



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Mbah at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 7:30pm on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Scott, Wilson, and Mbah), 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Councilors Strezo and Sait). Councilor Sait left the meeting at 7:25pm.

The committee went into recess from 6:17-6:25pm and returned on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Scott, Wilson, Sait, and Mbah).

Others present: Sue Yerkes - Director of Parks and Recreation, Neha Singh - Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

Absent: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of October 3, 2024. [24-1473](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Sait and City Councilor At Large Strezo

2. That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of SomerPromise and the Out of School Time Coordinator, report to the City Council on the status of children and teen participation in the summer recreation and education programs. [24-1029](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide this Council with the list of youth program offerings, their cap and their enrollment data in [24-1415](#)

2023 and 2024.

Sponsors: Councilor Sait and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with this Council and Green and Open Somerville to develop a job description for an Invasive Species position to spearhead outreach, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal and to allocate funding for such a position in the FY 2025 budget. [24-0106](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the design, cost, and implementation timeline for the city's composting program. [24-0370](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. Director of Sustainability and Environment conveying an overview of the Commonwealth's Clean Energy Goals, Electric Sector Modernization Plan, demand growth in Somerville, and capital projects underway or planned. [24-1552](#)

Kept in committee

7. Green & Open Somerville and Earthwise Aware submitting comments re: invasive plant species. [24-0457](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- OSEE - 2024-12-09 Memo (with 24-0106)