

MEETING NOTICE

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
PLACE: Webex Conferencing System
DATE: Monday, February 28, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Community Relations and Education Committee. If any other persons present are doing the same, you must notify the chairperson at this time.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes - None

4. Public Comment

5. Communications from School Department

6. Communications from Department Heads

7. Discussion -

- Housing in Greenfield
- Enforcement of City Housing Codes (To view backup documentation: https://greenfield-ma.gov/p/776/City-Council#section_8667)
- Noise Complaints

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting – March 21, 2022, 6:00 pm, City Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, or via Webex, if required.

10. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L.c 30A § 18-25.

RE: Housing

----- Original message -----

From: Susan Worgaftik <suworg1@gmail.com>

Date: 1/14/22 6:21 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Councilor.gilmour@greenfield-ma.gov, councilor.bottomley@greenfield-ma.gov

Subject: Housing

Hi Councilors Gilmour and Bottomley,
Congratulations on your new position!

Housing Greenfield would like to have housing on the agenda of the Council meeting. We would be happy to attend the next Community Relations meeting to discuss this issue as well.

Thanks for considering this issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Susan Worgaftik
45 Forest Avenue
Greenfield

Agenda item for Chairs meeting -CRE

councilor.bottomley@greenfield-ma.gov

to Kathy, me, Sheila, Daniel

Hi Kathy,

I would like add an agenda item to CRE for consideration at Chairs meeting. I would like CRE to discuss Jesus Leyva' s request to city council on 11/15/2021 concerning Burrell and City housing code enforcement.

Thanks,

John

Fwd: [REDACTED] is still a problem.

January 14, 2022

Benjamin Miner <sethbenjamin@gmail.com>

to citycouncil

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Benjamin Miner** <sethbenjamin@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 7:59 AM

Subject: [REDACTED] is still a problem.

To: Mayor of Greenfield <mayor@greenfield-ma.gov>, <council@greenfield-ma.gov>

The noise of chainsaws and heavy equipment from [REDACTED] continues to destroy the peace and quiet of my neighborhood, at 7:30 in the morning. It's incredibly loud even with all our window and storms shut tight against the cold.

For the love of god, what is it about that damned man that this town is so afraid of? How does anybody justify allowing this to go on?

- Benjamin Miner
284 Chapman St.

Councilor DeSorgher

January 19, 2022

to jennifer, dani, Nancee, Kathy, me, Councilor

Jennifer and Dani and Nancee

Of course not.... on appearing before council. I just forwarded his email. I know this is a tough one AND how you all have worked on this. As the precinct councilor, I was responding to constituents' emails. I don't know what the solution is. I know how much time you have already invested into this issue.

Thank you for all you do. Ginny

On Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 7:33 AM jennifer hoffman <jennifer.hoffman@greenfield-ma.gov> wrote:

Hi Councilor DeSorgher,

I just saw that your email was sent to the City Council. Does the BOH have to go in front of the Council to defend what we have done to date?

The Health Department did its due diligence and the Chair of the BOH Nancee spoke with Mr. Miner and his wife offering the option of mediation with [REDACTED] over the summer - what came of those discussions? Both parties seemed willing to go that route.

The DEP is aware of this case and stated multiple times that as long as [REDACTED] is operating within the hours that are set from the planning board, and using the allowed equipment, it is ok. The DEP refused to come and do testing outside. Nancee and I offered to do testing but it did not work with Mr. Miner's schedule. We cannot immediately cease work that we are

doing when Mr. Miner calls when [REDACTED] is working (there is no set schedule - just a range of time he works). By the time I (or Mr. Snow or Nicole Glabach) get there (within 15 minutes of the call), he is finished with his work. We cannot "fine" [REDACTED] based on someone else's videos.

Mr. Miner did a records request but he did not want to pay the fees (I do not have the fee amount on hand).

Can you please provide direction to this? What would you recommend as his representative?

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The New Normal v. 2.0

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 4:22 PM Councilor DeSorgher <councilor.desorgher@greenfield-ma.gov> wrote:

I know you are up to your eyeballs with work surrounding COVID. First. Thank you.

Dani Letourneau

to Councilor, jennifer, Kathy, me, Councilor, Nancee

Thanks, Ginny,

Ben is a friend (or was before I took this job, it is hard to know sometimes), and I have struggled with what to do.

It sounds like the Health Dept went above and beyond and offered more, but Ben and Ilene did not want to accommodate this. If you do speak to him, let him know that the offer to do the testing could still be accommodated.

RE: Fwd: [REDACTED] is still a problem.

Councilor Gilmour

to me, Kathy, Daniel

Good morning,

Can we add "noise complaints" to the Chairs agenda? We should probably leave out the name of this specific business.

Sheila