

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JULY 10, 2017**

A City Council/Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00P.M.in the City Council office, Room 204, City Hall.

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

Department Heads: William Cox – City Solicitor, Linda Koutoulas-City Clerk, William Laliberty-Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Anthony Haugh-Police Dept.

Attendees: Joseph Miller, Dena Miller, Eric Miller, Ryan Fairbanks, Timothy Carroll, Corey Willis, Michael Fitzgerald

The following item was discussed:

1. **Document #47-B** - Ordinance regarding Tag Days and request Council accept new amendment to City Code Chapter 227-7, Soliciting on public ways

The meeting started at 7:00PM with a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to find a way that the Haverhill Fire Department could continue to collect money for MDA. The Miller family explained how important the boot drive was to the association and the relationship between the MDA and the Haverhill Fire Department. Many firefighters attended and spoke in support of the collection and the importance of continuation of this 60+ year tradition. Councilor O'Brien read a letter from the Mayor with a proposal to allow the collection (boot drive) to occur over the labor day weekend in front of the Water street Fire Station. The Mayor's proposal had Police approval and was supported by the Fire Chief. Councilor O'Brien made a motion to accept the Mayor's proposal, which was seconded by Councilor Barrett. The motion was passed 3 to 0, and will be brought to the full Council after Atty. Cox submits the amended language for the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGonagle, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

July 17, 2017

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