



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 6:36 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Strezo and Clingan), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Arn Franzen – Director of Parks and Open Space, Brian Postlewaite – Director of Engineering, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin and City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of February 12, 2024. [24-0180](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and City Councilor At Large Strezo

2. That the Director of Water and Sewer address the use of threatening notifications as part of the water meter replacement project. [24-0151](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the policy and plans pertaining to repairing leaking gas pipes versus replacing them, and the necessary transition away from gas infrastructure. [24-0148](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Administration and the Director of Water and Sewer update this Council, in writing, on the plan to support residents who cannot afford the recent water bill increases. [24-0040](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the bench, previously donated and installed in honor of longstanding Brown School principal Marilyn Haggerty, on the Brown School grounds.

[24-0039](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee