



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 14, 2010

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Vice Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Robert May	OSPCD	Present	
David Shapiro	Assistant City Solicitor	Present	
Brandon Wilson	OSPCD	Present	
Ed Bean	Director of Finance	Present	
Stephen Mackey	Chamber of Commerce	Present	

187978 - Requesting Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Weeds, Grass and Overgrowth.:

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

189286 - Ordinance Amending the Local Historic District Map to Create Five (5) New Districts (East Somerville, Hinckley-Magoun, Orchard Street, Prospect Hill, and Union Square) and Add Seventeen (17) Properties to These Districts, and to Add Five (5) Properties to Central-Atherton-Spring-Summer (CASS) District (Group C):

Mr. May spoke about the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations and Chairman Taylor suggested that the Commission reach out to those homeowners who may need more time or information to make a decision, so that they are fully aware of the process and of their responsibilities once their property is designated. Alderman Connolly requested that OSPCD provide the committee with a map showing what properties are, and are not, eligible for CDBG funding. Ms. Wilson told the members that each of the designations was agreed to by the Mass Historical Commission.

Alderman Gewirtz's motion to approve the properties discussed in Group C unless the ward aldermen do not want the designation and furthermore hold off on any property where owners have expressly stated they do not want designation so that the ward aldermen can have the opportunity to discuss with them the advantages of historic designation, was approved.

Alderman Connolly's motion to have Mr. May/OSPCD email the list of all properties recommended by the Legislative Matters Committee to all members of the Board of Aldermen so that Ward Aldermen could be informed of the action taken by the Committee, especially with regard to properties where there was no owner response, was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED