



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Kelly at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:14 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, and Chair Kelly), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Ellen Shachter – OSPCD, Charles Breen – Fire, Karin Carroll – HHS, Nicholas Antanavica – ISD, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 27, 2023.

[23-0335](#)

Accepted

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

That the Fire Chief, Inspectional Services Director, and Director of the Office of Housing Stability work with this Council to assess the feasibility of annual reporting on the number of fires, the causes of those fires, the number displaced by each fire, and if those displaced were able to relocate within Somerville.

[23-0501](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell.

[23-0237](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Administration provide an update regarding the progress in

[23-0163](#)

establishing a Warming Center for un-housed residents.

Sponsors: Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, the ending of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, its impact on residents, and the city's access to vaccines, testing and other resources.

[23-0216](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed