



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

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| 1. | Committee Minutes
(ID # 26-1516) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 30, 2026. |
| 2. | Resolution
(ID # 26-1500) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Link and Councilor McLaughlin
In support of meeting spaces for Alcoholics Anonymous. |
| 3. | Public Communication
(ID # 26-1478) | Sent for Discussion: Barbara Phillips submitting comments re: Warming Center. |

4. Order
(ID # [26-1421](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Hardt and Councilor Sait
That, in view of the proliferation of rats in the city, the Director of Public Health and/or designees update this Council on the status of dumpster license registration and enforcement, including: estimates of the numbers of licensed and unlicensed dumpsters in the city which regularly contain discarded food; procedures for identifying unlicensed dumpsters and encouraging licensing; criteria for approval of dumpsters; staff capacity for dumpster inspection and enforcement; and current methods and best practices for excluding rodents from dumpsters.
5. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-1339](#))
Sent for Discussion: Director of Emergency Management conveying the 2025-2026 Cummings School Winter Warming Center After Action Report and Improvement Plan.
6. Resolution
(ID # [26-1305](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the street harassment reported by abutters and pedestrians on Prescott Street, School Street and the area surrounding the Warming Center (when it is open) and what steps are being taken to address this going forward.
7. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0493](#))
Referred for Recommendation: Gilman Square Neighborhood Council submitting comments re: McGrath Boulevard.
8. Resolution
(ID # [26-0106](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis
That the Administration provide monthly updates to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on progress towards addressing homelessness in Somerville.