



**City of Somerville,  
Massachusetts**  
**Open Space, Environment and Energy  
Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

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**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Burnley at 6:04 pm and adjourned at 6:23 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, and Chair Burnley), 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad).

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairperson Willie Burnley Jr., Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.)  
Scott and Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:** Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of May 8, 2023. [23-0734](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Burnley Jr., Vice Chair Scott and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:** Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad and City Councilor At Large Wilson

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the status of the annual Spring Cleanups for the upcoming season. [23-0893](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation ensure a notice is posted on every community board in parks advertising city job postings. [23-0703](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Director of Human Resources to post flyers on community boards indicating vacant [23-1002](#)

job positions.

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Engineering consider installing water fountains along the Community Path Extension. [23-1375](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

6. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with this Council and Green and Open Somerville to consider the creation of an Invasive Species Czar position to spearhead outreach, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal. [23-1600](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

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Referenced Documents:

- OSEE - 2023-11-20 EwA letter of support (with 23-1600)