



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Mbah and adjourned at 8:27 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Wilson and Mbah), none against and 2 absent (Councilors Burnley and Sait).

Others present:

Director Rachel Nadkarni – Economic Development, Director Luisa Oliveira – Public Space and Urban Forestry, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Chair Mbah reported that Councilor Sait had a prior commitment and that Councilor Clingan was appointed by the Council President to replace Councilor Davis for this meeting only.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson and Jesse Clingan

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of April 7, 2025. [25-0753](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Wilson and Clingan

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. Director of Sustainability and Environment conveying an overview of the Commonwealth's Clean Energy Goals, Electric Sector Modernization Plan, demand growth in Somerville, and capital projects underway or planned. [24-1552](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this Council, opportunities to create a dog park in West Somerville. [25-0917](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry plant new trees and maintain existing trees in Magoun Square, on Medford Street and on Broadway. [25-1134](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Economic Development provide a report to this Council on the impact of Greentown Labs, including job creation, local economic activity, community engagement initiatives, climate and sustainability contributions, and equity and inclusion outcomes. [25-1345](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Kept in committee

6. That the Director of Parks and Recreation install a clock on top of the Dilboy Pool building. [25-1346](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Health and Human Services create a summer job in the Mayor's Jobs Program by which youth can travel by bike to water public trees around the city. [25-1350](#)

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

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on the status of ArtFarm and the funding for the project. [25-1375](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this Council, a policy for use of open space on municipal property around city buildings for community gardens. [25-1427](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait
and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

- 10.** Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville
Pollinator Action Plan and related updates. [25-1495](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

- 11.** Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville
Open Space and Recreation Plan 2025-2035. [25-1531](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- OSEE - 2025-12-03 Memo (with 25-1375)
- OSEE - 2025-12-03 Presentation (with 25-1345)
- OSEE - 2025-12-03 Presentation (with 25-1495, 25-1531)
- OSEE - 2025-12-03 Email from Eilish Brown (with 25-1427)
- OSEE - 2025-12-03 Email from Councilor Davis (with 25-0917)