



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Committee of the Whole

Wednesday - October 3, 2018, 6:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

AGENDA

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1. Approval of the May 9, 2018 Minutes

Public Hearing on the following tree related matters:

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 206237: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee.
- 6. 203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
- 7. 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)

8. **206495: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Davis) – That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **205683: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
12. **205807: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city’s current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.
13. **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.
14. **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.