



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - November 20, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

1. **Approval of the September 4, 2019 Minutes**
2. **205059: Discuss** (Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Administration present the information described herein about the Brown School's physical plant and planned and completed renovations, to this Board, to the School Committee, and to the Brown School community.
3. **205813: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti) – That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017.
4. **206959: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration deem Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years, reflecting their performance on the Beacon St Reconstruction.
5. **206960: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the number of outstanding requests to replace defective or dangerous utility poles.
6. **207193: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration, SPCD, and Arts Council host events to bring pedestrians to the affected Union Square and Ball Square areas during construction detours.
7. **207592: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility to remove and/or bury the utility poles on Trull Lane prior to

upcoming construction there, and that the Commissioner express in writing to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works the feasibility of this work prior to construction.

8. **207904: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor update this Council as it relates to the communication received from Newport Construction Corp. on March 25, 2019.
9. **208240: Discuss** (White Jr., Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 50 Dartmouth Street as it poses a significant safety hazard. (2nd request)
10. **208276: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD provide a written response to #207193, for the Arts Council to host events to bring pedestrians to Union Square and Ball Square during construction detours.
11. **208287: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207904 with an update on Newport Construction communications.
12. **208431: Discuss** Arts Council Director responding to #208276 re: Arts Council activities to bring pedestrians to Union Square and Ball Square during construction detours.
13. **208687: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Public Works inform this Council of any recent challenges relative to yard waste pickup.
14. **208780: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Engineering ensure that gas leaks along Pearl Street and Washington Street are addressed before reconstruction of said streets is completed.
15. **208812: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct all utilities to clearly mark potholes, even temporary ones, created in the course of work in order to prevent bicycle and pedestrian accidents.
16. **208822: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of Public Works and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss how trash pickup and enforcement occurs during the high-volume move-in weeks.
17. **208824: Discuss** (Hirsch, Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss ways of cleaning sidewalks in neighborhoods that have experienced sewage-contaminated flooding on sidewalks.
18. **208838: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately re-evaluate for usability, the placement of benches on Beacon Street.

19. **208839: Discuss** (Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah) – That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (Mobility) address this Council regarding handicap accessibility protocols for bus boarding at stops along Beacon Street and other routes in the city and propose remedies for resident concerns.
20. **208840: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with an updated project schedule for the Beacon Street reconstruction project including the current timeline and project milestones being monitored.
21. **208890: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works clean inside the metal barrel holders in and around Foss Park in addition to emptying them.
22. **208918: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD place signage on Medford Street letting pedestrians know where they can walk.
23. **208963: Discuss** 28 residents commenting on the completion of the reconstruction of Beacon Street, and next steps.
24. **208995: Discuss** (Hirsch, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, White Jr.) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide an update on upcoming and past meetings with Spectra Energy (now Enbridge) related to the Algonquin Gas Transmission line and the J2 loop and any communications on risks and safety procedures related to those pipelines.
25. **209048: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and other necessary departments advise this Council of the impacts of any further development along Alewife Brook Parkway on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline running along Alewife Brook.
26. **209076: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration inform this Council how, if it all, the city may recoup from utility companies its costs for a public safety response to gas leaks.
27. **209079: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management or another representative of the Administration report to each Councilor by November 1, 2019, on the placement of concrete for electrical equipment at the Brown School, and what alternate locations could be less impactful on the school's limited physical space.
28. **209082: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all of the streetlights along Fellsway West between Mystic Avenue and Broadway with new LED lights, and, in the meantime, replace the bulbs of the 11 streetlights that are out.