



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

February 6, 2013

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

- Update on pending court cases for receivership

**190058 - That the Director of SPCD Provide This Board with the Latest Revision to the City's Rodent Control Policies before the Next Meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, and appear with Appropriate Designees at Said Meeting.:**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**190375 - That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the impact of the use of brick cross walks, their impact on the handicapped community, the measures in place to ensure that such cross walks comply with all state regulations and whether such cross walks should be used in future road work.:**

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**190456 - Conveying the Final Inspectional Services Division Organizational Review.:**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**190956 - That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health update this Board on the public awareness campaign to address rodent control, and describe specific problem areas and plans to address rodent control in those areas.:**

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**191014 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health advise this Board of the number, location and status of all abandoned properties reported within the past two years.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**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.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**192102 - Communications Director responding to #191733 re: a July 7 phone outage in the Fire Dept.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**192278 - That the City Clerk send a communication to Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Timothy Toomey, inquiring as to the status of the sound barrier along Route 93 and the Nunnery Grounds area.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192737 - 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.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192919 - Rep. Toomey responding to #192278 re: sound barriers along I-93.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193093 - That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD locate any documents or agreements made by the federal government regarding the initial construction of Route 93 through Somerville.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193094 - That the Director of Public Health provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with the CAFÉ study information once it's completed.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193095 - That the City Clerk invite representatives from MA DOT to appear before this Board to discuss improving the existing fencing between Route 93 and the Nunnery Grounds.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193202 - That the Director of Health and the 3-member Board of Health Commission report back to this Board regarding their plan/policy to control the rodent problem.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193318 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 24-26 Morrison Avenue for unhealthy and unsafe conditions and report the findings to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193570 - That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of bicycle regulations in the city's business districts.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193652 - That the City Solicitor, Superintendent of Inspectional Services, and Director of Public Health contact communities in the Greater Boston area such as Boston, Lynn, Saugus, Chelsea, Malden and Everett, to investigate any changes they have made to their ordinances or regulations to address rodent problems.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193855 - That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health inspect properties at the intersection of Webster Avenue, Concord Avenue and Prospect Street, for a severe rodent problem and implement the same response as was used in Ward One.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193866 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to review trash disposal issues at Clarendon Hill Towers and provide answers to neighbors' concerns.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193967 - That the Chief of Police inspect the graffiti on the Lowell Street bridge and its retaining wall adjacent to the railroad tracks, to ascertain whether or not it is gang related.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193979 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 24-26 Ossipee Road for building, health and zoning code violations and take all necessary actions.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194041 - That the Chief of Police enforce the STOP sign between Highland Road and Boston Avenue.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194052 - That the Director of SCPD (ISD) inspect the rear of 495 Medford Street daily and cite the owner for violations, and that this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety follow up.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194053 - That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to the Armory after 8 PM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and have those patrols ready to record noise levels from homes directly abutting it.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194059 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect all properties on Melvin Street for signs of rodent infestation and issue citations accordingly.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194189 - That the Chief of Police and City Solicitor appear before this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss the December 27, 2012 incident at the Holiday Inn and to make any recommendations to prevent another occurrence.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194190 - That the Manager of The Home Depot and the Chief of Police appear at the next meeting of this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss eliminating illegal activity in The Home Depot parking lot.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**194195 - That the City Solicitor prepare an ordinance and/or policy to govern the use of the Automated License Plate Recognition System in preparation for the Police Department's use of these devices again.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194196 - That the Chief of Police or his designee appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to report on the Automated License Plate Recognition devices as used by the Police Department.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194244 - That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety investigate the foreclosed, abandoned and decaying property at 42 Henderson Street to begin the receivership process and have it cleaned.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194253 - That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Woodbine Street at Lowell Street, to prevent trucks from stopping and/or parking, and that the Chief of Police appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss this matter.:**

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**194283 - That the Police Chief appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss policies and procedures related to the use and retention of all video recordings.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**