



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

January 29, 2013

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Vice Chair	Absent	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	

Alderman Connolly was appointed to the committee for this meeting only, to effectuate a quorum.

- UPDATE : Noise at Verizon facility
- UPDATE : Street light repair contract

**190133 - That the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee discuss the damage done to the roof of 140 Willow Avenue by the utility companies working there.:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**190372 - That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works regarding the lack of handicap ramps at the intersection of Highland Road and Kidder Avenue.:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**191056 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities to address the overloaded and low hanging wires at Somerville Avenue at Kent Street, Somerville Avenue at Linden Street, and along Tyler Street.:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**191365 - That the ADA Compliance Officer conduct an assessment of ADA accessibility at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Kent Street and provide the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192598 - That the Director of Communications appear at the next meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee with an update and cost of the cable, internet and telephone providers in Somerville.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**192776 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer meet with the Ward 7 Alderman and concerned citizens to discuss the conditions of the bike path in Ward 7 and outline plans to make repairs to the retaining wall and prevent flooding.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193750 - That the Commissioner of Public Works add the double poles at College Hill Avenue, Raymond and North Streets, Conwell Ave (between Curtis and Hillsdale), Chetwynd Road, Curtis Street and 9 Granite Street to his utility company "double pole" list, and that the Superintendent of Lines and Lights appear at the September 19, 2012 meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193752 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer appear at the September 19, 2012 meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee to report on the failure of the utility companies to re-surface streets after opening them.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193754 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer appear at the September 19, 2012 meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee to report on Cedar Street sewer and drainage issues.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193965 - That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the Lowell Street bridge.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**193966 - That the City Clerk request that the State Delegation contact the MBTA to remove all graffiti from the retaining wall between the railroad tracks and the Lowell Street bridge.:**

- Alderman Connolly's motion that the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure contact the MBTA and Somerville's state delegation regarding the eradication of all graffiti on the retaining wall between the railroad tracks and the Lowell Street bridge, was approved.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**194040 - That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all sidewalk panels at 27 Josephine Avenue.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194043 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD construct handicap crosswalks and ramps at Highland Road and Kidder Avenue.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194044 - That the Director of SPCD and the City Arborist analyze the safety of the large tree across from the Kennedy School and report back in writing to the Ward 5 Alderman.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194049 - That the Commissioner of Public Works erect a barrier or fence at the bottom of Nashua Street that can withstand the force of snow plows pushing snow into it.:**

- Alderman Connolly's motion that the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure contact the MBTA and Somerville's state delegation to remedy the problems regarding the fence at the end of Nashua Street, was approved.

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194050 - That the Commissioner of Public Works address the storm drain and runoff issues at the bottom of Nashua Street.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194198 - That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works on the repair/replacement of street-lamps city-wide.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**194245 - That the Clerk of Committees notify NStar to appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works to explain their unresponsiveness to previous requests to repair or mitigate problems with their utility poles at 44 Vernon Street.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**