



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 5, 2012

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., Inspectional Services	Present	
Stan Uscivicz	Community Relations	Present	

- Noise from Verizon facility

The committee heard from a resident about loud engine noises coming from equipment at the Verizon facility on Willoughby Street. The noise has been a nuisance in the neighborhood for the past couple of years. Although Verizon has installed some enclosures, the sound is still very loud. Mr. Nuzzo and Mr. Uscivicz have determined that the noise is from a generator that kicks in when there is a power failure and they will schedule a time to meet with the facility manager to have the generator run in their presence, to determine what action might be feasible to mitigate the sound.

Chairman O'Donovan has scheduled a follow-up meeting on this matter for September 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

There was also a brief discussion regarding a downed utility pole behind 9 Granite Street that needs to be removed. The pole has been down for about one year and Comcast and RCN still have equipment on it that needs to be removed.

Mr. Uscivicz was made aware of a problem with service interruptions occurring on windy days from lines connected to a pole on Powderhouse Blvd.