



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - April 2, 2018, 6:00 PM
Argenziano School

AGENDA

(Posted online: 3/20/18 at 8:20 AM)

1. **Approval of the January 23, 2018 Minutes**

2. **200773: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board, the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for purposes of volume-based escalation of water rates.

3. **202332: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Engineer repair the curb cut and sidewalk ramp at the intersection of Murdock and Clyde Streets.

4. **203711: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction.

5. **204263: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company address the low hanging wires on Mt. Vernon and Washington Streets.

6. **204486: Discuss** (White Jr., Davis, McWatters) – Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.

7. **204731: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works make the following repairs on Carver Street: fill the pothole behind the sewer cover; straighten the two curbstones on the south side of the street; and remove the pile of cement at the end of the street.

8. **204856: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner

of Public Works work with this Board to consider possible strategies to address the persistent issue of snow being plowed onto sidewalks during large snow storms.

9. **204877: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why snow plows cannot go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.
10. **204878: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah) – That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks re-shoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.
11. **204879: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah) – That the Director of Communications coordinate the messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow over curbs and burying sidewalks.
12. **204949: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board on the priority policy for clearing snow from sidewalk curb cuts at intersections.
13. **204950: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration advise this Board on the city's ability to clear sidewalks that have not been cleared and charge the property owner for the cost.
14. **204944: Discuss** 23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed on Beacon Street.
15. **205010: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise this Board about whether the way in which the Beacon Street trees were taken down was compliant with state law and the city's Tree Ordinance.