



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Rodent Issues Special Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 6:57 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Burnley, Clingan and Wilson), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Alicia Privett - Environmental Health Coordinator, Nick Antanavica – Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

President Pineda Neufeld appointed Councilor Clingan to replace Councilor McLaughlin as a member of this committee for this meeting only.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of September 30, 2024. [24-1471](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

#### Old Business

2. That the Directors of Constituent Services, Inspectional Services and Health and Human Services jointly prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of rodent complaints received from January 1, 2024 to date, including the information detailed within. [24-1276](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

#### New Business

3. That the Director of Sustainability and Environment invest in rodent proof composting barrels in the upcoming composting pilot program. [24-1516](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
Recommended to be marked work completed
4. That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on the current policy regarding usage of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) and any plans to remove SGARs currently deployed in bait boxes in light of multiple recent birds of prey deaths apparently related to ingesting rat poison. [25-0130](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait  
Recommended to be marked work completed
5. That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement update this Council on efforts to educate the public about preventing conditions conducive to growth of the rodent population. [25-0243](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson  
Kept in committee
6. That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on efforts around enforcement of rodent-related ordinances, including the number of complaints, inspections, warnings, and fines issued for vegetation and trash violations. [25-0244](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson  
Kept in committee
7. That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on rodent activity data and rodent mitigation efforts, including any novel approaches under consideration or being utilized. [25-0245](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson  
Kept in committee

## Referenced Documents:

- Rodent Issues - 2025-02-19 Rodent Control Presentation (with 25-0244, 25-0245)