



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Monday, March 10, 2025

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0208](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of February 10, 2025.
2. Order (ID # [25-0359](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the whereabouts of the Portland Loos.
3. Order (ID # [25-0356](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the process for clearing bike lanes of snow.

4. Order  
(ID # [25-0355](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss the feasibility of removing snow from city playgrounds.
5. Order  
(ID # [25-0350](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on how the Municipal Sidewalk Clearing Pilot program for Broadway and School Street is functioning during this challenging winter.
6. Order  
(ID # [25-0241](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Capital Projects update this Council on the potential plan to use the Homan's site for installation of a stormwater retention tank.
7. Order  
(ID # [25-0214](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Constituent Services submit in writing, the protocol for proper handling of downed wires.
8. Order  
(ID # [25-0121](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to address resident claims that newly installed water meters are falsely registering air pockets in residential cold water lines as leaks, leading to significantly inaccurate bills.
9. Order  
(ID # [25-0089](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator provide an estimate for the costs of upgrading 165 Broadway for ADA compliance.
10. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0088](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration prioritize 165 Broadway for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to ensure full use of youth-related activities in the building.