



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday - May 7, 2014, 6:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

### AGENDA

#### Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2013

- **195746: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Works with a year end report on the performance of the street light repair vendor, including the number of lights repaired vs. replaced.
- **195791: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works request information from NSTAR on power outages over the last 2 years in the area of Hunting and South Streets and provide that information to the Ward 2 Alderman.
- **195834: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar about power outages in the Hunting Street area over the last year and report back to this Board.
- **195844: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works send a communication to NSTAR requesting an updated list of double poles in the city.
- **195994: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD (ISD) consider revising its scheduling system for inspections so that it is more predictable for home owners.
- **196004: Discuss in Committee** That the Clerk of Committees request the Commissioner of Public Works to provide to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works ASAP a response to #195844, seeking an updated list of double poles from NStar.
- **196186: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board whether it is possible to have the Public Schools open when there is a declared snow emergency, and, if it is possible, to also report the plan for teacher and staff parking, since school parking lots are used then for resident parking.
- **196211: Discuss in Committee** That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the reason for water being pumped out of the basement at 26 Woodbine Street and take steps to stop the leakage and report the results to the Ward 5 Alderman. (2nd request-see #196152)

- **196302: Discuss in Committee** That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the performance of the contractor who maintains the street lights, the terms of the contract and deliverables, and the process to ensure that street lights are maintained and operable.
- **196348: Discuss in Committee** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/27/14.
- **196376: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works explain how the city deals with handicap parking spots on the even sides of streets during snow emergencies.
- **196378: Discuss** 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.
- **196428: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/13/14.
- **196445: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works, in conjunction with the State Delegation, request that the MA Dept. Of Transportation remove all equipment and inventory from, and clean and improve the entire area under, I-93, between Temple Street and McGrath Highway.
- **196450: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to ascertain why the double pole at 42 Columbus Avenue hasn't been removed during the past 3 years.
- **196608: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility regarding the double pole on Perkins Street.
- **196613: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted March 27, 2014.
- **196618: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD inspect the newspaper boxes throughout Union Square, especially in front of the Post Office, and remove any that do not have a valid city sticker or are in disrepair.
- **196621: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility and cable vendors to address the low hanging wires on Allen Street.
- **196624: Discuss** That the Director of Traffic and Parking place new pedestrian crossing signs at crosswalks located at Perry Park, Calvin and Beacon Streets, Newton Street and other pedestrian crossing locations in Ward 2.
- **196768: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works direct all parties involved in the construction work along lower Broadway to provide better communication with neighbors in the construction areas.

- **196769: Discuss** That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works take the lead in securing additional lighting under the Gilman Street bridge.
- **196770: Discuss** 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.
- **196785: Discuss** 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.
- **196806: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/10/14.