



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, March 10, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 8:03 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Wilson, Scott and Clingan), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Commissioner Jill Lathan – Public Works, Director Rich Raiche – Infrastructure and Asset Management, Director Kellie Hebert - Water and Sewer F&A, Superintendent Neil Viner – Water, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

President Pineda Neufeld appointed Councilor at Large Wilson to the committee for this meeting only to replace Councilor McLaughlin, who was unable to attend.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Councilor at Large Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of February 10, 2025. [25-0208](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Councilor at Large Jake Wilson

2. That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the whereabouts of the Portland Loos. [25-0359](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the process for clearing bike lanes of snow. [25-0356](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss the feasibility of removing snow from city playgrounds. [25-0355](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on how the Municipal Sidewalk Clearing Pilot program for Broadway and School Street is functioning during this challenging winter. [25-0350](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Capital Projects update this Council on the potential plan to use the Homan's site for installation of a stormwater retention tank. [25-0241](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Constituent Services submit in writing, the protocol for proper handling of downed wires. [25-0214](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Mbah and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

8. That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to address resident claims that newly installed water meters are falsely registering air pockets in residential cold water lines as leaks, leading to significantly inaccurate bills. [25-0121](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator provide an estimate for the costs of upgrading 165 Broadway for ADA compliance. [25-0089](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

10. That the Administration prioritize 165 Broadway for Americans with [25-0088](#)

Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to ensure full use of youth-related activities in the building.

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- PUPW-2025-03-10 Portland Loo Update (with 25-0359)