



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 20, 2019, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/7/19 at 6:50 AM)

- 1. Approval of the November 14, 2018 Minutes**
- 2. 206055: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance banning plastic straws.
- 3. 207150: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD work with the DPW Commissioner to institute a curbside composting program.
- 4. 205456: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Administration revisit the decision to abandon plans for curbside composting and move forward with a pilot program.
- 5. 206307: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Administration and the Director of Communications work with the Somerville Garden Club on their “Pod Patrol: Spread the word...not the weed” educational campaign to control the invasive Black Swallow-wort vine that is spreading rapidly and is harmful to songbirds, monarch butterflies and native plants.
- 6. 205935: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.
- 7. 205708: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public athletic field and recreation complex atop the 36,000 square foot parking deck proposed for construction in the Union Square eminent domain parcel currently designated "D-2".

8. **204355: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the city’s landscape architects maintain the 30-foot slide at the North Street Veterans Park, check the entire structure for safety, and inform the Ward 7 Alderman of the slide's warranty.

9. **205702: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration consider hiring licensed site professionals for oversight of acquired land and providing them with the authority to impose their recommendations on developers, to protect human health and the environment.