

MINUTES – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 30, 2022

The Standing Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Councilor Nicastro with Councilors D’Agostino, Nicastro, Tavares, Teixeira, and Thompson present.

Agenda read into the record.

The Committee first considered the following:

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Comments by Councilor Nicastro
(reports request from departments)

Comments by Deputy Chief Williams
(no longer considered a safety or health hazard, egress for back door, more vehicles out, next to trailer path barely meets code but does, not to put items on the path, tent filled with stuff, unregistered vehicle and vehicle with plates, defers to Board of Health and Building Inspector)

Comments George DePina, Building Inspector
(situation is the same, tent illegal and needs to be removed, one large pvc tent, its exceeded it capacity, no jurisdiction with RV being there, BPD issue, unregistered)

Comments by James Doucette, Health Inspector
(inspected today, 2 inoperable vehicles, did not observe violations that are Board of Health Concerns, BPD to dispatch to assess lawfulness)

Comments by Councilor Thompson
(inquiry re annual inspections)

Comments by Deputy Chief Williams
(inspection only require for issuance, do not reinspect, very tight, shares photographs, to the left is a Bodyshop, right is storage for Steven Lynch)

Comments by Councilor Thompson
(Tent discussion)

Comments by George DePina, Building Inspector
(10x20, PVC frame, tent pulled to the ground, not able to see what is underneath tent, no exterior storage without variance, container allowed for specific items, went today, if license was issued, building inspector could go in to enforce, would give 2 weeks to remove tent and then penalty)

Comments by Mark D'Agostino
(tent discussions from last month)

Comments by George DePina, Building Inspector
(spoke with Maria, said she could move the tent)

Comments Councilor Tavares)
(re concerns if tent was removed?)

Comments George DePina, Building Inspector
(concerned about RV trailer)

Comments by Councilor D'Agostino
(re access to garage)

Comments by Deputy Chief Williams
(was able to get access)

Comments by Councilor Tavares
(any improvement?)

Comments by James Doucette
(exterior conditions have improved greatly, many concerns, most have been remedied)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro
(bad form to grant a license and then issue violations, application can be made in the future, more leeway and it is still not ready, concerned about walkway getting blocked, not for inspectors to be checking all the time)

Motion by Councilor Nicastro to Recommend Favorably with hopes it does not prevail. 2nd by Councilor D'Agostino.

Comments by Councilor D'Agostino
(chances given, still remaining issues)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro
(can't deviate from ordinance)

Comments by Councilor Thompson
(wants to issue a license, fantastic job bringing it to where it is, had hoped matters would be better, important to set a standard)

Comments by Councilor Teixeira
(tent discussion)

Comments by Councilor Mendes

(difficult situation, she has come a long way, clean, has put in the work, consider restrictions)

Comments by Councilor Thompson

(effort given, standard needs to 100%, encourages Maria to reapply)

Comments by Councilor Tavares

(witnessed improvement, items in tent are being saved for sale, seen car registrations)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(re time given, not usual to give this much time)

Comments by Councilor D'Agostino

(business standards)

Councilors Nicastro, D'Agostino, Teixeira, and Thompson voted against reporting favorably. Councilor Tavares voted to report favorable.

Failed to receive a favorable recommendation. Report UNFAVORABLE.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Thompson, 2nd by Councilor D'Agostino at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.