



# SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom Webinar

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Time: The Chair convened the meeting at 5:34 pm.

Meeting recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvOFUo\\_EJro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvOFUo_EJro)

### ATTENDANCE:

SRA Members Present: Philip Ercolini (Chair), Christine Stone (Secretary), Courtney Brunson, William Gage, Ben Wheeler (Councilor).

SRA Members Absent: Patrick McCormick.

Staff Present: Catherine Lester Salchert (Special Counsel), Dana Whitesides (Deputy Director of Economic Development), Ben Demers (Senior Economic Development Planner), Ted Fields (Senior Economic Development Planner) and Kati Wiese (Economic Development Planner).

### AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. Approval of minutes of the December 16th, 2026 general meeting.**

*C. Brunson moved to approve the minutes. C. Stone seconded. Approved 5-0-0 by a roll call vote. C. Brunson, P. Ercolini, W. Gage, C. Stone and B. Wheeler, 0 members voted no, 0 members abstained.*

**2. Public comment period.**

No public comment was made.

**3. Introduction of Councilor Ben Wheeler.**

**4. 90 Washington Street – Update on the Request for Proposals process.**

OSPCD Staff Ben Demers gave an update on the 90 Washington Request for Proposals (RFP) which was released on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The RFP will remain open until April 10<sup>th</sup>. Questions will be accepted throughout this period until April 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be compiled into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and posted with answers to the website. Advertisements for the RFP were placed in the Central Register as well as additional sites.

A virtual information session was held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Attendees had the opportunity to voluntarily provide their contact information to be compiled into a list of potential collaborators. The FAQ and potential collaborators list will be posted on the City's websites at [somerillema.gov/90-washington-redevelopment](http://somerillema.gov/90-washington-redevelopment).



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Staff Ted Fields shared that the 90 Washington Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) is recruiting to fill two vacancies on the 12-member committee. This committee's purpose is to collect community input and is a non-voting body.

### **5. 299 Broadway updates.**

OSPCD Staff Ben Demers provided an update on the 299 Broadway / 15 Temple St. redevelopment. The project closed on its finances in December and has started demolition and site preparation work. Vertical construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026. A member of the development team will continue to meet regularly with the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan Civic Advisory Committee.

The City received a \$2.5 million MassWorks Infrastructure grant to support the creation of civic space in conjunction with private development. To facilitate the use of the grant, the City used the funding to take possession of "Lot 5" within the 299 Broadway project area on behalf of the SRA. The SRA will hold that land until the construction of the civic space is completed by the development team and will transfer the land to the City to be held in perpetuity as a park.

### **6. Meeting adjournment.**

*B. Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:06 pm. C. Stone seconded. Approved 4-0-0 by a roll call vote. P. Ercolini, W. Gage, C. Stone and B. Wheeler voted yes. 0 members voted no, 0 members abstained.*