



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

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| 1. Committee Minutes
(ID # 24-0403) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of March 18, 2024. |
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Public Hearing

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| 2. Public Communication
(ID # 24-1088) | Sent for Discussion: 76 registered voters submitting a petition for a public hearing on the Somerville Internet Task Force 2019 Report and a Feasibility Study on Municipal Broadband, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter. |
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Grant of Location

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| 3. Grant of Location
(ID # 24-1240) | Referred for Recommendation: Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a new hip guy and anchor at Utility Pole 291/11 in Prospect Street. |
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Traffic and Parking

4. Order
(ID # [24-1421](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking install a NO THROUGH STREET sign on Alston Street by the Cross Street intersection.
5. Order
(ID # [24-1426](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking enforce parking permit laws on Alston Street.

Mobility

6. Order
(ID # [24-1425](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility prioritize Alston Street for a potential Neighborways project.
7. Order
(ID # [24-1424](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility place a sided bump on Alston Street.

ISD

8. Order
(ID # [24-1203](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect any exterior finishing down to the wood to ensure there is no asbestos shingling present before granting building permits.
9. Order
(ID # [24-1419](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect open space parcels along McGrath Highway, behind Alston Street and Chester Avenue for rodent activity and bait accordingly.
10. Order
(ID # [24-1423](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services address graffiti on Alston Street and ensure the property owners are maintaining their properties.
11. Order
(ID # [24-1272](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss the problems of local restaurants complying with the requirements of proper waste handling and contracting for city waste collection.

Tree Warden

12. Order
(ID # [24-1422](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Tree Warden inspect the trees behind Chester Avenue and address falling limbs.

DPW

13. Order
(ID # [24-1420](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the open space parcels along McGrath Highway, behind Alston Street and Chester Avenue of trash and debris.
14. Order
(ID # [24-1202](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works create a process for residents to report downed and dangling utility lines.
15. Order
(ID # [24-0977](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install big belly trash barrels at the intersection of Meacham and Moreland Streets.
16. Order
(ID # [24-0039](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
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.

Assessor

17. Order
(ID # [24-1418](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Chief Assessor determine the ownership of open space parcels along McGrath Highway, behind Alston Street and Chester Avenue to determining who is responsible for maintenance.

Comms

18. Order
(ID # [24-1268](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Communications discuss the communication plan to address move-in/move-out related discarded furniture, including items left on sidewalks blocking pedestrian pathways and restricting public way accessibility.

Administration

19. Resolution
(ID # [24-1205](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis
That the Administration allocate additional resources to proactively clean up used needles and other potentially hazardous items in Seven Hills Park and other areas.
20. Resolution
(ID # [24-1306](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott
That the Administration update this Council on plans for the Cummings School building and Founders Memorial Skating Rink this fiscal year.

Director of Emergency Management

21. Order
(ID # [24-1182](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Emergency Management discuss the city's emergency response plan for freight train routes and action plans in the event of a derailment or chemical spill.