



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, September 30, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair CLingan and adjourned at 7:39 PM with a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan) 0 opposed and 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin)

Others present:

Director of Inspectional Services - Nick Antanavica, Assistant City Solicitor - Jay Piques, Environmental Health Manager - Colin Zeigler, Environmental Health Coordinator - Alicia Privett, Legislative Services Manager - Madalyn Letellier.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson

Absent: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of May 14, 2024. [24-0707](#)

Accepted

2. That the Environmental Health Manager prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council’s Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program requests submitted from January 1, 2024 to date, including the average waiting time for inspections and bait station installation and a plan of action to expedite the process. [24-1277](#)

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

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. 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

Kept in committee

4. That the City Solicitor review Ordinance 11-038 (Rodent Control) and provide opinions for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues on 1. whether city inspectors may enter onto private property; 2. how much time must elapse subsequent to the issuance of a citation for the city to "cause the work to be performed and charge the owner of the property and place a lien against the property for expenses incurred"; and 3. the minimum amount of time that may be imposed pursuant to 11-038 (e). [24-1275](#)

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

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the area at the intersection of Broadway and Glen Street for rodent activity. [24-1035](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the current contract with the pest control company that administers the city's rat abatement program. [24-0203](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Rodent Issues - 2024-09-30 Opinion to Council re Rodent Control Ordinance (with 24-1275)
- Rodent Issues - 2024-09-30 Rodent Committee Presentation (with 24-1276, 24-1277)