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September 5, 2007

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on September 5, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz, William Roche and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Jack Connolly, City Solicitor John Gannon, SPCD Counsel Anne Thomas, Phil Ercolini from SPCD, David Webster and Bob Walsh from Federal Investment Realty Trust (FRIT), Brian Lecman from Goodwin Procter, Thomas McShane and interested members of the public.

Mr. Gannon addressed the committee regarding a proposed Home Rule Petition to authorize the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the City and convey certain land to FR Sturtevant Street LLC. The petition would allow the developer to alleviate the pressure on combined sewer systems by building an adequate system. The petition would authorize DCAM to convey an easement at the parcel at the Winter Hill Yacht Club to allow for easier access to Drawer Seven Park. Mr. McShane told the members that the parcel may be conveyed if DCR and DCAM agree. He further stated that DCR would have control of what happens on the land, but that FRIT would more than likely have to pay.

Representatives from FRIT told the members that FRIT wants to swap a 1.8 acre parcel of waterfront property for a 1.6 acre dirt park and said that FRIT would work with city officials to come up with a park that would be enjoyable for all of Somerville's residents.

Chairman Taylor's motion **that the Administration inform the Winter Hill Yacht Club of the Home Rule Petition (to authorize the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the City and convey certain land to FR Sturtevant Street LLC) and the proposed construction and invite them to send representatives to the next committee meeting to provide their input on the matter** was approved.

Chairman Taylor's motion **that the Administration provide the Committee on Legislative Matters with a breakdown of the impact to the neighborhood as a result of the proposed construction associated with the granting of easements to the City and conveyance of certain land to FR Sturtevant Street LLC** was approved.

Alderman Roche expressed his desire for an agreement from FRIT regarding the upgrade to Drawer Seven Park, should the proposal be approved.

No papers were acted on.

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Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman  
Committee on Legislative Matters

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