



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - February 2, 2016, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 1/28/16 at 3:00 PM)

- 1. Approval of the December 1, 2015 Minutes**
- 2. 199983: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McWatters, Rossetti, Niedergang, Lafuente, Connolly) – That the City Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the locations named within.
- 3. 200032: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about Eversource's pruning of trees and vegetation near power lines, and whether there will be oversight of such work by city staff.
- 4. 200044: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Arborist address the numerous dead and dying trees on Jasper Street and back to this Board on progress in remedying the situation.
- 5. 200045: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) plant trees at 9-11 Indiana Avenue, along Kensington Avenue and on the corner of Tufts and Cross Streets.
- 6. 200143: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD commission the arborist and tree warden to inspect the trees on Greenville Avenue, from Munroe Street to Boston Street, to determine their vitality and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.
- 7. 200185: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the

locations described within.

8. **200298: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why 12 foot high tree stumps remain after trees have been cut.
9. **199715: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on why the city is not using its authority to request a recycling plan for apartment buildings, which has resulted in some apartment dwellers not being able to participate in recycling.
10. **200040: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, curbside gardens or bioswales, to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces, improve the environment, and beautify our streets.
11. **200299: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment consider the pros and cons of artificial turf and identify alternative designs for publicly accessible open space.
12. **200300: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board of the minimum ADA requirements for hard surfaces at publicly accessible open space.
13. **200531: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of the Recreation report to this Board on the use of city playing fields by non-Somerville leagues, including the residency of their participants.
14. **199712: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Mayor’s Aide and/or the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on progress in addressing the litter from Globe Direct circulars, and whether Cambridge’s agreement with Globe Direct is being implemented here.
15. **200439: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti) – That the Mayor’s Aide and/or the Director of Sustainability and the Environment update this Board on addressing the litter from Globe Direct circulars.