



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Wheeler and adjourned at 7:07 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt, Scott and Wheeler), none opposed, and none absent.

Also present: Emily Wisdom - Somerville Police Department Director of Finance and Administration, Brian Postlewaite - Director of Engineering, Ellen Shachter - Office of Housing Stability Director, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Michael Holland - Somerville Police Department Lieutenant, Matthew Sirigu - Labor Counsel and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025. [25-1861](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Grant and Gift Acceptances

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Municipal Road Safety Program. [25-1801](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

3. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable [26-0054](#)

Communities to the Office of Housing Stability for the housing bridge pilot program for seniors.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$200,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to the Office of Housing Stability for the continuation of the short term housing bridge pilot program. [26-0053](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Contracts and Agreements

5. Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for three months with a new expiration date of 3/31/2026, for Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for design services for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project. [26-0011](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Transfers

6. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$103,421 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Personal Services accounts to fund a memorandum of agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit B. [26-0088](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler