

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 14, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 1, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 15 ft. of conduit at 39-41 Oak St.
4. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 20 ft. of conduit at 165 Beacon St.
5. Petition RCN-Becocom for a Grant of Location to install 20 ft. of conduit at 165 Beacon St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that appropriate signage is in place warning motorists that Perkins Playground is ahead.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD communicate with DCR to lengthen the pedestrian walk signals at McGrath Hwy. and Broadway.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the strip of land from Flint to Gilman Sts. abutting McGrath Hwy. for teenagers hanging out and harassing neighbors at dusk.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking restripe the crosswalks at Pearl St., Mt. Vernon St., including "Short Pearl" and Myrtle St. at Pearl St.

10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect and continuously monitor 78 Perkins St. for safety hazards resulting from an accumulation of dog feces.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the damaged school safety sign on the utility pole on Glen St. across from Webster St.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of Rep. Toomey that the handrail on the stairs at Flint St. and McGrath Hwy. be repaired or replaced.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install flag holders on all light poles along Broadway from Charlestown to Foss Park, and then install American Flags annually from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police consider re-instituting the Area 6 patrol from 12-8AM, as long as the manpower exists.
15. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works widen the driveway at 46 Myrtle St. as it is now a public safety hazard.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace sidewalk hot patches on Vinal Ave. with cement.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police direct the Ward 3 patrol car to utilize Prospect Hill Tower as "Home Base" from April to November, especially from 10PM to 3AM.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the problem with the speed of traffic in front of Highland Gardens at 114 Highland Ave., and make recommendations to slow traffic down.
19. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Ibbetson and Lowell Sts. after the five Busolari brothers.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street cleaning sign 10 feet from the intersection of Highland Ave. and School St., by City Hall.
21. Order By Ald. Taylor and Provost, That the Chief of Police direct a patrol to the vicinity of the Growing Center on Vinal Ave. during the evening hours.

22. Order By Ald. Taylor and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the configuration and traffic flow of Central Rd. to improve pedestrian safety.
23. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and Sullivan, That the Administration remind Mass Highway of their commitment to beautify the island at 252 Medford St. as part of the Rt. 28 reconstruction, and to consider adding a bus shelter there.
24. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, That the Administration appropriate seed money to establish Off-Leash Dog Runs.
25. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, That the Administration set up a Revolving Fund to receive monetary support for Off-Leash Dog Runs.
26. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, That the Administration establish a half-time Animal Control Officer for FY06.
27. Order By Ald. Taylor, Provost, White, Desmond and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD update this Board on enforcing the Zoning Ordinances at 70 Lowell St., per this Board's communication dated Feb., 2005.
28. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the benches in Grimmons Playground in Ten Hills.
29. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Supt. of Lights and Lines instruct the appropriate utility to repair or replace the utility pole on School St. at Medford St.
30. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police place the speed monitor on Marshall St. at varying times and locations to enhance enforcement and traffic control.
31. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the political sign from the telephone pole on Mystic Ave. near the Medford border.
32. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider resident parking for the entirety of Ward 4 with the exception of the Ten Hills neighborhood.
33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street signal at 43 Preston Rd. and remove the old sign lying on the sidewalk.

34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the 3 sidewalk panels at 6 Hammond St. since the current panels are causing a hazard for pedestrians.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint all of the crosswalks in Ward 2.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint a new crosswalk at the corner of Houghton and Prospect Sts. to allow for safe crossing.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect Inman Motors on Prospect St. for violation of the maximum number of vehicles allowed and instruct them to move large vehicles to the back of the lot, since they are causing an obstruction to motorists' lines of sight.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking restore signage on Prospect St. restricting truck traffic.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Osgood St.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft an amendment of Ordinance 8-170 by adding an additional condition F1.5 to specify that "every Garage License renewal must include a maximum number of vehicles in relation to said license", and draft a new Ordinance 8-171 entitled "Used Car License" to require that "the issuance of each Used Car License must be accompanied by a specific maximum number of vehicles."
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor, in conjunction with the Supt. of Lights and Lines, draft an amendment to Ordinance 11-79 by adding Sec. 11-79.1 that cable wires must be removed by the vendor within 3 months of a subscription cancellation or be subject to fine by the local regulating authority, to be determined by this Board.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect Rogers Foam at 114 Central St. for idling trucks in the early morning, in violation of the pre-7AM ordinance.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO PARKING sign at Vernon and Bartlett Sts., as approved over a year ago by the Traffic Commission.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Environmental Officer contact the Ward 5 Alderman regarding the dumping of material at 140 Hudson St.

45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree across from 94 Pritchard Ave. as the ground is uneven with no room to pass on the sidewalk.
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk request the State Delegation to request of the railroad companies, MBTA and Mass Highway that they clean along the railroad tracks between Lowell and Central Sts., as the amount of debris there is unacceptable.
47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant flowers in the islands at Ball Sq.
48. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works accept a scoreboard donation from the Little League at Trum Field.
49. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, Roche and Desmond, That the Mayor formulate an inclusive citywide Zoning Advisory Committee to comprehensively discuss potential amendments to the entire SZO.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Chief of Police increase patrols on Bowers Ave. to remove vagrants trespassing in the rear of 212 Elm St.
51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase patrols at Chester St., Cottage St. and Bowers Ave. to ticket illegally parked cars.
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Board of Health bait the sewers on Cottage Ave., Bowers Ave., Chester St., Chester Pl., Elm St. between Day and Russell Sts., and Russell St. between Cottage and Elm Sts.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect the restaurants on Elm St. between Chester St. and Bowers Ave. for code violations.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Central St. at Willoughby St.
55. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Cherry St. between Summer St. and Highland Ave.
56. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That all members of the Licensing Commission attend a Licenses and Permits Committee Meeting of the Whole to discuss the draft regulations for 2AM closings of All Forms licensed premises.

57. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the brickwork at the curb at 1 College Ave.
58. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect the residence on Dresden Circle immediately adjacent to Kenney Park, for any and all health/zoning code violations.
59. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police act to curtail complaints regarding the conduct of homeless persons in the vicinity of the entrance to the bike path, across Buena Vista Ave., near Meacham Rd., and in and around Seven Hills Park, and order patrols of Kenney Park along Grove St. for similar concerns, and respond in writing with all findings and corrective actions initiated.
60. Order By Ald. Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD inspect all restaurants and food purveyors including coffee shops in the Davis Sq. area from Holland and Irving Sts. to Elm St., all establishments on Elm and Chester Sts. to Elston St., and all establishments on Highland Ave. from Cutter Ave. to College Ave.
61. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD remove the Tanning sign chained to the streetlight at 258 Elm St., as the sign is blocking the sidewalk.
62. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD remove all newsboxes not properly permitted or in disrepair in front of the restaurant at Highland Ave. and Elm St. and in front of the Holland St. T stop entrance.
63. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect the property undergoing renovation at 5 Windom St. for proper location of HVAC equipment, as abutting neighbors have raised noise concerns.
64. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove graffiti from the control box at Weston Manor.
65. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and paint the acorn lights in Teele Sq.
66. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal at Broadway and Packard Ave.
67. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct a patrol in the Tufts area for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights to respond to noise complaints.

68. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order officers to respond to noise and party complaints in the Tufts area and inform Tufts Police when calls are received, so that complaints can be tracked by the Tufts administration.
69. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the school zone lights near the West Somerville Neighborhood School to ensure they are working properly and at the proper times.
70. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the two large potholes on Russell Rd.
71. Order By Ald. Trane and Pero, That the Director of Communications and the Director of Veterans Services work to produce a video honor role for broadcast on or before Memorial Day.
72. Resolution By Ald. Provost, White and the Entire Board, That this Board supports House #1740, to close telecommunications property tax loopholes and eliminate the unfair exemption in outdated property tax statutes.
73. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief of Police explore whether Homeland Security funds can pay personnel costs associated with joint investigations and intelligence sharing with agencies such as the INS, FBI, and State Police, and report back to this Board.
74. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief of Police collaborate with the Health Dept. to develop a protocol for collecting discarded hypodermic needles, to publicize to residents safe procedures for dealing with discarded needles, and to develop a system for recording such incidents for law enforcement purposes.
75. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief Fire Engineer explore whether Homeland Security funds can pay for training in rescue techniques from confined areas and other hazards, and report back to this Board.
76. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-grade and re-pave Meacham St. in front of the Healey School this summer to eliminate the puddling of water there, which presents an ice hazard every winter.
77. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Board of Health bait all sewers in the city to control the rodent population and update this Board on this and other rodent control measures.

78. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 37 Sargent Ave.
79. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 15 MacArthur St.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

80. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters.
81. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a National Park Service \$25,000 grant for Groundwork Somerville Inc. activities.
82. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the appointment of Aru Manrique to the position of Multicultural Director.
83. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming April 29 as Arbor Day 2005.
84. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming May 1 as Law Day.
85. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming May 1-8 as Days of Remembrance Week.
86. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming May 15-21 as National Public Works Week.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

87. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, April 12.
88. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, April 12.
89. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, April 12.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

90. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #178359 re: Star Market on Broadway.

91. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #178364 re: 517 Somerville Ave.
92. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #178365 re: 610 Somerville Ave.
93. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #1178368 re: 619-621 Somerville Ave.
94. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #178379 re: 35 Hawthorne St.
95. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD re: 45 Webster Ave. sidewalk property line.
96. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #178402 re: Eliminating the warning provision for offenses in the Code of Ordinances.
97. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to various board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

98. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Allied Veterans Council Canning Drive,
McGrath Hwy., Broadway, Union Sq. & Davis Sq., April
16-30 & May 14, 8AM-4PM.
99. Public Occ. Somerville Allied Veterans Council Memorial Day Parade,
Highland Ave., Holland, Broadway to Veterans Cemetery,
May 29, 11AM-5PM.
100. Public Occ Mayor's Office Spring Clean Up Day BBQ, April 30, 12-
4PM (Rain Date: May 7).
101. Public Occ Cambridge Health Alliance Aids Candlelight Memorial, 93
Highland Ave., May 15, 8-10PM.
102. Public Occ Little Sisters of the Poor Eucharistic Procession, Highland
Ave., Central St., Westwood Rd., Benton Rd to Highland
Ave., May 22.
103. Public Occ Davis Sq. Farmers' Market, Day & Herbert St. Parking
Lot, Wednesdays, May 25 – Nov. 23, 12-6:30PM.
104. Public Occ Quality Graphics Open House, 11 Blakeley Ave., June 16,
1-7PM.

105. Public Occ Matthew J. O'Brien Tournament, Conway Rink, Basketball Court, Somerville Ave., June 18, 7AM-11PM (Rain Date June 26).
106. Public Occ Portuguese Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St., July 8, 7PM-Midnight, July 9, 7PM-Midnight, July 10, 10AM-Midnight.
107. Public Occ Mass. Motorcycle Assoc. Lobby Day-PAC Breakfast-Parade, Assembly Sq. Dr., May 19, 9-10:30AM Parking, Leaving at 11AM.
108. Public Occ Independent Film Festival of Boston Table and Ford Freestyle, Davis Sq. Statue Park, all day April 21-24.
109. Public Occ Frames Per Second "Manchester" Film Shoot, 40 cast and crew members, 7-27 Holland St., May 1, 7AM-5PM.
110. Public Occ Big Sister Assoc. of Greater Boston Big Sister Picnic, Hodgkins Park, July 30, 10AM-2PM.
111. Public Occ WON – Buddhism of Boston Table, Davis Sq. Statue Park, April 23, 10AM-2PM.
112. Public Occ. Shape Up Somerville 5K Road Race, Trum Field and surrounding area, Sept. 25, 7AM-3PM.
113. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Tadesse Quality Auto Service, 266 Beacon St., 10 Autos.
114. Garage Lic. Charles W. Henricksen, 22-24 Clarendon Ave., 4 Autos.
115. Garage Lic. Joy St. Auto Sales & Service, 12-16 Joy St., 6 Autos.
116. Garage Lic. D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St., 15 Autos.
117. Garage Lic. Angelo Roberto, 80 Lowell St., 7 Autos.
118. Garage Lic. A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 10 Autos.
119. Garage Lic. Paul F. Paone, 11 Rossmore St., 10 Autos.
120. Garage Lic. Reilly's Garage, 61-63 Washington St., 8 Autos.
121. Garage Lic. A Plus Autobody, 93 Walnut St., 14 Autos.
122. Garage Lic. Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., 24 Autos.

123. Garage Lic. Don's Automotive, 25-27 Cutter St., 5 Autos.
124. Garage Lic. PMD Group LLC, 379-385 Broadway, 150 Autos.
125. Garage Lic. Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St., 12 Autos.
126. Garage Lic. J.R. Fennell LP, 92-94 Prospect St., 90 Autos.
127. Garage Lic. Barnes & Walsh Co. 224-226 Somerville Ave., 20 Autos.
128. Garage Lic. Domenic Fabrizio, 290 Rear Somerville Ave., 4 Autos.
129. Garage Lic. C.J. Doherty, 398 Mystic Ave., 4 Autos.
130. Garage Lic. Fellsway Auto Repair Co., 693 McGrath Hwy., 15 Autos.
131. Garage Lic. Rodriguez Auto Repair, 66-68 Joy St., 10 Autos.
132. Garage Lic. Hawkins Street Automotive, 3-9 Hawkins St., 6 Autos.
133. Garage Lic. Country Auto Repair, 103 Washington St., 4 Autos.
134. Garage Lic. Century Tire, 263-269 Beacon St., 10 Autos.
135. Garage Lic. Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave., 12 Autos.
136. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Federal Heating & Engineering, 24-26 Elm St., 10,000 Gallons.
137. Flamm. Lic. Chambers Motorcars, 259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 Gallons.
138. Flamm. Lic. Lub-O-Line and Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 8,250 Gallons.
139. Flamm. Lic. Lub-O-Line and Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 12,000 Gallons.
140. Gar. & Flam. **Renewal of Garage & Flammables License**
Chambers Motorcars, 259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 Gallons,
350 Autos.
141. Gar. & Flam. Pete's Boys, 229R Lowell St., 50 Gallons, 10 Autos.
142. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto Dealer License**
Fabrizio Auto Sales, 290 Somerville Ave.
143. Used Car Lic A+ Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St.

144. Used Car Lic Somerville Auto Transport, 495 Columbia St.
145. Ext. Retail Hr **Renewal of Extended Retail Hours License**
C & S Donut Corp. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway,
24 hrs./7 days.
146. Ext. Retail Hr McDonald's, 14 McGrath Hwy, 24 hrs./7 days.
147. Outdoor Park **Renewal of Outdoor Parking License**
Russell Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy., 25 vehicles.
148. Outdoor Park Hawkins St. Automotive, 9 Hawkins St., 20 vehicles.
149. Outdoor Park Martha Lee Trust, 170 Highland Ave., 15 vehicles.
150. Outdoor Seat **Renewal of Outdoor Seating License**
Diva Indian Bistro, 246 Elm St., 4 tables, 8 seats.
151. Outdoor Seat Mike's Restaurant, 9 Davis Sq., 8 tables, 16 seats.
152. Outdoor Seat What's Cookin' on College Ave., 136 College Ave., 2
tables, 6 seats, 1 sign.
153. Outdoor Seat O'Naturals Inc., 187 Elm St., 6 tables, 12 seats.
154. Outdoor Seat Picante Mexican Grill, 217 Elm St., 2 tables, 4 seats, 1
sign.
155. Outdoor Seat Davis Square Food Services dba Antonia's, 37 Davis Sq., 3
tables, 10 seats.
156. Outdoor Seat Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 10 tables, 26 seats.
157. Junk Dealer **Renewal of a Junk Dealer License**
Talewsky Enterprise, 508 Columbia St.
158. Junk Dealer Atlas Junk, 475 Columbia St.
159. Junk Dealer Gear, 160 Highland Ave.
160. Billiard/Pool **Renewal of a Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling License**
Khoury's State Spa, 118-120 Broadway, 2 Pool Tables.
161. Billiard/Pool AOD Inc. dba On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 Pool
Tables.
162. Billiard/Pool Good Time Billiards Inc., 30 Sturtevant St., 1 Billiard
Table, 49 Pool Tables, 4 Bowling Alleys.

163. Drainlayer **Renewal of Drainlayer License**
C.J. Doherty Inc.
164. Drainlayer Donohoe Excavating Inc.
165. Drainlayer John Borges Sewer and Drain.
166. Drainlayer P.T. Kelley Inc.
167. Drainlayer Robell Excating.
168. Drainlayer Anthony P. Flowers.
169. Drainlayer LaMountain Bros.
170. Drainlayer J. Derenzo Co.
171. Drainlayer Caruso & McGovern Construction Inc.
172. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating**
Palermino Real Estate, 327B Highland Ave., 1 sign.
173. Outdoor Seat Union Sq. Farmers Market, Union Sq. adjacent to SCAT Building, June – Oct., 8AM-2PM, 30 tables, 60 seats.
174. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**
Marco Costa dba Toque DeAnjo Inc., 18 Bow St.
175. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver License**
Paulina Fresnel.
176. Taxi Driver Alfred Perlito.
177. Taxi Med. **Transfer of Taxi Medallion**
Z.H. Inc., Medallion #83.
178. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxicab Medallion**
SJP Taxi, Medallion #45.
179. Taxi Med. King's Transportation Co., Medallion #70.
180. Comm. **Communication**
Michele Biscoe, Somerville Dog Owners Association, re:
Off Leash Dog Run petition.
181. Comm. Doreen Rushins re: Complaint with Affordable Auto Sales,
682 Mystic Ave.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM