



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Monday - March 20, 2017, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

#### **AGENDA**

(Posted online: 3/9/17 at 9:45 AM) Original  
(Posted online: 3/13/17 at 5:30 PM) Rescheduled

1. **Approval of the November 30, 2016 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the November 15, 2016 Minutes**
3. **Approval of the February 1, 2017 Minutes**
4. **202276: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Chair of the Conservation Commission report to this Board with an update on that Commission's activities, primary concerns, and issues that are being worked on.
5. **15671 : Ballantyne - provide tree planting plan**
6. **201753: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, McWatters) – That the Mayor re-establish the Tree Advisory Committee, to be staffed by the full-time Arborist, expand its membership to 9 or 11 members, and broaden the scope of the Committee's duties.
7. **201488: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Sullivan) – That the Director of SPCD confirm that only native trees are being used in the Lincoln Park renovation and advise of the species.
8. **202018: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the use and necessity of pesticides in city-owned or city-maintained properties, and report on how organic maintenance would compare to current practices.

9. **202019: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.
10. **201695: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on reducing food waste and expanding composting at city schools.
11. **202726: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the City's position on installing artificial turf fields with crumb rubber infill while the US EPA studies the potential health and environmental hazards of such infill, and explain why the City doesn't use organic infill.
12. **202526: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with a list of problem lights and what was done to address them.