



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 7:49 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Kelly and Clingan), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Gomez Mouakad).

Others present:

Sean Gonsalves – Community Broadband Networks Initiative, Roy Russell – Upgrade Cambridge, Greg Hill – Somerville Stands Together, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jesse Clingan, Vice Chair Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Charlotte Kelly

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of March 2, 2023. [23-0339](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Clingan, Vice Chair Gomez Mouakad and City Councilor At Large Kelly

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years. [23-0610](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson
Kept in committee

3. That this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works discuss the Somerville Internet Access Task Force's recommendation regarding Municipal Broadband. [23-0548](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan
Kept in committee

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human [23-0525](#)

reach, the overhead wires tied to a porch railing at 76 Curtis Street, and report back to this City Council who is responsible for the wires.

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Kept in committee

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a utility pole at 54 Ten Hills Road, and report to this City Council who owns the pole. [23-0524](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a pole at the intersection of Harvard and Monmouth Streets, and report to the City Council who owns the pole. [23-0328](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

7. That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around the pole near 57 Atherton Street and report to the City Council who owns the pole. [23-0327](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PUPW - 2023-05-08 DPW Responses (with 23-0524, 23-0525, 23-0610, 23-0347, 23-0328)
- PUPW - 2023-05-08 - Comments - R Russell (with 23-0548)