



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 28, 2018, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/22/18 at 7:24 AM)

- 1. Approval of the October 3, 2017 Minutes**
- 2. 204966: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration consider including an anaerobic digester at the new High School.
- 3. 204381: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City arborist report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the tree at 48 Holyoke Road.
- 4. 204889: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.
- 5. 204389: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Director of SPCD consider planting trees on Somerville Avenue from Lowell Street to Central Street.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 202973: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the tree planting plan for the city, by Ward.
- 8. 204353: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 and 7 Aldermen when the tree that was requested 6 years ago will be planted at 80 Bay State Avenue.
- 9. 204726: Discuss** (McWatters, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration continue to

increase the tree canopy by adding 1,000 trees in the next 5 years.

10. **201432: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works explore alternatives, such as a "pay as you throw" program, to limit the amount of curbside trash, and integrate curbside composting.
11. **201695: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on reducing food waste and expanding composting at city schools.
12. **202993: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the planned curbside composting pilot program, and on other possible programs to promote composting.
13. **204436: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment arrange a meeting with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, members of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Administration, and the Commissioner of Public Works, to plan recycling efforts in the Public Schools.
14. **204869: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That Director of Sustainability and Environment include the School Department's Finance Director in discussions of #204436, to examine procurement criteria for cafeteria food and drink vendors given the amount of waste created by food packaging.
15. **202992: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the City Solicitor advise this Board on the feasibility requiring certain commercial and multi-family buildings to require composting as a part of regular waste disposal.
16. **202019: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.
17. **204435: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with periodic updates on the Somerville Forward initiatives.