



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council Licenses and Permits Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:00 PM

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Hardt at 6:02 p.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Wheeler, Hardt), 0 opposed.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant City Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler and Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt

- Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0641](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Licenses and Permits Committee Meeting of April 8, 2026.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

AYE: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wheeler and Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt

- Grant of Location (ID # [26-0525](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 318 feet of conduit in Kent Street and Somerville Avenue, from existing Manhole 14831 to point of pickup at 22 Kent Street, and additional conduit from Manhole 14831 to an existing Manhole 8634.

Chair Hardt stated that a public hearing was conducted on this item during the April 9, 2026 City Council meeting and it was sent to this Committee for further discussion.

Jacqueline Duffy, the applicant representing Eversource, stated that she went to the site and observed the pole referenced during the April 6th meeting, pole 191/0, and noted that it was dangerously leaning and that the pole will be replaced, adding that the replacement itself will require an outage in the area. Chair Hardt asked if the requested conduit in this license application is connected to pole 191/0, and Ms. Duffy replied that it is not and that pole 191/0 has nothing to do with this application. Ms. Duffy added that the replacement of pole 191/0 will require a temporary double-pole to allow for the other utilities connected to it to remove or adjust their wires.

Chair Hardt moved to condition the license: That pole 191/0, at the corner of Somerville and Kent, also be repaired. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Davis, Wheeler, Hardt), 0 opposed.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED WITH
CONDITIONS**

AYE: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large
Wheeler and Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt