



## 4/27 Agenda

**Meeting: Monday, April 27th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**([Live Agenda Link](#))**

Hi Neighbors,

Our regular meeting will be hybrid and held at **6:00 PM at the Crystal Ballroom** at 55 Davis Square as well as online via Zoom:

As always, our regular meetings are hybrid and also held online via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85220522175?pwd=b92uXx6aRRNXdehZWGFZRQXogheZus.1>

Meeting ID: 852 2052 2175

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**Agenda:**

- 6:00 PM - **Welcome & Intros** (name, pronouns, street and/or connection with Davis Sq.)
- 6:10 PM - Discussion with Somerville Police Deputy Chief Donovan regarding warm weather action plan

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- 6:20 PM - **[Projects & Priorities Updates](#)**
    - [Treasury Updates](#) (PJ)
      - Annual budget
    - [Membership](#)
    - [Elmway Action Group](#)
    - [Davis Square Neighborhood Plan](#)
    - [Lee A \(CSO\)](#)
    - [Developments](#)
      - [53 Chester St. \(house next to Redbones\)](#)
      - [199 Elm St. \(left of Revival\)](#)
      - [363 Highland Avenue & 110 Willow Avenue](#)
      - [White Church](#)
      - [Copper Mill's Elm Street Development](#)
        - New design proposals update
        - Window art proposal update
        - Meeting transcript

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[Note: precise times are omitted to provide flexibility for reporting of election results, agenda items may be re-shuffled]

- (5-10min) Update on DSNC's neighborhood council recognition process
- (5-10min) Greening Davis
- (5-10min) [Civility Resolution](#)

- (10-15min) Election Count Results
    - Gratitude for outgoing board members
    - Gratitude for Elections and Nominations committees
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- 7:45 PM - Updates on meetings since our last meeting (anyone who attended can provide an update to the rest of the group)
    - 4/1 - [Somerville Street Sweeping, Yard Waste, and Hazardous Waste Services Restart](#)
    - 4/2 - [Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee \(SBAC\) Monthly Meeting](#)
    - 4/6 - Davis Square Merchant Group Meeting
    - 4/10 - Council on Aging Present: Small Landlord Resource Event (10AM 167 Holland St)
    - 4/16 - [Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee \(PTAC\) Monthly Meeting](#)
    - Every Friday night this summer, we'll have live music in statue park!
  - 7:50 PM - [Upcoming Community Meetings](#) and events
    - 5/2,5/3 - [Somerville Open Studios 12-6PM](#)
    - 5/7 - [Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee \(SBAC\) Monthly Meeting](#)
    - 5/9 - [Porchfest 12-6PM](#)
    - 5/12 - [Ward 6 Slice of the City at Powderhouse Park 5-7PM](#)
    - 5/18 - DSNC's next general membership meeting (off cycle due to Memorial Day)
  - 7:55 PM - Motion to adjourn
  - 8:00 PM - Vacate

**Post Meeting Socializing at The Crystal Ballroom:** Stay for a drink!

**Community Meeting Reports:** Have you attended any recent community meetings that might interest DSNC members? We invite you to share a brief report at our next meeting. To ensure these updates are informative and efficient:

- Please prepare a written summary (2-3 paragraphs) in advance
- Email your summary to the Secretary ([zpogrebin111@gmail.com](mailto:zpogrebin111@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the Minutes
- Be ready to present a 2-3 minute overview at the meeting

## **+ Note from Lee Auspitz**

At the City Council meeting of 4/23 Somerville Deputy Engineer Kevin Roche presented an admirably thorough and frank report on the joint plan of Cambridge, Somerville and the MWRA to remedy the Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) problem. The report is first in the world to incorporate climate change projections into the data model.

Takeaways for Davis Square, where the aging pipes contain both sewage and rainwater, posing a public health problem when there is a stormwater backup:

- the good news is that the public health problem will be solved
- the bad news is that the cost will be borne by City ratepayers, probably as a special annual fee, amounting to a doubling of rates within 6 years. State law mandates that charges be based on usage only, so that income-related adjustments are prohibited
- the long-awaited separation of storm water and sewage will not, however, reduce the frequency of overflows, which are projected to increase due to climate change
- bear in mind that in an email dated January 27, 2026, the DSNC list received a closed circuit TV report from Kevin Roche on the condition of sewage pipes in the portion of Elm Street from Day to Grove completed in June 2025. It showed two out of five segments along this stretch "likely to fail" in 10-20 years.

Lee Auspitz