



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 10, 2013

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Courtney O'Keefe	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

The meeting was scheduled as a Committee of the Whole, and then changed to a regular meeting due to an insufficient number of members being present for a Committee of the Whole. Additionally, Aldermen O'Keefe and Lafuente were appointed to the committee, for this meeting only, to effectuate a quorum for the regular meeting.

193206 - That the City Solicitor review Boston's and other municipalities' ordinances to eliminate public nuisances caused by problem properties, and appear before the Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss adopting it here.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194062 - That the City Solicitor examine the proposed ordinances of Quincy, Boston and Woburn regarding absentee landlords and appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss the implementation of a similar ordinance.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194511 - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Job Creation and Retention Trust.:

There was an error on the original draft submitted by the Law Department and a corrected draft was reviewed and approved, this evening.

RESULT:**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

194512 - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (linkage) program for a Job Creation and Retention Trust.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195477 - Requesting approval of amendments to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195656 - That the City Solicitor research whether other cities and towns have implemented regulations on E-cigarettes and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195726 - That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 8-7(f) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for extended operating hours.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195727 - That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 11-143(b)(1) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for street opening permits.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195812 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance detailing communication requirements to abutters of a proposed development in a residential neighborhood.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

195825 - That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on measures requiring property owners to maintain their property so it doesn't negatively impact their neighbors.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195858 - Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195656 re: other communities' regulations of E-Cigarettes.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED