

Committee on Public Safety

Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair

Councilor Jesse M. Adams

Councilor William H. Dwight

Councilor David A. Murphy

Committee on Public Safety **Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building** **212 Main Street, Northampton, MA**

Meeting Minutes

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1. Activate NCTV Camera To Record Meeting

1.I. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

At 5:10 p.m. Councilor Carney called the meeting to order.

1.II. Members Present/Absent

Present were Councilors Maureen Carney and David Murphy. Councilors Jesse Adams and Bill Dwight were absent.

1.III. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

2.I. Minutes Of July 6, 2015

The minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

3. Departmental Presentations

3.I. Building Department Presentation

Building Commissioner Louis Hasbrouck indicated that there are 8% fewer permits this year versus the same time last year. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 Commissioner Hasbrouck reports that there are 3,558 permits issued representing \$530,465.34 fees collected for various building, electrical, gas, plumbing, sheetmetal and zoning permit application fees.

Three significant house fires happened this year; there are plans for one of the three houses to be demolished. Inquiries from contractors about demolition have been received for both of the other structures.

Regarding Shaws Motel, the owner asked questions about what could be done at the site. The "yellow house" may be used in the future. The motel building demolition has been discussed with the owner.

Regarding Emerson Way and Beaver Brook, Commissioner Hasbrouck explained that there are a steady number of permits coming in for both of those locations for single family dwellings. Commissioner Hasbrouck indicated that most of the permits are for smaller sized square foot buildings; Councilor Murphy indicated that this may be due to home owners wanting to be more energy efficient.

Commissioner Hasbrouck indicated that he was pleased to see the appointments of Chief Nichols and Chief Kasper. He has worked with both individuals in the past and looks forward to working with both individuals in the future.

A clean up is planned for the former Honda site. The proposal suggests that the land will be able to be used for any purpose after the clean-up. The location is in the entry way business district and the table of use is quite extensive for that location.

4. New Business

None

5. Adjourn

At 5:30 pm Councilor Carney adjourned the meeting. No vote taken was taken to adjourn due to lack of a quorum.

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