

# BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 1, 2017



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**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE ANNUAL**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

12:00 NOON

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
CORNER OF DAVENPORT STREET & ORCHARD STREET

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1. **TOWN CRIER:** **DAVID LANG**
  
2. **INVOCATION:** **MSGR. SEAMUS F. BRENNAN  
CHURCH OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
  
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** **In Memory of:  
Senator Ray Bateman  
Richard "Doc" Goldsmith  
Paul Sanford  
Robert Bryant  
Brian Miller  
William "Bill" Thompson**
  
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
  
5. **RECOGNITION OF SOMERVILLE ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL:**
  
6. **NATIONAL ANTHEM:** **MEREDITH SULLIVAN BOYAN**
  
7. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW:** **KEVIN SLUKA, RMC**
  
8. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL: JANE KOBUTA**  
Holding Bible: Demetrius (Grandson)  
On Stage: Butch (son) & Sally (daughter-in-law)  
Oath administered by Honorable Robert Wilson
  
9. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL: GRANVILLE BRADY**  
Holding Bible: Carol (wife)  
Oath administered by Honorable Robert Wilson
  
10. **CALL OF ROLL FOR 2017 MAYOR & COUNCIL: KEVIN SLUKA**
  
11. **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

**12. 2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Presented by Mayor Gallagher

**13. OATH OF OFFICE SQUAD CHIEF: FREDERICK PICCHIELLO**

HOLDING BIBLE: Joanna (wife)

ON STAGE: Tara (daughter)

Oath administered by Kevin Sluka, Clerk Administrator

**14. OATH OF OFFICE FOR OFFICERS OF THE SQUAD:**

DEPUTY CHIEF OF EMS: JASON KERESTES

DEPUTY CHIEF OF RESCUE: MICHAEL LAPOTASKY

**15. STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS: BRIAN GALLAGHER, MAYOR**

**16. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (chair listed first)**

PUBLIC WORKS GRANVILLE BRADY / THOMPSON MITCHELL

POLICE JASON KRASKA / STEVE PETER

FIRE STEVE PETER / DENNIS SULLIVAN

PUBLIC PROPERTY DENNIS SULLIVAN / GRANVILLE BRADY

FINANCE THOMPSON MITCHELL/ JANE KOBUTA

ADMIN/PERSONNEL JANE KOBUTA / JASON KRASKA

**17. COUNCIL LIAISONS FOR 2017:**

**GRANVILLE BRADY**

Board of Health

Environmental Commission

East End Redevelopment Committee

Municipal Alliance Committee

Accident Review Committee

Landfill Redevelopment Committee

Robert Wood Johnson at Somerset

Youth Services Commission

**JANE KOBUTA**

West End Redevelopment Committee

Raritan River Greenways

Downtown Somerville Alliance

Parking Committee

Library Board of Trustees

Code Enforcement

Workplace Diversity

**JASON KRASKA**

Regional Center Partnership

Emergency Management

CDBG

Recreation Committee

Complete Streets Committee

Gaston Ave. Redevelopment Committee

**THOMPSON MITCHELL**

Recycling Committee

NJ Transit Railroad Coalition

Historic Advisory Committee

West End Redevelopment Committee

Somerset Regional Sewerage Authority

Ridewise

**STEVE PETER**

Fire Police  
Somerville Television  
Somerset County Freeholders  
East End Redevelopment Committee

Fire Museum  
Gaston Ave. Redevelopment Committee  
Kirby Ave. Redevelopment Committee  
Municipal Court

**DENNIS SULLIVAN**

Board of Education  
By-Laws Committee  
First Aid & Rescue Squad  
Emergency Services Facility Committee

Veterans Affairs  
Landfill Redevelopment Committee  
Kirby Ave. Redevelopment Committee

**18. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY MAYOR:**

(Consent of Council not required)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Christopher Adickes	4 year	12/31/20 (Class IV)
Deidre Rosinski	4 year	12/31/20 (Class IV)
Kenneth Utter	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate 2) (unexpired)

**19. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY COUNCIL:**

(Requires motion and vote)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17

**20. APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BY COUNCIL:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ed Allatt	4 year	12/31/20
Jeffrey Carlson	2 year	12/31/17 (unexpired term)

**21. DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY COUNCIL:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Patrick Mannion	3 year	12/31/19 (Property Owner)
Leigh McLachlan	3 year	12/31/19 (Resident)
RanD Pitts	3 year	12/31/19 (Resident)

**22. BOARD OF HEALTH BY COUNCIL:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Dorothy Holness	3 year	12/31/19
Lorraine Patel	3 year	12/31/19

**23. RARITAN MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17

**24. APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR: (CONSENT OF COUNCIL)**

**APPOINTMENT OF FIRE APPARATUS DRIVERS:**

CENTRAL HOOK & LADDER:	TODD STARNER
LINCOLN HOSE:	NICK RICEVUTO
ENGINE COMPANY No.1	FERNANDO FRANCO
WEST END HOSE COMPANY No.3	GLEN THORNE
ENGINE (2) WEST END RESERVE	JOHN ZALEWSKI

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Gary Lazo	5 year	12/31/21
Teena Utter	5 year	12/31/21
Timothy Purnell	1 year	12/31/17 (Sup't appointment)
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17

**APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ken Cornell	3 year	12/31/19
Jay Scott	3 year	12/31/19
Christopher Peake	3 year	12/31/19
Tammy Stouchko	2 year	12/31/18
Jennifer Gander	2 year	12/31/18
Luc Sergile	2 year	12/31/18
Daniel Kumar	1 year	12/31/17
Jon Roethke	1 year	12/31/17
Tom Scherr	1 year	12/31/17

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Vijay Tulsiani	3 year	12/31/19
Larry Cleveland	3 year	12/31/19
Sandra Benscoter	3 year	12/31/17 (unexpired term)

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ronald Czajkowski	1 year	12/31/17
Frederick Picchiello	1 year	12/31/17
Kenneth Utter	1 year	12/31/17

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE & YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Shirley Sibilias	1 year	12/31/17
Rose Jean-Baptiste	1 year	12/31/17
Theresa Bonner	1 year	12/31/17

**FIRE POLICE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kent Buchanan	1 year	12/31/17
Greg Jobin	1 year	12/31/17
Joe Byer	1 year	12/31/17
Eligh Harrell	1 year	12/31/17
Peter Fusco	1 year	12/31/17

**SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/17

**SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC):**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/17 (Mayor's recommendation)
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17 (Council Recommendation)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Brian Gallagher	4 years	12/31/20	
Steve Weinman	3 years	11/30/17	
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17	(Police Rep.)
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/17	
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/17	(Fire Rep.)
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/17	
Frederick Picchiello	1 year	12/31/17	(Squad Rep.)
Patrick Mannion	1 year	12/31/17	
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/17	

**SOMERSET COUNTY BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17	
Paige Elster	1 year	12/31/17	
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/17	(Alternate 1)

**N. J. TRANSIT R.R. / RARITAN VALLEY RAILROAD COALITION:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Thompson Mitchell	1 year	12/31/17

**WORKPLACE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17
Art Adair	1 year	12/31/17
Jack Webster	1 year	12/31/17
Rodney Dorsey	1 year	12/31/17

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ADVISORS & LIAISONS:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/17
Keith Thedinga	1 year	12/31/17
Lou Sasso	1 year	12/31/17
Beth Anne Macdonald	1 year	12/31/17
Benjamin Strong	1 year	12/31/17
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/17
Mike Lapotasky	1 year	12/31/17
Melissa McEntee	1 year	12/31/17

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TEAM:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Scott Skrivanek	1 year	12/31/17
Lisa Werner	1 year	12/31/17
Bryan O'Neill	1 year	12/31/17
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/17
Gary Falk	1 year	12/31/17
Robert Lynn	1 year	12/31/17

**ACCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/17
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/17
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/17
Frederick Picchiello	1 year	12/31/17
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/17
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/17

**HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jennifer Young	1 year	12/31/17
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17
James Sommerville	1 year	12/31/17
Jadusingh Martin	1 year	12/31/17
Rob Ambrose	1 year	12/31/17
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/17
Marcie Fiorentino	1 year	12/31/17
Kelley Allen	1 year	12/31/17

**RARITAN RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/17
Jason Kraska	1 year	12/31/17
Kathy Gerndt	1 year	12/31/17

**UPPER RARITAN WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/17
Michael Cole	1 year	12/31/17

**LANDFILL REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17
Granville Brady	1 year	12/31/17
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/17

**WEST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/17
Tom Mitchell	1 year	12/31/17
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/17

**EAST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Granville Brady	1 year	12/31/17
Steve Peter	1 year	12/31/17
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/17

**KIRBY AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17
Steve Peter	1 year	12/31/17
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/17

**GASTON AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Steve Peter	1 year	12/31/17
Jason Kraska	1 year	12/31/17
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/17



**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17 Executive Committee
Lisa Yates	1 year	12/31/17
Rick St. Pierre	1 year	12/31/17
Jason Kraska	1 year	12/31/17

**FIRE MUSEUM COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Bobby Lynn	1 year	12/31/17
Tom Sutphen	1 year	12/31/17
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/17
Rich O'Neill	1 year	12/31/17
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/17
Jim Sutphen	1 year	12/31/17
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/17
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/17
Ryan Donahue	1 year	12/31/17
Dave Vallone Sr.	1 year	12/31/17
Bryan O'Neill	1 year	12/31/17

**SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/17

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17
Frederick Picchiello	1 year	12/31/17
Marc Pellegrino	1 year	12/31/17
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/17
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/17
Richard O'Neill	1 year	12/31/17
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/17
Brian Iselin	1 year	12/31/17
Steve Weinman	1 year	12/31/17

**SOMERVILLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jim Balzano	1 year	12/31/17
Robert Barth	1 year	12/31/17
Jeff Carlson	1 year	12/31/17
Ken Cornell	1 year	12/31/17

Shirley Gurisic	1 year	12/31/17
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/17
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/17

**25. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY MAYOR**

**SOMERVILLE CARING FOR OUR OWN COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/17
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/17
Art Adair	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17
Les Floyd	1 year	12/31/17
Jack Webster	1 year	12/31/17
Jerome Hood	1 year	12/31/17
Wallace Gantt	1 year	12/31/17
Charles Jones IV	1 year	12/31/17
Mason Robinson	1 year	12/31/17
Reggie Hall	1 year	12/31/17
Rob Johnson	1 year	12/31/17

**PARKING COMMITTEE:**

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/17
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/17
Colin Driver	1 year	12/31/17
Jane Williams	1 year	12/31/17
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/17
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/17
Tom Genova	1 year	12/31/17
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/17
RanD Pitts	1 year	12/31/17

**26. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**27. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (17-0101-001 THRU 17-0101-030)**

**17-0101-001**      **Establishing 2017 Meeting Procedure**  
*Description: the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays are regular meetings except that we will have meetings on Tuesdays if the preceding Monday is a Holiday. January Meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>*

- 17-0101-002**      **Designating Official Newspapers**  
*Description: Identifying the Courier News as the official newspaper and in cases where two newspapers are needed the Star Ledger shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> official newspaper.*
- 17-0101-003**      **Filing Signature with Secretary of State**  
*Description: Pursuant to state statute the Municipal Clerk is authorized to distribute the Mayor's signature and municipal seal upon request of the Secretary of State.*
- 17-0101-004**      **Adopting 2017 Holiday Schedule**  
*Description: establishing the holiday schedule that Borough operations are closed.*
- 17-0101-005**      **Authorizing Disbursement of Funds for Hospitalization and State Health Benefits prior to Council Approval**  
*Description: Allows the CFO to make payments to the State of NJ Electronic Payment System at which time bills are received.*
- 17-0101-006**      **Authorizing Signature**  
*Description: Allowing the Mayor & Council President to sign checks & other documents*
- 17-0101-007**      **Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes**  
*Description: 8% per annum on first \$1,500 and 18% on excess of \$1,500 of the delinquency. Any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 will also be charged a penalty.*
- 17-0101-008**      **Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Sewer Use Taxes**  
*Description: 8% per annum on first \$1,500 and 18% on excess of \$1,500 of the delinquency.*
- 17-0101-009**      **Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Wire Transfer Funds for Investment and Payment of Capital Debt**  
*Description: Allows CFO to wire funds for investment of surplus funds throughout the year.*
- 17-0101-010**      **Appointing 2017 Officials**  
*Description: Identifies the position being held by municipal officials.*
- 17-0101-011**      **Adopting Policy and Procedure Manual**  
*Description: the manual has been updated and will continue to be updated. Establishes rules and regulations for municipal employees.*

- 17-0101-012 Sewer Utility Temporary Budget-2017**  
*Description allows for 26.25% of the 2016 budget to be appropriated to initiate activity for the 2017 year until the 2017 budget is passed.*
- 17-0101-013 Downtown Somerville Alliance Temporary Budget-2017**  
*Description allows for 26.25% of the 2016 budget to be appropriated to initiate activity for the 2017 year until the 2017 budget is passed.*
- 17-0101-014 Authorizing Appropriations to Cover Debt Service Requirements from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**  
*Description: The temporary budget resolution allows for current fund obligations to be paid. This resolution allows for debt service to be paid.*
- 17-0101-015 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Accounting Services (Auditor)-Hodulik & Morrison P.A.**
- 17-0101-016 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Special Counsel for Redevelopment Projects-DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP**
- 17-0101-017 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Bond Counsel – Gibbons, P.C.**
- 17-0101-018 Establishing 2017 Current Fund Temporary Budget**  
*Description: Allows the Borough to initiate operations prior to adoption of budget.*
- 17-0101-019 Authorizing Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract with Driver Associates for Redevelopment Consulting Services to serve as Director of Economic Development**
- 17-0101-020 Approving the 2017 Somerville Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline Sections 100 through 1000**
- 17-0101-021 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Labor Counsel with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick and Cole, LLP**
- 17-0101-022 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Planning & Engineering Services to Cole & Associates**

