



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

February 17, 2016

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert J. McWatters	Chair	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Vice Chair	Absent	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	

Others present: Alderman Mark Niedergang, Charles Quigley - Engineering, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:07 PM by Alderman McWatters and adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Document List:

- 2016 Resurfacing (with 200637)

Approval of the October 20, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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196302: 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.

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196621: That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility and cable vendors to address the low hanging wires on Allen Street.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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196913: 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.

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197429: That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway on Mt. Pleasant Street, just after its intersection with Broadway.

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197773: That the Commissioner of Public Works devise a strategy to address instances of low hanging utility/cable wires throughout Somerville.

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200136: That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken pedestrian warning signal for the exit from the Magoun Square CVS onto Medford Street.

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200150: That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights on Broadway, from Fellsway West to Grant Street.

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200266: 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.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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200354: DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/22/15.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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200491: Commissioner of Public Works responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/8/15.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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200528: 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.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

200529: That the Commissioner of Public Works make needed repairs to Trum Field in time for the spring baseball season.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

200637: That the Director of SPCD provide all Ward Aldermen with the 2016 street paving plan for all Wards.

Mr. Quigley gave a brief summary of the process of selecting streets for paving and said that the 2016 five-year plan has not yet been completed! however, a draft of the streets, as a recommendation for the year 2020, has been received from the consultant, SFT. Mr. Quigley distributed a list for the 2016 roadway resurfacing project. The list is divided in 2 parts by streets that will receive a 2" mill and superpave and those that will receive a microsurface and slurry seal. The city received a plan from Weston & Sampson a week ago that evaluates the condition of the city's water pipes and provides a plan for pipe replacement over the next 15 years. Mr. Quigley suggested putting the list on the city's website for complete transparency. The city must have a disclaimer stating that the list may change without notice. Chair McWatters suggested putting the street paving selection process on the website, as well. Alderman Davis asked about the current ranking of streets; which may not be ones in the worst condition. Alderman Niedergang commented on the 5-year plan which may be ready before the beginning of summer. Chairman McWatters asked Mr. Quigley to provide lists of previous years' paving projects for the committee to review. Alderman Davis asked why Powderhouse Blvd. was not on this year's list and was informed that it is on the list for water line replacement and is anticipated to be repaved not year. Chairman McWatters asked about Chapter 90 funding which is a little over \$1M for the paving project.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE
