

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2019**

A City Council/Public Safety Committee meeting was held on January 23, 2019 at 7:00P.M.in the Theodore Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers, Room 202, City Hall.

Committee Members present: Committee Chairperson Michael McGonagle, Councillor Melinda Barrett and Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien. President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, LePage and Macek also attended.

Dept. Head: Captain Robert Pistone, Haverhill Police Dept.

Attendees: David Dever, Maria Zangari, Joseph Gauron, Churico Antonopouls, John Kakavitas, Sharon Netzley, David Netzley, Thomas Skafan, Mike Lagasse, Allison Corneau, Philip Baril, Stephan Rogers, Steve Sardella, Mike Davidson, Dave Apitz, Robert Williams, Dan Diododi, Mike Turner, Mike Barnaby, Jamie Rouka, Kyle Horeanopoulos, Howard Smith, Mike Fallon, Frank Crowley, Jeff Pappos, Dan Hohm, Steve Toomey , Mike Amoul, Daniel Ross, Pat Goudreault, Scott Hannagan, Steve Costa, Michael Katsulis, Collin Norton, William Reitchel, John DelRosso

The following items were discussed:

1. **Document #121-F** – Communication from Councillors Barrett and Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Maria Zangari to discuss illegal hunting concerns in the Atlanta Street area.

The Committee listened to Maria Zangari detail the illegal hunters who were well beyond the 500 foot buffer required for hunting. She explained that she was not interested in seeking an end to hunting, but rather ensure that all hunters followed the laws and acted responsibly to help protect the welfare of neighbors. Several hunters spoke and acknowledged that they understood the public safety concerns and offered ideas on how the issue could be corrected. The Committee heard the suggestions and a motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the Mayor, to ask for a committee to be formed with a representative from the Public Safety Committee, to address the current concerns. The committee should have hunters, neighbors, police, wildlife personnel, and gun safety experts. The committee will be asked to incorporate and implement best practices in regards to all postings, safety and other options available for a comprehensive hunting program. Several citizens expressed interest in participating on the proposed committee and their names will be forwarded to the Mayor.

2. **Document #38-D** – Communication from Councillors Sullivan and Barrett requesting an update on City's emergency management plan and status of working generators in all public buildings in City. An update was read from Allison Heartquist, Mayor's Chief of Staff, which detailed the purchase, timeframe and installation for 3 generators. High Street, 16th Ave. and Bradford Fire Station have been scheduled and the Water Street Station is next in line for a generator when funds become available. The Committee discussed a couple of other buildings that might warrant generators, such as the Citizens Center and the high school. A motion was made and seconded to bring this update to the Council, but leave this item on our study list. A conversation was had in regard to the emergency management team readiness and capability. Steve Costa cautioned the Committee that the gas explosion issues in the Merrimack Valley should motivate all cities to evaluate their plan. The Committee decided that keeping the item on our study list is prudent.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGonagle, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

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