

## CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor James P. Bouley, Acting Chair, Public Safety Board

**DATE:** December 7, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Public Safety Board on a Referral from the City Council on a

Petition from Concord Citizens requesting the City consider improvements to the City's current permitting process in follow-up to concerns over a recent public

event on Pembroke Road in Concord.

## Recommendation

Accept this report from the Public Safety Board.

## **Background**

The City Council received a petition from citizens of Concord requesting that the City consider improvements to the current permitting process in follow up to concerns over a recent public event on Pembroke Road in Concord.

On November 9, 2015, the City Council referred this matter to the Public Safety Board.

On December 7, 2015, the Public Safety Board met and heard testimony from the following individuals on this matter: Ms. Donna Robie, Ms. Bridget Langevin Beckwith, Deputy City Manager of Development Carlos Baia, Code Administrator Michael Santa, Licensing Officer Gene Blake, and Police Chief Brad Osgood

The Board discussed permitting processes for events that last for multiple days, and possible ways that communications and permitting processes could be improved.

The Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council request that the Administration report back on recommendations regarding the permitting process.

The Board also heard testimony from the Police and Fire Chiefs on drug use in the City. The Police Chief also provided an update on problem properties and fireworks.