

## **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**

December 1, 2014

#### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Activate NCTV Camera To Record Meeting
  - 1.1. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

*Councilor Carney called the meeting to order @ 5:03 pm and announced that the meeting would be video taped.*

2. Members Present/Absent

*Members present: Councilor Maureen Carney, Councilor David Murphy*

*Members Absent: Councilor Jesse Adams, Councilor William Dwight*

3. Public Comment  
None

4. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

- 4.1. Minutes From The Committee On Public Safety Meeting Of Oct. 6, 2014

*Without a quorum, no vote was taken to accept the meeting minutes of the previous meeting. The vote will be taken at the meeting in January.*

5. Departmental Presentations

- 5.1. Building Department Presentation

*Commissioner Hasbrouck indicated that "Outdoor Lighting" is a hot topic right now, especially since there is currently a Zoning Ordinance under consideration addressing this issue. The department has received a lot of complaints recently; one of the issues is that zoning can't regulate existing structures. If a light is non-compliant with a revised ordinance, then there is nothing that can be done with a zoning ordinance. Perhaps the introduction of an Ordinance that is not Zoning would be enforceable.*

*Regarding Permits issued between July and Nov. 2014, the department has issued 1,649 permits for a total of \$239,724.77 in permit fees collected.*

*New building developments in Northampton and Williamsburg was discussed.*

- #65 Paradise Road has just been approved to be demolished.
- New construction @ Smith College was reviewed.
- New housing construction on Fruit St. was reviewed.

*Winter preparations have begun and are in place to monitor how much snow is on the roof. Snow storage will still be done @ the former Honda Dealership location on King St.*

6. New Business

*None*

7. Adjourn

Councilor Murphy motioned to adjourn at 5:31 pm; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.

*Respectfully submitted by: Pamela L. Powers*

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