



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Thursday - November 20, 2014, 6:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

- **Public Hearing re: Plastic Bag Reduction Techniques**
- **196628: Discuss** That the City Solicitor provide this Board with information regarding plastic bag reduction techniques utilized in other MA municipalities, as well as whether the city can place a deposit fee on such bags or regulate their use to contain free advertisers.
- **197490: Discuss** That the Director of Sustainability and Environment appear before this Board's Committee on Environment and Energy on his plans for the coming year.
- **197848: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, the Director of Finance, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Sustainability research incentives to encourage property owners to install permeable surfaces instead of blacktop, to reduce storm water run-off and the urban heat island effect.
- **197849: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD (Planning and ISD) report to this Board on enforcement of the pervious surfaces ordinances, and consider providing incentives to property owners to reduce the amount of concrete and asphalt and replace it with pervious surfaces.
- **197851: Discuss** That the Administration develop a comprehensive de-paving plan for city properties, especially school playgrounds, to alleviate flooding by reducing the 73% of Somerville that is covered by concrete, asphalt or other impervious surfaces.