



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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RE: Orders appearing on the February 12 Public Utilities Public Works Committee agenda

Order: 24-0118 *That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on leaks at the Arts at the Armory Building and any exterior envelope damages in the past six months, and actions being taken to address such leaks and damages including the recently dislodged downspout.*

Recently the section of the roof over Unit 3B was repaired with rubber flashing and liquid rubber was added for further water proofing. The parking lot had a hot top patch added in areas that have settled. DPW has not received any report of a dislodged downspout in the last six months.

Order: 24-0085 *That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this City Council how the sidewalk clearing pilot program is working this winter.*

Following the storm of 1/7/2024 ISD/Health inspectors canvassed the enhanced snow removal areas of Broadway and School St. On 1/9/2024 they wrote a total of 8 tickets on School Street and 14 tickets on Broadway. After ticketing was complete, ISD submitted a list to the department. One DPW employee with light equipment started snow clearing on the evening of 1/9/2024. On School St, the DPW removed snow from 4 properties. The other properties had since been cleared of snow. On Broadway DPW cleared snow from in front of 4 properties, while the remaining properties had been cleared. Snow removal operations concluded the evening of 1/9/2024 at approximately 9pm.

Order: 24-0039 *That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the bench, previously donated and installed in honor of longstanding Brown School principal Marilyn Haggerty, on the Brown School grounds.*

PSUF is currently exploring replacing this bench and will update this committee as soon as possible.