



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - April 5, 2017, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 3/30/17 at 6:25 PM)

- 1. Approval of the September 21, 2016 Minutes**
- 2. 196378: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD and/or the Commissioner of Public Works notify property owners along lower Broadway of the five year moratorium on renovations to private sewer systems and encourage them to make appropriate plans.
- 3. 196608: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility regarding the double pole on Perkins Street.
- 4. 196621: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility and cable vendors to address the low hanging wires on Allen Street.
- 5. 196770: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility company regarding the removal of double poles on Perkins Street, Glen Street, Cutter Street, Kennison Avenue and Garfield Street.
- 6. 196785: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the policy regarding the height of utility wires suspended from poles, and the protocols in place to ensure adherence to the policy.
- 7. 196913: Discuss** (Sullivan, Lafuente, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly) – That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the banks of the Mystic River along Assembly Row and ensure that a regular cleaning schedule is put in place.
- 8. 196970: Discuss** (Gewirtz) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at the corner of Willow and Kidder

Avenues.

9. **197233: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Verizon to remove unused utility boxes from the side lawn of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and from the north side of the grounds of the Powderhouse Community School.
10. **197429: Discuss** (Connolly, McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway on Mt. Pleasant Street, just after its intersection with Broadway.
11. **197465: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to realign the utility pole in front of 47 Oliver Street.
12. **197472: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar about removing the double pole at 72 Curtis Street. (2nd request.)
13. **197694: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the adequacy of street lighting along Chester, Fitchburg and Poplar Streets, install additional lighting where needed and repair street lights which are not working on those streets.
14. **197773: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works devise a strategy to address instances of low hanging utility/cable wires throughout Somerville.
15. **197917: Discuss** (Lafuente, Heuston, McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works direct all utility companies to clean up their lines throughout the city.
16. **198109: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to remove the double pole in front of 46 Elmwood Street.
17. **198213: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the rotting 10 foot high tree base that is being used to anchor a telephone pole in front of 11 Barton Street.
18. **198386: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 5 Alderman on repairs to prevent pedestrians from tripping in the crosswalks at Linden Avenue on the south side of Summer Street, Aberdeen Road by Highland Avenue, and Hall Street by Cherry Street.
19. **198444: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board on the process for issuing citations during snowstorms to private plowing and shoveling contractors who are plowing snow into the street or onto neighbors' sidewalks.

20. **199369: Discuss** (Gewirtz) – That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately assess the stability of the listing utility pole at 6 Windsor Road and act expeditiously to remediate the double pole.
21. **200136: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken pedestrian warning signal for the exit from the Magoun Square CVS onto Medford Street.
22. **200149: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly) – That the Commissioner of Public Works plant grass in front of the East Branch Library.
23. **200150: Discuss** (Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights on Broadway, from Fellsway West to Grant Street.
24. **200151: Discuss** (Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights at 10 Wheatland Street.
25. **200266: Discuss** (Sullivan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the faded NO CYCLING markers on sidewalks and install NO BIKE RIDING – PLEASE WALK YOUR BIKE signs in central business districts.
26. **200276: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the clock in the Argenziano School cafeteria which has been broken for the last 5 years.
27. **200528: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with a timeline for repair of the backstop behind the large baseball diamond at Trum Field, by Broadway and Charles E. Ryan Road.
28. **200529: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works make needed repairs to Trum Field in time for the spring baseball season.
29. **200747: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works consider using pet safe salt on city walkways.
30. **200748: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works address the icing on Assembly Row sidewalks.
31. **200772: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing cigarette butt disposal boxes in public areas citywide.

32. **201011: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the 3 missing yellow bollards on the east side of the Lowell Street bridge at the Community Path Extension ramp. (2nd request)
33. **201133: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to address the low hanging wire on Lincoln Avenue.
34. **201612: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works trim all foliage blocking memorial dedication signs, traffic signals, and parking regulation signs.
35. **201691: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the low-hanging lines (from multiple poles) behind 52 Powder House Blvd.
36. **201830: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works cut down the rotting 12 foot stump at 7 Barton Street.
37. **201908: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels from Properzi Manner to Bow Street as they have become a public safety hazard.
38. **202333: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston) – That the City Engineer repair the concrete on the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street between Somerville Avenue and Miller Street. (3rd request)
39. **202345: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wires on Mount Vernon Street and Washington Street.
40. **202720: Discuss** (Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Eversource to replace the poles at the corner of School Street and Oakland Avenue.
41. **202780: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels on Warren Avenue from Properzi Manner to the Citizens Bank.
42. **202783: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the policy and timeline for repainting crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.
43. **202851: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why snow plows can't go slower to avoid throwing snow over the curb and onto sidewalks.

44. **202981: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That an Eversource representative attend a meeting of this Board’s Committee on Public Utilities and Works to explain the repeated power outages in the area around Assembly Row, including Ten Hills, and in other areas around the city, and to provide evidence that Eversource is making sufficient investments in equipment serving these areas.
45. **202983: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Engineer inspect Beacon Place and Wyatt Circle for adequate drainage and determine if improvements are necessary.
46. **202960: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/14/17.
47. **202959: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/23/17.
48. **202411: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening, 11/10/16.
49. **202383: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/26/16.
50. **202136: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.
51. **201815: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/23/16.
52. **201750: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/9/16.
53. **201572: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to supplemental Board Orders submitted 5/12/16.
54. **201571: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/12/16.
55. **201445: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/28/16.
56. **201345: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/14/16.

57. **201198: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/24/16.
58. **201573: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening.
59. **200989: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/10/16.
60. **200853: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/11/16 and 2/25/16.
61. **200760: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/28/16.
62. **200759: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/14/16.
63. **200560: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 11/24/15.
64. **200192: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/24/15.