



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Chair Kelly at 6:02 p.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Davis, Kelly), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Nicholas Antanavica – Director of Inspectional Services; Kelley Hiland – Deputy Director, Public Health and Health and Human Services; Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting of September 11, 2023. [23-1382](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on enforcement of the Dark Skies ordinance that restricts light pollution and reduces energy consumption. [23-1373](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on homelessness outreach efforts, including the hiring of four clinicians, case managers and home visitations. [23-1372](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Health and Human Services create a homeless [23-1370](#)

worker program, similar to the Roca program, that offers compensated community cleanup and other community service jobs to the un-housed.

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the new Police sub-station in East Somerville is easily accessible to the public and includes public restrooms. [23-1367](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents. [23-1289](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Administration update this Council on the progress toward providing direct homeless services to East Somerville residents in temporary and permanent locations within Ward 1. [23-1283](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2023-11-02 Outdoor light at night linked with breast cancer _ News _ Harvard T.H (with 23-1373)
- PHPS - 2023-11-02 Does Lighting Your Property Actually Make It Safer (with 23-1373)