



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, February 20, 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 6:38 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Wilson, Burnley and Mbah), none against and 2 absent (Councilors Davis and Sait).

Others present:

Garrett Anderson - Residential Decarbonization Program Manager, Jill Lathan – Commissioner of Public Works, Residential Decarbonization Program Manager, 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](#)

Kept in committee

2. 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, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal and to allocate funding for such a position in the FY 2025 budget. [24-0106](#)

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

Kept in committee

3. 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

4. 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

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment discuss with this Council plans to connect more households with the new incentives in the 2025-2027 Mass Save Plan. [25-0070](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah

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

Kept in committee