



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Mbah and adjourned at 7:21 PM on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Davis, Wilson, Sait and Mbah), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Burnley).

Councilor Sait arrived at 6:03 PM.

Others present:

Director Christine Blaise – OSE, Director Luisa Oliveira - Public Space and Urban Forestry, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson and Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of December 9, 2024. [24-1768](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of February 20, 2025. [25-0341](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

3. 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, [24-0106](#)

education, and citywide invasive plant species removal and to allocate funding for such a position in the FY 2025 budget.

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

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. 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

5. That the Director of Parks and Recreation restore or replace the nearly 30 year old Nunziato Field plaque. [25-0067](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works make a change to the calendar by extending the yard waste collection by at least one week. [25-0083](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed