



**City of Somerville,
Massachusetts
Public Utilities and Public Works
Committee
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5869505756558032143>

Others present: Demetrios Vidalis – Director of Water & Sewer, Rich Raiche – Director of Engineering, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 7:14 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Gomez Mouakad and Clingan), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Kelly).

Roll Call

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

DPW

1. That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to remove the cable tied around the telephone pole at Lexington Avenue and Cedar Street. [22-1572](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

2. An order that the Commissioner of Public Works immediately replace the three outdoor picnic tables on the plaza outside the Somerville Media Center due to their unsafe condition. [22-1213](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. An order that the Commissioner of Public Works add stone or concrete landscape features to prevent vehicles from driving over the planted bump-out features on Beacon Street. [22-1118](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with the plan for maintaining new tree wells along Somerville Avenue and other locations. [22-1117](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. An order that the Commissioner of Public Works expedite the fixing of the elevator in the Armory. [22-1374](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works make rain barrels available, at no cost, to any properties within the city's flood zones. [22-0934](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Water and Sewer

7. That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Council on the cause of the sinkhole near 370 Medford Street and what is being done to address this problem. [22-1594](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

Asset Management

8. An order that the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 1 City Councilor on plans to renovate Tufts Street. [22-1220](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management present to this Council, a plan to fix the Somerville Media Center's roof. [22-1596](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

Engineering

10. That the Director of Engineering explain the timeline for the installation of the proposed Gilman Square water retention tank, as it relates to the overall flood water management plan. [22-0936](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

Veterans Services

11. An order that the Director of Veterans' Services update this Council on the status of the veterans' memorials previously removed due to construction of the new high school. [22-1360](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

Housekeeping

12. That representatives of Boston Carting appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to address concerns raised in the attached anonymous letter dated April 15, 2021. [22-0364](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

13. That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uneven road pavement on Sycamore Street, between Medford Street and Evergreen Avenue. [22-0960](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the current city contract for trash and recycling disposal services. [22-0360](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed