



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0640](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 7, 2026.

Grants and Acceptances

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0601](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$125,000 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for light retrofitting at Dilboy Field.

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3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0506](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the Public Library for library operations.
4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0507](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$300 gift from James and Linda Hyson to the Public Library for materials for the West Branch Library.

Contracts and Agreements

5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0512](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a five-year extension to the lease with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.

Appropriations

6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0513](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate of \$46,500 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for FY 2026 Ash Tree treatments.

Transfers

7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0603](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$31,800 from the Communications and Community Engagement Salaries Account to the Communications and Community Engagement Professional and Technical Services and Printing and Stationary Accounts for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and program signage.

Community Preservation Act Appropriations

8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0518](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.
9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0517](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$228,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Open Space Reserve.

10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0509](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the approval of a time-only contract extension until 5/31/2029 for the Mystic River Watershed Association for the Community Preservation Act FY 2023 grant for design of the Blessing of the Bay Linear Park improvements.

Bonds

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0519](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to reduce the borrowing authorization for the Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Project from \$2,000,000 to \$1,600,000.
12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0515](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$8,284,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2026 Water Main Rehabilitation program.
13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0516](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Rehabilitation - McGrath Corridor.

Fire Department Grant and Gift Acceptances and Transfers

14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0524](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,866.25 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Fire Department for the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department Auxiliary.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0523](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,380 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for firefighter safety equipment.

Police Department Grant and Gift Acceptances and Transfers

16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0511](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account to the Police Department Animal Control Salaries Account for an expected deficit.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0510](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$325,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account to the Police Department Medical and Dental Services Account for medical procedures for current and retired employees injured in the line of duty.

18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0378](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** 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.

Communications

19. Public Communication (ID # [26-0636](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Alexandra Thorn and Daniel Wong submitting comments re: item #26-0378, grant for body-worn camera program.