



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - October 4, 2017, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 9/29/17 at 7:51 AM)

- 1. Approval of the September 13, 2017 Minutes**
- 2. 201410: Discuss** (Sullivan) – That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition relative to allowing Special Police Officers to serve up to age 70.
- 3. 201988: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.
- 4. 202182: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Chief of Police or the Director of SPCD report to this Board on plans to educate motorists about using the “Dutch Reach” to open the driver’s door as a way to avoid “dooring” cyclists.
- 5. 202341: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works request of the commuter rail operator that the trash behind 104 Gilman Street be removed.
- 6. 202617: Discuss** (McLaughlin, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration advocate for sound barriers along I-93 in East Somerville to help reduce air pollution by up to 50 percent.
- 7. 202625: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD develop and report to this Board an outreach campaign to start in the spring of 2017, to educate motorists about using the “Dutch Reach” to open the driver’s side door to avoid “dooring” cyclists.
- 8. 202733: Discuss** (Sullivan, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly, McLaughlin) – That the appropriate department head request that the commuter rail operator address some early

morning noise issues.

9. **202763: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety determine the extent of soundproofing to be installed for the Green Line Extension.
10. **202776: Discuss** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, with the assistance of other departments as necessary, forward to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety a list of AirBnB-type lodging facilities in the city.
11. **202801: Discuss** (Davis, Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration advise this Board on the proposed state regulation of AirBnB properties, and options the city might have for taxation and regulation.
12. **202865: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services take steps to revoke all licenses held by the Winter Hill Market at 269 Broadway.
13. **202901: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Communications send a CTY call to residents during a water main break in addition to knocking door to door.
14. **202913: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the Administration prepare a Home Rule Petition to increase the maximum age of Special Police Officers from 65 years old to 68.
15. **202922: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with the Committee on Public Health and Safety, the plan for using any proceeds realized from medical marijuana facilities.
16. **202930: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise the Ward 6 Alderman on whether the city's noise ordinance can be enforced against waste companies that empty dumpsters overnight and in the early morning.
17. **203004: Discuss** (White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.
18. **203066: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Administration update this Board on recent efforts to minimize Logan air traffic noise.
19. **203075: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Davis, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with Mass DOT to add Somerville to the state list for sound barriers along I-93.

20. **203229: Discuss** (Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and Administration appear at the next meeting of this Board’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to detail public safety plans for the Porchfest event on 5/13/17.
21. **203231: Discuss** (Sullivan, McWatters, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the construction site at Highland Avenue and Thorpe Street to ensure that proper rodent control measures are in place.
22. **203248: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin) – That the City Solicitor and Director of Inspectional Services review The Chicken & Rice Guys' license for the number of trucks allowed and the idling time allowed, and advise this Board of the findings.
23. **203249: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Traffic Commission consider prohibiting truck access on Knowlton Street by Tufts Street.
24. **203260: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services continue to fine the owner(s) of the abandoned Cobble Hill Plaza for neglecting the property.
25. **203369: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Board’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, the need for additional AEDs in our community.
26. **203481: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor provide a written summary of actions taken and planned to address 20 Adrian Street and its use as an AirBnB.
27. **203482: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor provide a written summary of actions taken and planned to address the blighted property at 32 Webster Avenue.
28. **203489: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 20 and 22 Durham Street for all code violations, including an abandoned vehicle, extensive overgrowth, a decayed building facade, and uninhabited units, and advise, with the City Solicitor, the potential of whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.
29. **203512: Discuss** (Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the condition of 17 Ashland Street, and advise, with the City Solicitor, whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.

30. **203594: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance prohibiting the public consumption of marijuana.
31. **203719: Discuss** (McWatters, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 3 and Ward 5 aldermen if the developer of 31 Porter Street violated any laws by doing work without permits and if any landscape regulations were violated with the defoliation of the property.
32. **203802: Discuss** (Heuston, Davis) – That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board with a plan to address the use of AirBnB for whole house rentals, including communications to residents who report such uses.
33. **203801: Discuss** (Heuston, Davis) – That the Administration establish a Pedestrian Safety Committee to promote pedestrian concerns and provide feedback from a pedestrian perspective.
34. **203739: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Director of Health and Human Services report in writing to this Board by October 1, 2017 on the progress of supportive efforts with our community's non-profits to address substance abuse.
35. **203860: Discuss** (Heuston) – The Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Beacon Street Star Market for health code violations and for the source of odors reported by neighbors, and report the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.
36. **203836: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – The Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33 Teele Avenue for yard trash.
37. **203966: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis) – That the Administration update this Board on the request that the FAA reject any design of the Millennium Tower in Boston that includes 775 feet of height, which would lead to more traffic on Logan Airport's Runway 33L.
38. **203988: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the Mayor's Legislative Liaison and appropriate city staff attend a meeting of this Board's Public Health and Public Safety Committee to review Airbnb matters before the Committee.
39. **204128: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Administration convene a meeting to discuss airplane noise, similar to a meeting being held in Cambridge, and include congressional representatives, the state delegation, elected city officials and city staff.
40. **201482: Discuss** Conveying the Carlson Group's study of Somerville's fire and rescue

services.

41. **202314: Discuss** Director of Transportation and Infrastructure responding to #201794, #201799, and #202111, re: a safety education campaign for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers.
42. **202907: Discuss** Conveying statistical and policy information from Airbnb relative to home sharing usage in Somerville.
43. **202914: Discuss** (Rossetti) – Conveying Mike Wiser's report of the Massport RNAV Hearing and Forum, held on February 22, 2017, with the associated Massport presentation.
44. **203106: Discuss** Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the 3/23/17 meeting.
45. **203355: Discuss** District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin.
46. **203526: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203482 re: 32 Webster Avenue.
47. **203527: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203248 re: issues with the Chicken & Rice Guys food trucks.
48. **203675: Discuss** Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203481 re: 20 Adrian Street.
49. **203760: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203489 re: 20 and 22 Durham St.
50. **203761: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203512 re: 17 Ashland St.