



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0142](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of January 20, 2026.
2. Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0263](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 10, 2026.

Environment-related Grant Requests

3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0112](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.

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4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0117](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Recycling Dividends Program.

Infrastructure-related Contracts and Agreements

5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0133](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with N. Granese & Sons Inc. for water distribution system maintenance and repair.
6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0132](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with EB Rotondi & Sons Inc. for repairs to water main gate valves and appurtenances.

Sewer-related Bonding

7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0162](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,530,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Evaluation and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.

Contracts and Agreements

8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0166](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$154,136 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Settlement of Claims Account to the School Department Legal Settlement Account for an insurance settlement.

Communications-related

9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0089](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 from the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to the Somerville Public Schools Professional Salaries Account for consulting services related to the inaugural event.

HHS-related Appropriations and Grants

10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0172](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$324,360 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of four positions related to youth in FY 2027.

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0164](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$87,848 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to the Council on Aging for health, wellness, social, and educational programming.

Easements

12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0160](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance License at 16-20 Medford Street.

Veterans-related

13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0113](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant that requires a match from the Massachusetts General Court and the State Historical Records Advisory Board to the Veterans Services Department for support of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the archival digitization project.
14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0152](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$306,250 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve for restoration of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments.

Energy-related Appropriations

15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0199](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,460 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace the lighting at Dilboy Field.
16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0197](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$210,525 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace lighting at Trum Field.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0196](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$179,349 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the addition of a solar array to the new roof of 133 Holland Street.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0195](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$26,759 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for weatherizing the basement and envelope of 133 Holland Street.

19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0188](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,910 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for a heat pump replacement project at 133 Holland Street.

CPA-related

20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0084](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for financing a portion of the Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Project, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0079](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Reserve for construction of improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0153](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$124,331 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for improvements to Blessing of the Bay Linear Park.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0080](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$480,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for continued preservation of 59 Cross Street.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0081](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$74,365 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Nicole Bairos for preservation of Buddy's Diner.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0075](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$420,566 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House for continued restoration of 277 Broadway.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0155](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Housing Authority for improvements to the open space at the Mystic River/View developments.

27. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0154](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Vida Real Church for exterior restoration of the building at 404 Broadway.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0151](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the approval of a transfer of \$237,250 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve.

Park-related Contracts and Agreements

29. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0085](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 12/31/2027 for Crowley Cottrell LLC to complete additional services for re-design and construction administration fees for Junction Park.

Prior Year Invoices

30. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0097](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,342.05 using available funds in various Police Departments Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for various services.

Police, Fire Department Grant and Gift Acceptances

31. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0169](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$43,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for software.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0168](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for target hardening at the Police Department headquarters.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0055](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$618,181.81 grant that requires a match, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for the replacement of aging breathing apparatus.

34. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0056](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$6,166.19 from the Fire Department Ordinary Maintenance Other Equipment - Not Capitalized Account to the Fire Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the required match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0156](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,000 grant with no new match required, from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the replacement of security cameras at fire headquarters.

Claim Settlement

36. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0167](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval for settlement of a claim for \$10,400 pursuant to Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances.

Grant and Gift Acceptances

37. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0849](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$127,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team equipment and training.

Appropriations

38. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0163](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$430,965 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

Communications

39. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0201](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Director of Economic Development conveying the potential use of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Tool (UCH-TIF) to incentivize housing production.