



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Monday - November 9, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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**1. Approval of the February 26, 2020 Minutes**

**LED**

- 2. 201857: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy which elements of the AMA's 2016 guidelines on LED lighting could be or have been used to minimize potential harmful effects.
- 3. 204434: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang) – That the Administration provide this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with an analysis of the attached communication regarding LED street lights.

**Native Species**

4. **203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
5. **205683: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
6. **206495: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Davis) – That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
7. **207999: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
8. **208567: Discuss** Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
9. **208920: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to plant a native species pollinator garden along the Community Path.

#### **Flatware**

10. **207884: Recommend** (Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the use of plastic flatware.

#### **Open Space, Fields Master Plan**

11. **205709: Discuss** (Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.

#### **Brownfields**

12. **204968: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a list of all city owned parcels, indicating any brownfields, and any plans to remediate those sites and use them for housing.
13. **210689: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry work with the Ward 3 Councilor to facilitate a community meeting to plan a replacement tree(s) for the large Elm tree in Prospect Hill Park that appears to be succumbing to Dutch Elm disease.
14. **207376: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD formalize and implement a modern urban forestry management plan,

including best practices and a resilient species list.

15. **210135: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and a representative from the MBTA discuss with the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the plan to recapture the trees and green space lost after the decimation of the GLX forested corridor.

#### **Planning Documents**

16. **209624: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy provide feedback on the SomerVision 2040's chapters on 1) Public Space & Natural Environment and 2) Climate & Sustainability with respect to metrics, key tasks, and other strategies as noted within.

#### **Mark Complete**

17. **205711: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Administration present a Heat Island Impact Analysis on the proposed replacement of Conway Park's grass fields with artificial turf.
18. **202992: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the City Solicitor advise this Board on the feasibility requiring certain commercial and multi-family buildings to require composting as a part of regular waste disposal.
19. **208590: Discuss** (Davis, Mbah) – That the Administration revisit the proposal to institute citywide curbside composting.