



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Clingan at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Scott, Hardt, and Clingan), 0 opposed.

Others present: Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Eric Weisman - Department of Public Works Commissioner, Brian Postlewaite - Director of Engineering, Kevin Klein - Interim Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Suzanne Rinfret - Director of Parking, Steve Craig - Director of Constituent Services, Michael Potere - Assistant City Clerk

Roll Call

Present: Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026. [26-0501](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

DPW

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure that handicapped parking spaces are not used for snow storage and are cleared at the same time as other spaces. [26-0337](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure that accessible sidewalk ramps are cleared following snowstorms, and ensure that 311 reports on this issue are promptly responded to. [26-0338](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the frequency of street sweeping throughout the period of April through November. [26-0353](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Hardt

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a citywide sweep to remove large debris from the Community Path and bike lanes now that snow season has concluded. [26-0490](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Link

Recommended to be marked work completed

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

ISD

6. That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss with this Council how to ensure that temporary dumpster permits do not conflict with handicapped parking spaces, or that temporary handicapped parking spaces are relocated for the duration of the dumpster permit. [26-0336](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler

Recommended to be marked work completed

Constituent Services (311 System)

7. That the Director of Constituent Services update this Council on the 311 system, recent and upcoming improvements, open roles, and the approach being taken to directing the wide variety of resident needs to provide answers, solutions, and follow-through. [26-0468](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wheeler

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Constituent Services appear before the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure to discuss the process by which 311 tickets [26-0481](#)

are routed or closed after re-routing.

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

Water and Sewer / IAM

9. That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure to discuss the process by which it is determined whether a residential unit requires a 1-inch water meter or a 5/8-inch water meter. [26-0482](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

10. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management appear before this Council to discuss the decision to implement a tiered residential base rate structure that differentiates between properties served by 5/8-inch pipes and those served by 1-inch pipes. [26-0626](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

Administration / Sustainability

11. That the Administration discuss the process of disposal of city surplus items, and whether those items may be offered to employees or the public through the creation of a Freecycle style system. [26-0473](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Administration explore the feasibility of a year with no swag, as detailed within. [26-0067](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Link

Kept in committee

Housekeeping

13. Christopher Beland submitting comments re: items #26-0175, #26-0176, #26-0177, #26-0178, #26-0179, #26-0180, #26-0181, #26-0182, #26-0183, #26-0184, #26-0185, #26-0186, and #26-0187, Eversource applying for Grants of Location. [26-0259](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- S&I - 2026-04-29 Memo Response (with 26-0473)
- S&I - 2026-04-29 Handicap_snow (with 26-0337, 26-0338)
- S&I - 2026-04-29 Photos (with 26-0337, 26-0338)