

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JULY 29, 2019**

A City Council/Public Safety Committee meeting was held on July 29, 2019 at 7:00PM.in the City Council office.

Committee Members present: Committee Chairperson Michael McGonagle, Councillor Melinda Barrett and Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien.

Department Head: William Laliberty, Fire Chief;

Attendee: Nell Fitts

The following items were discussed:

1) Document #59-B – Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua to discuss moveable basketball hoops. *The Committee had a discussion in regard to a constituent concern regarding movable basketball hoops, after reviewing the current ordinance no further action is recommended at this time. The current ordinance stipulates that no one can impeded a public way with any kind of ballgame or activity and violators will be fined if they are in non-compliance. This item will be removed from the Committee study list.*

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 building in City. *Chief Laliberty gave an update as to the last remaining station in need of a generator (Water St.). The Chief said there is a grant through FEMA, which we are waiting to hear if it will take care of the Water St. generator. The Chief informed us that there is enough money through the cost saving of purchasing the other three fire station generators from the dealer that Water St. could be covered with that savings. The Committee recommends sending a letter to the Mayor requesting an update on the status. As part of the discussion the Chief mentioned that the Golden Hill generator is in need of a scheduled preventive maintenance as it serves as a backup for police and fire radio communication. The Committee recommends that the Council send a letter to the Mayor to implement and report on a regular maintenance and testing schedule.*

3) Document #58-G/2017 – Communication from President Michitson requesting to present an update on the meeting with group homes stakeholders to address severe problems in Haverhill; *This item was discussed and in light of an upcoming meeting with the State Delegation and stakeholders this item will be removed from the Public Safety Study list. It is anticipated that we will revisit this item when we convene a meeting with the State Delegation.*

4) Document 79-C – Communication from Councillor Barrett requesting to discuss creating an ordinance for animals left unattended in cars. *Councillor Barrett informed the Committee that this ordinance has been created and requested that it be removed from the Committee study list.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGonagle, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee
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July 31, 2019