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Greetings from Harriotte,

Though my health has hampered my full participation, I would like to point out something that is perhaps a slightly different view. It is important to consider that a number of our commissions are made up of Somerville residents who volunteer their time. Concerns about staff/ administrative coverage seem quite exaggerated from my four years of being on the SCPD given the minimal amount of support we were provided by the assigned staff members from RSJ. Is it possible that the administration carries an unconscious assumption that these MMB commissions may cross legal boundaries? Or, make excessive requests for support by the administrating staff? From this view, I can understand why consolidation might seem advisable to have closer supervision by staff administrators. However, since we are required to take conflict of interest and employee conduct training and regularly review it, would it not seem reasonable for us to be seen as responsible and reliable contributors to community benefits for people with disabilities here in Somerville?

Thank you.