



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wheeler at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 6:43 pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt, Scott, Wheeler), 0 absent.

Councilor Strezo joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Others Present: Brian Postlewaite – Director of Engineering, James Mucci – Director of Finance and Administration for Fire, Denise Taylor – Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Alan Inacio – Director of Finance and Community Development for the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Emily Wisdom - Director of Finance and Administration for Police, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, Madalyn Letellier – Assistant City Clerk, Legislative Services

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler

Absent: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 24, 2026. [26-0504](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Community Preservation Act

2. Requesting approval to amend the Community Preservation Act Fund FY 2025 grant of \$365,000 to the Somerville Community Land Trust to change the grant conditions. [26-0388](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Grant and Gift Acceptances

3. Requesting approval to accept a gift with an approximate value of \$15,000 from the Town of Medway, Massachusetts to the Fire Department for use by the Auxiliary Fire Department as a lighting and pump support unit. [26-0385](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$103,514 grant with no new match required, from Eversource Energy to the Engineering Division for permanent resurfacing and restoration of various streets. [26-0372](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

5. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to the Communications and Community Engagement Department for Phase 1 of a website redesign. [26-0382](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$47,580 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for overtime and backfill for Crisis Intervention Training certification and recertification. [26-0301](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

7. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$231,635 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for a body-worn camera program. [26-0378](#)

Kept in committee