



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 7:27 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Scott and Clingan), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Nick Antanavica – Director of Inspectional Services, Commissioner Jill Lathan – DPW, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of December 9, 2024. [24-1767](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to address resident claims that newly installed water meters are falsely registering air pockets in residential cold water lines as leaks, leading to significantly inaccurate bills. [25-0121](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait

Kept in committee

3. That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the use of beet juice to address ice and snow during winter storms. [25-0093](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Commissioner of Public Works address maintenance issues within 165 Broadway. [25-0092](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin
- Recommended to be marked work completed
5. That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the second floor of 165 Broadway of unused city materials to expand building uses for Teen Empowerment. [25-0091](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin
- Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Director of the Arts Council work with Teen Empowerment and other related city agencies to develop youth-led murals within the walls of 165 Broadway. [25-0090](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin
- Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator provide an estimate for the costs of upgrading 165 Broadway for ADA compliance. [25-0089](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin
- Kept in committee
8. That the Administration prioritize 165 Broadway for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to ensure full use of youth-related activities in the building. [25-0088](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin
- Kept in committee
9. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss how uncleared and/or unsalted sidewalks and driveways are addressed and fined after it snows, including how much staff it takes to address community reports of uncleared private property. [25-0035](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo
- Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PUPW - 2025-02-10 Memo (with 25-0091)