



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday - January 29, 2019, 5:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

### AGENDA

(Posted online: 1/25/19 at 9:35 AM)

1. **Approval of the April 25, 2018 Minutes**
2. **200220: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the General Insulation building on Cross Street for signs of rodent activity and update the Ward 1 Alderman of the findings.
3. **200238: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services monitor and bait Otis Street for rodents, particularly near the Edgerly School and 15 Otis street.
4. **200246: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Administration request rodent sightings be placed as an icon on the Commonwealth Connect app.
5. **200628: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services consider increasing fines for businesses in violation of rodent prevention measures.
6. **200715: Discuss** (Heuston)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services conduct a walk-through of Bonair Street, McArthur Street and Autumn Avenue and order new barrels for those who need them.
7. **200887: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait Illinois and Pennsylvania Avenues for rodents and distribute rodent prevention information to the community.
8. **200889: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address the rodent issues on Wesley Street and inspect around 14 Dana Street for rodent activity.
9. **201089: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Kensington Avenue, Edmands Street and Assembly Row for signs of rodents activity and bait accordingly.

10. **201134: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Wellington Street for rodents and bait where appropriate.
11. **201156: Discuss** (McWatters)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait the sewer on Pleasant Street at Vinal Avenue.
12. **201417: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Pinckney Place for rodent activity.
13. **201710: Discuss** (Heuston)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services support the residents of Beacon Street with rodent control flyers and private baiting services.
14. **201766: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait around the Healey School for rodents.
15. **201768: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan)- That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash barrel(s) at the Marshall Street playground due to increased rodent activity, and that the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the barrel(s).
16. **201879: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Cross Street, Gilman Street, Chester Avenue and Cross Street Place for rodents.
17. **202161: Discuss** (Heuston)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect with the Ward 2 Alderman the 300 block of Beacon Street, to determine the source(s) of increased rodent activity.
18. **202178: Discuss** (McWatters)- That the Director of Inspectional Services bait Belmont Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.
19. **202352: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Rhode Island Avenue for rodents and bait appropriately.
20. **202436: Discuss** (Niedergang)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 22 Conwell Street.
21. **202438: Discuss** (Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lowell Street.
22. **202439: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Wesley, Dana, and Wigglesworth Streets.

23. **202444: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works clean the building at 22-24 Cross Street East, bait for rodents, and replace the shingles.
24. **202723: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait School Street between Medford Street and Broadway, and all around the Healy school.
25. **202796: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Service inspect Hathorn Street for rodents and bait accordingly.
26. **202804: Discuss** (Davis)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the area around 117 Liberty Avenue for rodent activity.
27. **203263: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect potential rodent burrows under I-93, by Lombardi Way.
28. **203264: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Pennsylvania Avenue for signs of rodent activity and bait accordingly.
29. **203447: Discuss** (Ballantyne)- That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead rodent on the North Street corner of Hamilton Road.
30. **203589: Discuss** (Heuston)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the Quincy Park area for rodents, and address the conditions there that may attract them.
31. **203715: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address rodent issues on Cross Street Place, Wisconsin Avenue, MacArthur Street, Franklin Street, Pearl Street Mt. Pleasant Street, Alston Street and Gilman Street.
32. **203792: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.)- That the Administration utilize the drug Senestech to sterilize rats as one of many measures to control the rodent population.
33. **203812: Discuss** (-) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/8/17.
34. **203839: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.)- That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 11-38(d)(2) to strengthen the language regarding rodent eradication prior to developments being constructed.
35. **203842: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Autumn Street for rodents.

36. **204172: Discuss** (Niedergang)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the use of raptors (hawks, owls, etc.) to control rats and whether they might work here, and on the use of poisons to control rats and whether they also kill raptors.
37. **204221: Discuss** (Heuston)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Linden and Merriam Street neighborhoods for rodent problems and report back to this Board on findings and actions taken.
38. **204226: Discuss** (McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the parking lot at Chester Avenue and Cross Street for rodent activity and issue fines if appropriate.
39. **204832: Discuss** - SomerStat Analyst submitting rodent management research and data analysis findings and takeaways.
40. **205338: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Clingan, Niedergang)- That the City Solicitor draft a feral cat ordinance similar to Chicago's, to assist feral cats and address rodent concerns.
41. **205356: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services establish a system of ongoing rodent population monitoring at several hot-spots in high-impact neighborhoods, to determine and regularly report on the effectiveness of interventions.
42. **206224: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Hirsch)- That the Administration present a revised job description for the Environmental Health Liaison that requires candidates to have rodent extermination experience and the ability to implement the city's rodent eradication strategy, including monitoring and neighborhood meetings.
43. **206689: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Hirsch)- That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the dramatic increase in rat sightings on Wesley Park, Bow Street and Montrose Street and discuss baiting and examining nearby garbage dumpsters and public waste bins.
44. **(ID # 20204): Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin)- That the Commissioner of Public Works explain to this Board the process for procuring, maintaining, and repairing or replacing rodent-proof trash barrels.
45. **(ID # 20205): Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin)- That the Administration work with this Board to consider strengthening rodent eradication as part of building demolition, potentially using as an example the ordinance of Nassau County, Long Island, which requires proof of eradication before allowing demolition to proceed.