



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - May 19, 2015, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

1. **Approval of the October 30, 2014 Minutes**
2. **197624: Recommend** (Rossetti, Gewirtz, White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require backflow regulators in new construction.
3. **197637: Recommend** (Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring developers of new residential projects to install backflow preventers to prevent combined sewer overflow during heavy rains.
4. **198204: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on plans for participation in the Spring 2015 regional summit on climate change.
5. **198205: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, McWatters) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment present a written plan to this Board to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate change mitigation and adaptation plan, especially regarding flooding in Union Square and all vulnerable areas of economic revitalization.
6. **198323: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board where homeowners should discharge water pumped out of basements that are flooded in the winter, to avoid water freezing on sidewalks.
7. **198355: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Engineer inform the Ward 2 Alderman about

flooding on Oak Street and any steps that can be taken to mitigate it.

8. **198970: Discuss** (Gewirtz, Niedergang) – That the Administration detail a plan to mitigate flooding on the community path in the vicinity of Morrison Avenue and Highland Road.
9. **199063: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Administration provide an update to plans for the mitigation of flooding on Clark Street and Dane Avenue.
10. **198388: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Board the possibility of a curbside gardens program, similar to what other cities have done, to soak up storm water and ground water runoff.