



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Monday - February 3, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 1/30/20 at 7:06 AM)

1. **Approval of the November 20, 2019 Minutes**
  
2. **204552: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of SPCD update this Board about the transportation management and parking plans for both the construction and the post-construction phases of the new High School.
  
3. **205059: Discuss** (Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Administration present the information described herein about the Brown School's physical plant and planned and completed renovations, to this Board, to the School Committee, and to the Brown School community.
  
4. **206959: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration deem Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years, reflecting their performance on the Beacon St Reconstruction.
  
5. **208578: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Water and Sewer provide a quarterly update regarding the number and location of emergency sewer and water repairs.
  
6. **208579: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Water and Sewer provide a quarterly update regarding the progress filling vacancies in those departments.
  
7. **208580: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Water and Sewer provide a quarterly update regarding any maintenance requests being deferred for lack of resources.
  
8. **208840: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with an updated project schedule for the Beacon Street reconstruction project including the current timeline

and project milestones being monitored.

9. **208963: Discuss** 28 residents commenting on the completion of the reconstruction of Beacon Street, and next steps.
10. **208995: Discuss** (Hirsch, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, White Jr.) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide an update on upcoming and past meetings with Spectra Energy (now Enbridge) related to the Algonquin Gas Transmission line and the J2 loop and any communications on risks and safety procedures related to those pipelines.
11. **209048: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and other necessary departments advise this Council of the impacts of any further development along Alewife Brook Parkway on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline running along Alewife Brook.
12. **209076: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration inform this Council how, if it all, the city may recoup from utility companies its costs for a public safety response to gas leaks.
13. **209079: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management or another representative of the Administration report to each Councilor by November 1, 2019, on the placement of concrete for electrical equipment at the Brown School, and what alternate locations could be less impactful on the school's limited physical space.
14. **209191: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of Inspectional Services and/or the Director of Engineering report to this Council how the construction of driveways with pervious surfaces is inspected to ensure that the subsurface has been correctly installed so precipitation is absorbed.
15. **209286: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works repave the crosswalk on Aberdeen Road at Highland Avenue, as it remains a tripping hazard for pedestrians.
16. **209299: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works about DPW monitoring of utility pole complaints to determine whether the utilities follow through on them.
17. **209300: Discuss** (White Jr., Ballantyne) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide a written response to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works by November 26, 2019, on meetings with Spectra Energy/Enbridge about the Algonquin Gas transmission line and the J2 loop, and on any communications about risks and safety procedures.

18. **209345: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the "No-Cycling" decals on business district sidewalks.
19. **209348: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management advise this Council what can be done immediately to lessen the continual flooding of Alewife Brook Pkwy when it rains.
20. **209349: Discuss** 18 residents requesting that the MBTA bus stop that was at 95 Beacon St and has been moved to 97 Beacon St, be returned to 95 Beacon St.
21. **209386: Discuss** (Mbah) – The the Director of Inspectional services enforce current snow clearance regulations on business and residential properties, with follow-through as snow melts and re-freezes during each snow event.
22. **209387: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Commissioner of Public Works address the gaps in snow removal at corners and intersections.
23. **209388: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Commissioner of Public Works clear snow from sidewalks and crosswalks in at least the squares, arterial roads, and bus routes.
24. **209389: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works commit to provide a year-round safe pedestrian environment.
25. **209390: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD replace the missing street signs off North Street, and replace the smaller signs with clearly visible signs on poles.
26. **209422: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works move the right turn arrow signal at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location.
27. **209424: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned newspaper boxes that are in front of the Winter Hill Post Office.
28. **209425: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash receptacle in front of the Winter Hill Post Office.
29. **209427: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 116 Sycamore Street.
30. **209443: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the city's road salting policy and residents' concerns about environmental impacts, health impacts and the expense of "over-salting."

- 31. 209466: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 6 Councilor on alternative locations for electrical equipment in the Brown School green space.
  
- 32. 209610: Discuss** (White Jr., Niedergang) – That the City Engineer and Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Street for all instances of spalling, and report to this Council 1) what caused it, 2) how the City will correct it, and 3) what measures the City will take against the contractor, if it was caused by improper installation.