



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Mbah and adjourned at 6:55 PM on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Wilson, Strezo, Sait and Mbah), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Scott).

Others present:

Rich Raiche - Director of Capital Projects, Kim Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of April 18, 2024. [24-0570](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

2. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with any updated plans and timelines for a municipal composting program. [24-0042](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

3. That the Administration explain the issues that are preventing Reavis Field from opening and how the process may be expedited. [24-0086](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with this Council and Green and Open Somerville to develop a job description for an Invasive Species position to spearhead outreach, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal and to allocate funding for such a position in the FY 2025 budget. [24-0106](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the design, cost, and implementation timeline for the city's composting program. [24-0370](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

6. Green & Open Somerville and Earthwise Aware submitting comments re: invasive plant species. [24-0457](#)

Kept in committee