

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Katz, King, LaFauci, Tzioumis.

Absent: None.

Councillor LaFauci moved approval of the minutes from the 5/18/26 meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: 17-25 (Street Opening) for Elizabeth & Joseph Dragone at 108 Greer Street Joe Dragone, owner of property, spoke on the petition. He is building a 3500 square foot home (tear down) and needs a water and sewer hookup. It will be a 37-foot patch (curb to curb) when completed. Councillor LaFauci stated that their road had been paved in 2024 and need water and sewer hookup. He asked about curbing. It needs to be replaced in kind. Councillor LaFauci moved approval of the petition. On the motion Councillor Tzioumis asked about curbing. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Resolution for an Update on Road and Utility Projects

Councillor King spoke on the Resolution. Mike Chiasson, DPW Director handed out and gave an update on eleven streets at this time currently being worked on and soon. Councillor Katz asked about the Felton Street project. Mr. Chiasson said they are paving Charles St now and Felton will wait for the MWRA work to be done before any paving. Mr. Winn, City Engineer, spoke on his projects' 200 Trapelo Road and just bid on a water project. A few others are preparing bids on Embassy Parking garage and Hardy Pond outlet modification. Councillor Katz asked if Mr. Chiasson can keep them notified. He stated it is online, but changes happen in real time. Councillor Katz asked how streets are identified. He emails Councillors asking what needs paving in their wards and then combines a list.

As far as rat Health Dept and Engineering Dept use a separate system from each other. Rat abatement within the city's new projects within the Engineer Dept bait using non-toxic rodenticides but if the area becomes quite active, they will use a rodenticide. They have not seen a lot of rat activity.

Councillor Tzioumis asked about Clinton and Cutter Streets area and the lack of a real sidewalk. The Engineer is replacing water pipes and the DPW will pave the streets after the engineering project is complete. Most likely the quality of the sidewalk will be granite.

Councillor LaFauci asked about Eversource projects. And are they patching trenches and walking away or will they pave? Mr. Chiasson stated they will mill, paved where they dug. It will be better than in the past, but it's not necessarily considered paving more trench restoration.

Director Michelle Feeley from the Health Dept and Tom Creaonte were both present speak on rats in the city. Councillor Harris requested they attend at the City Council meeting. The Charles River is a huge feeding source for rats. They do not use any rodenticides on city property.

They set bait traps in neighborhoods which don't work that well. They believe any project within the city should use rat removal procedures.

With no further matters Councillor Katz moved to adjourn.
Chairwoman Dunn declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
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