



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

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Virtual

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [23-1711](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of November 20, 2023.
2. Order (ID # [24-0042](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with any updated plans and timelines for a municipal composting program.
3. Resolution (ID # [24-0086](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration explain the issues that are preventing Reavis Field from opening and how the process may be expedited.

4. Order  
(ID # [24-0091](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry report to this Council's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy on the status of the parks and open spaces that have been completed or are under construction and planning as part of redevelopment projects.
5. Order  
(ID # [24-0106](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
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.
6. Order  
(ID # [24-0370](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the design, cost, and implementation timeline for the city's composting program.
7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0457](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** Green & Open Somerville and Earthwise Aware submitting comments re: invasive plant species.
8. Order  
(ID # [24-0472](#))  
**Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the condition of Conway Field and the displacement of infill that is occurring there during extreme rainfall events, as well as the schedule for regular grooming and maintenance of the City's artificial turf athletic fields.