



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

July 22, 2014

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert J. McWatters	Chair	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Vice Chair	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

Alderman Niedergang was appointed to the committee for this meeting only, to effectuate a quorum.

Others present: Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, Omar Boukili, Steve McEachern, Daniel Hadley, Melissa Miguel, Stan Koty, Ken Bates (RCN), Stan Usovicz (Verizon), Bill Zamparelli (NSTAR), Earle Lawson (Comcast)

Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2013

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Approval of the Minutes of March 04, 2014

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Approval of the Minutes of May 07, 2014

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195332 - That the Commissioner of Public Works attend the next meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee to discuss better ways of identifying and citing owners of loose trash.:

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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195521 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD (ISD) implement a plan to address trash and code violations each May and September, when student moves have the greatest impact on the City.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195746 - 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.:

The DPW met with the lighting vendor, Siemans, today (July 22, 2014). Work is being performed with 311 to sync the computer systems. The problems should be worked out in next few weeks.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

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.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196376 - That the Commissioner of Public Works explain how the city deals with handicap parking spots on the even sides of streets during snow emergencies.:

Mr. Koty explained that plows try to get as close to the curbs as possible and added that clearing HP spots are a priority on both the odd and even sides of streets.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196450 - 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.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196608 - That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility regarding the double pole on Perkins Street.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196618 - 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.:

Chairman McWatters reported that this has been completed.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

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**

196769 - That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works take the lead in securing additional lighting under the Gilman Street bridge.:

Mr. Koty reported that the city is working with the MBTA and the lighting has already been secured.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196911 - That the Administration repave Porter Street, from Elm Street to Highland Avenue.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196970 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at the corner of Willow and Kidder Avenues.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197020 - That the Administration explain to this Board the decision-making process for deciding which streets get repaved and consider adding Porter Street to the 2014 list, as it was not included in a list issued as part of a City news release on May 7th.:

Mr. Hadley told the members that FST consultants performed a street pavement plan for the city in 2012 that included checking every mile of roadway in the city and producing a GIS map with paving condition index ratings, (PCI), for each street. Based on the number of miles of roadway and number of workers in the city, Somerville received \$1.1 million in Chapter 90 funds in 2013. Mr. Boukili reported that \$2.8 million has been budgeted for streets in the capital plan. Ms. Miguel explained that it takes 2-3 months to put together a package to re-pave a street.

Chairman McWatters suggested that a presentation on this subject be made to a Committee of the Whole.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197277 - That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole on Cambria Street.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE