



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Land Use Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:30 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board

This meeting was held in person in the Committee Room and via Zoom and was called to order by Chair McLaughlin at 6:31pm and adjourned at 7:41m on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Davis, Sait, Wilson, Scott, and McLaughlin), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

The Committee went into recess at 6:32pm and re adjourned at 6:34pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Davis, Sait, Wilson, Scott, and McLaughlin), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Others present: : Amelia Aboff – Vice Chair of Planning Board, Michael Capuano – Chair of Planning Board, Jahan Habib – Clerk of Planning Board, Michael McNeley – Member of Planning Board, Lynn Richards – Member of Planning Board, Luc Schuster, Member of Planning Board, Nicholas Antanavica – Director of Inspectional Services Department, Josh Eckart-Lee - Sustainability Planner, Emily Hutchings - Senior Planner OSPCD, Stephen Cary - Planner OSPCD, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Public Hearings

- 1.1. 15 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m. [25-0200](#)

Kept in committee

- 1.2. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 2-5 and 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to remove conflicts with the State Building Code. [25-0457](#)

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- 1.3. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the Building Official to waive certain dimensional standards for means of egress. [25-0590](#)

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Referenced Documents:

- Land Use 2025-04-17 Accessibility & Egress (with 25-0590)
- Land Use - 2025-04-17 DensityBonusUpdate-04.17.2025 (with 25-0457)
- Land Use - 2025-04-17 Presentation - Somerville YIMBY (with 25-0200)
- Land Use - 2025-04-17 FINAL SZO Sustainability Interpretation-Attachments 10.28.24 (with 25-0457)