



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

May 17, 2016

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	

Others present: Goran Smiljic - ISD, Jackie Rossetti - Communications, Wig Zamore, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman Connolly and adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Document List:

- Service Request Details (with 198956)
- Population Data (with 200074)

Approval of the March 29, 2016 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Approval of the April 19, 2016 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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201131: That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address the overflowing trash and abandoned couches in the driveway behind Rent-a-Center on Broadway.

Mr. Smiljic showed photos of a couch outside the Rent-a-Center building on Broadway. ISD has issued a couple of tickets and inspects the dumpster on a regular basis. Alderman McLaughlin stated the couch was outside the building for a few weeks.

Chairman Connolly's motion that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the Rent-a-Center property on a bi-weekly basis to ensure that there is nothing left outside the building, was approved.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

201141: That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the abandoned businesses at the Cobble Hill Center for violations and fine accordingly.

Mr. Smiljic showed a photo of the location at the Cobble Hill Center. The project at Cobble Hill will continue to move forward although there had been some delay due to a lawsuit. The property is now properly fenced. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to their management company.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

201323: That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the Verizon building on Central Street and Willoughby Avenue for unknown fluid leaks in the rear, possible contamination at the transformer, and discharging water from an under-driveway pipe, and report to this Board on actions taken.

Mr. Smiljic displayed a recent photo showing mold and mildew on the outside of the Verizon building. According to Mr. Smiljic, it's not oil or any type of chemical. ISD will contact Verizon to fix the drain pipe.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

198956: That the Administration develop with this Board a strategy to analyze the increasing use of Runway 33L at Logan Airport and document the adverse noise impacts.

Mr. Zamore distributed a document from Allison Stieber, former Massport representative at Logan airport. Mr. Zamore said that in the past 6 months, he has had 11 meetings at Logan with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). He also had 20 meetings with a group of graduate students from Northeastern University regarding Logan Airport, who've gone out with noise monitors to help write a protocol. He also had 9 meetings/presentations in other communities such as Belmont and Milton on noise issues. Mr. Zamore mentioned several relevant articles from Los Angeles, Toronto, Amsterdam and Venice. He's worked with a group from Tufts University to compile 5 years of information on noise pollution and has been working with Air Inc. and Massport's CAC to put together a day-long conference, possibly at MIT, that would include a few experts. Mr. Zamore reported that a lot of data has been received from Massport. The data from 2010-2014 and 2015 is almost complete. Mr. Zamore distributed a document showing the sum of population >50 DNL (Day, Night Level) which puts Somerville in 3rd position of the towns on the list. According to Mr. Zamore, there are 183k people who experience more noise than Somerville. Alderman Rossetti spoke about a small group meeting with the Mayor recently. A letter that was sent to Massport on January 25th; which Somerville did not sign onto.

Alderman Rossetti's motion **that the Administration appoint a resident of Somerville to the 33L Municipal Working Group**, was approved.

Mr. Snyder will work with Mr. Zamore and return in 2 to 4 weeks with recommendations for some type of support and additional steps on this matter.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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199100: That this Board supports the efforts of the Logan Community Advisory Committee and requests that the FAA re-examine its Runway 33L policies to reduce noise complaints.

See 198956

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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200074: That the Administration update the Committee on Public Health and Safety monthly on data for Logan Airport Runway 33L, and that the City engage Wig Zamore and communicate with officials from Cambridge and other communities on this matter.

See 198956

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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200216: 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.

See 198956

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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200479: 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.

See 198956

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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201301: That the attached article regarding flight paths be referred to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

See 198956

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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