



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR**

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Date: May 8, 2023

RE Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Order: 215218

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a utility pole at 54 Ten Hills Road, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

- *Eversource owns the poles, but they are Verizon wires.*
- *DPW cannot address this issue, it is outside our purview.*

Order: 215219

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human reach the overhead wires tied to a porch railing at 76 Curtis Street, and report back to this City Council who is responsible for the wires.

- *Eversource owns the poles, but they are Verizon wires.*
- *DPW cannot address this issue, it is outside their purview.*

Order: 215223

That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years.

- *Due to our aging infrastructure, we have many buildings that need roof replacements. DPW has done significant repair however, there is only so much patch/repair that can be successful. DPW performed repair work for Traffic & Parking and the Annex roofs and is in the process of undertaking replacement work.*
- *Other roofs such as City Hall will be replaced as part of the Capital plan.*
 - <https://city-somerville-ma-budget-book.cleargov.com/5132/capital-improvements/cip-summary>
- *Keep in mind the City needs considerable investment in our facilities. This has to be a collaborative venture with IAM.*



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Order: 214991

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around the pole near 57 Atherton Street and report to the City Council who owns the pole.

- This has been addressed. The pole belongs to Eversource.

Order: 214992

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a pole at the intersection of Harvard and Monmouth Streets, and report to the City Council who owns the pole.

- This is a permitted service loop of fiberoptic wire owned by Crown Castle, which the DPW cannot remove. The pole belongs to Eversource, and the utility must correct the issue.