



Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell

MEETING AGENDA

Date: August 29, 2016

Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Department Presentation: Building Commissioner's Office**
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

A. Approve minutes of August 18, 2016

Documents:

[CommitteeonCityServices-August182016MeetingMinutes.pdf](#)

5. Items Referred to Committee

- A. 16.136 Appointment of Jeff Jones, Northampton Housing Representative to the Community Preservation Committee - Referred to Committee on August 18, 2016**

Documents:

[16.138_CPA_Appointment_from_Housing_Authority_Jeff_Jones.pdf](#)

6. New Business

A. Discussion regarding absent property owners - what can be done?

Councilor LaBarge has great concerns about homes that are left unattended by owners who move to another city, leave no contact information, and don't provide for property maintenance . She notes properties with high grass and a tremendous amount of debris left behind. Neighbors have great concerns. The Health Department has stepped in, but Councilor LaBarge wonders if more can be done.

B. Discussion about committee's process for appointments

7. Adjourn

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