



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - November 29, 2018, 7:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 11/26/18 at 10:00 AM)

1. **Approval of the October 25, 2018 Minutes**
2. **200773: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board, the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for purposes of volume-based escalation of water rates.
3. **204486: Discuss** (White Jr., Davis, McWatters) – Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.
4. **206781: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That gas leaks be a regular topic on any standing meetings with Eversource or National Grid.
5. **206783: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas.”
6. **206826: Discuss** (Niedergang, Scott) – That the Director of Engineering and/or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, and respond to this Board in writing before the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works.
7. **206906: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That Commissioner of Public Works fill the sink holes along Gilman Street from Walnut to Cross Streets.

8. **206907: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break under the Gilman Street bridge and any actions to remedy the problem.
9. **206908: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break on Webster Avenue and any actions to remedy the problem.
10. **206909: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on possible burst pipes on Wellington Street by Walnut Street.
11. **206911: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Arborist determine if the leaning tree at 11 Melvin Street is in danger of falling and recommend an appropriate solution.
12. **206945: Discuss** (Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD prioritize repaving Stickney Avenue in response to a residents’ petition.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **207037: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204486 with a proposed ordinance for natural gas leaks.
16. **207043: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, the community’s desire to have snow plowing occur up to the curb on city streets.
17. **207060: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration delay the Somerville Avenue infrastructure-related detour until January, in order to support local businesses throughout the holiday season.