



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Wednesday - November 14, 2018, 5:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

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1. **Approval of the October 3, 2018 Minutes**
2. **206055: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance banning plastic straws.
3. **204887: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.
4. **(ID # 19735): Discuss** Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #204887 re: the tree planting schedule for Spring, 2018.
5. **205704: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch) – That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches from all projects in 2017.
6. **(ID # 19736): Discuss** Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205704 re: net changes in trees and tree inches in 2017.
7. **205705: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches based on all projects planned for 2018.

8. **(ID # 19738): Discuss** Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205705 re: net changes in trees and tree inches in 2018.
9. **206237: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee.
10. **(ID # 19739): Discuss** Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206237 re: the Urban Forestry Committee.
11. **206435: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches (plantings-removals) from all city projects in 2017. (2nd request-see #205704)
12. **206577: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team’s plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.
13. **206578: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.
14. **206070: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan) – That the Administration work with interested community groups to implement a pilot program for native street trees.
15. **(ID # 19740): Discuss** Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206070 re: a pilot program for native street trees.
16. **206393: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That, in the interest of tree preservation, the City Solicitor draft a revision of the Tree Ordinance to include restrictions and regulations on cutting trees of at least six inches in diameter on private property, and explain how the proposed revision differs from the ones that Cambridge, Lexington and Newton that have already passed to protect trees on private property.
17. **206745: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Somerville Climate Coalition provide this Board with updates on their attempts to address climate change.
18. **205665: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration collaborate with MIT to build a robust biking infrastructure.
19. **206230: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Administration create and fund an

Open Space Acquisition Fund, separate from the Community Preservation Act, to acquire more open space towards the SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.

20. **(ID # 19743): Discuss** Requesting the opportunity to provide this Board with an update on Somerville Climate Forward.