



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council Licenses and Permits Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6:00 PM

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Hardt at 6:03 p.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Wheeler and Hardt), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Roll Call

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

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [26-0861](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Licenses and Permits Committee Meeting of May 13, 2026.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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

2. Public Communication (ID # [26-0910](#)) Diane Covino submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

3. Public Communication (ID # [26-0864](#)) John Henderson submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

4. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0750](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit in Hudson Street, from Utility Pole 202/9 to a proposed new handhole next to 135 Hudson Street.

Chair Hardt noted that this item relates to utility hookups for new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations being installed by the City. The EV charging stations themselves have already been approved, and this request is for the grant of location for Eversource infrastructure needed to support installation. Chair Hardt referenced the attached memo, *Licenses and Permits - 2026-06-24 Memo Update (with 26-0750)*, regarding ADA compliance. Councilor Wheeler noted that there are tradeoffs involved in removing

standard parking spaces to convert them into dedicated EV charging spaces.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

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

5. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0980](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 31 feet of conduit in Richardson Street, from Utility Pole 296/1 to a point of pickup at 0 Richardson Street.

Jacqueline Duffy, Right of Way Agent for Eversource, noted that the request is to install 31 feet of conduit to provide electrical service at 6 Richardson Street.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

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

6. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0981](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 641 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Prospect Street, and one new Manhole 31333, from existing Manhole 27921 and from existing Manhole 25406 to a point of pickup at 51 Prospect Street.

Jacqueline Duffy, Right of Way Agent for Eversource, noted that the request is to install 511 feet of conduit and a manhole to provide electric reliability improvements in the area near the substation.

RESULT: **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED**

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

Referenced Documents:

- Licenses and Permits - 2026-06-24 Memo Update (with 26-0750)