

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2015**

A City Council/Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00P.M.in the City Council office, Room 204, City Hall.

Committee Members present: Committee Chairperson Michael McGonagle, Councillor Melinda Barrett and Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien.

Department Heads: William Cox-Solicitor, David Van Dam-Chief of Staff, Dr. John Maddox-Haverhill Public Schools, Robert Pistone-Haverhill Police, Paul Malone-HPD, Meaghan Buckley-HPD.

Attendees: Megan Shea and John Cuneo

The following item was discussed:

*1. **Document #98-B** – Communication from Councillor McGonagle requesting discussion regarding penalties for public use of marijuana. A Public Safety meeting was held to discuss the penalties of public use (consumption) of marijuana. We had great input from Haverhill Police Dept., Dr. Maddox (Haverhill Public Schools Physician) and the City Solicitor. Committee members Councillor Barrett and Councillor Daly O'Brien each added thoughtful and insightful recommendations to strengthen a newly proposed stricter ordinance penned by the Mayor. Solicitor Cox integrated the new changes into ordinance form which was included in a motion made by Councillor Barrett and seconded by Councillor Daly O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously and will be recommended to the entire Council on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGonagle, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

January 23, 2015

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c: Mayor James J. Fiorentini
John Michitson, City Council President