

## Congressman Malinowski Visits Damaged Areas of Somerville with Mayor Sullivan



When Somerville Mayor Dennis Sullivan learned that U.S. Representative Tom Malinowski was planning to visit the FEMA mobile unit deployed on High St. on September 9, he offered to take the Congressman on an impromptu tour of the town's hardest hit areas.

The two men stopped by Mercer St., site of a house explosion that destroyed one home and damaged countless others. They then drove down Brookside Ave., East Cliff St., and South Bridge St. where severe flooding forced hundreds of evacuations. The brief visit ended with stops at the Somerville Public Works garage on 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Engine Company Firehouse on East Main St., both of which sustained damage, the extent of which is still being determined.

"I am grateful for our Congressman's time and interest in Somerville", said Mayor Sullivan. "He was just here recently with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg to promote infrastructure funding, and he got to see the progress we are making in Somerville. Today, unfortunately, he saw something quite different. We talked about the need for Federal assistance in rebuilding our public buildings, roads, and parks as quickly as possible, and he assured me of his support." Sullivan concluded, "I feel confident that when I call Washington for help, Tom Malinowski will pick up the phone."