



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Land Use Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual

Joint meeting with the Planning Board

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Ewen-Campen at 6:31 pm and adjourned at 8:32 pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Sait, McLaughlin and Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

Others present: Daniel Bartman – Director of Planning and Zoning, Samantha Carr - Land Use Analyst, Matt Zaino - Deputy Director of Inspectional Services, Joshua Manion - Senior Zoning Review Planner, Michael McNeeley – Planning Board Member, Lynn Richards - Planning Board Member, Luc Shuster - Planning Board Member, Michael Capuano - Planning Board Member, Amelia Aboff - Planning Board Member, Johan Habib - Planning Board Member and Delaney Fisher-Cassioli - Clerk of Committees.

The committee went into recess at 6:32pm and returned at 6:34pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Sait, McLaughlin and Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

The committee went into recess at 7:36pm and returned at 7:36pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Sait, McLaughlin and Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

Roll Call

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin and Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

Absent: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

1. Public Hearings

- 1.1. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 8.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to provide for larger buildings, additional dimensional flexibility, and fewer use restrictions for affordable housing projects. [26-0204](#)

Kept in committee

- 1.2. Amending Sections 2.1.1 and 3.1.12 of the Zoning Ordinances regarding Accessory Dwelling Units. [26-0234](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Davis and Councilor Sait
Kept in committee

2. That this Council work with the Administration to clarify understanding of the rules for accessory dwelling units or affordable dwelling units as detailed within.

[26-0068](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- Land Use - 2026-03-19 Fact Sheet (with 26-0204)
- Land Use - 2026-03-19 Presentation (with 26-0204)
- Land Use - 2026-03-19 Presentation (with 26-0068)
- Land Use - 2026-03-19 LUC_Accessory_Dwelling_Unit_Amendment (with 26-0234)