



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Rodent Issues Special Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, February 19, 2025

6:00 PM

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#### Roll Call

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

#### Old Business

2. Order (ID # [24-1276](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait 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.

New Business

3. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [24-1516](#)) That the Director of Sustainability and Environment invest in rodent proof composting barrels in the upcoming composting pilot program.

4. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait  
(ID # [25-0130](#)) 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.

5. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0243](#)) 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.

6. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0244](#)) 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.

7. Order **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0245](#)) 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.