaints and Mr. Glavin told the members that his department would look at ways to improve methodologies for centralizing data. Chief Pasquarello spoke about the Police Department's role in responding to problem properties. Representative Toomey stated that he would work with the City and try to solve this problem from the state level.

Chairman White spoke about the need for the City to have a system in place to flag problem properties as a result of citizen complaints, especially since residents and aldermen can leave complaints with the Police Department, 311 or Inspectional Services. For example, some people in an area might call the police to complain about noise from a property, others might call 311 and others might contact Inspectional Services, and all of these complaints should be centralized and a process put in place to deal with properties that rise to a certain level that obviously creates a problem for the neighborhood. Chairman White said that he would schedule a meeting in March of next year to follow up on the problem properties previously identified and on the coordination of efforts of various city departments to flag and address problem properties.

Alderman Roche's motion *that the Chief Information Officer make recommendations for a centralized database so that information may be shared among various city departments when tracking problem properties, etc.*, was approved.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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