

**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**

March 27, 2003, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS**  
**AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

1. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating M. Teresa Cardoso on being named Pearson of the Year by the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers.
2. Citation By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board, Honoring the Somerville High School Cheerleaders National Championship.
3. Ordinance By Ald. Roche, Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the Assembly Square Mall area.
4. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean in and around the grounds of the East Somerville Community School.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean all playgrounds in Ward One in preparation of spring activity, especially Perkins Playground, which dogs have been using as a lavatory all winter.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of the Board of Health investigate the following addresses for any and all violations of health codes and city ordinances: Back Bay Sign - 236 Pearl St., 21-27 Aldrich St., 28-30 Glen St., 12-14 Knowlton St., and 4 & 7 Morton St.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the RESIDENT ONLY parking sign at Minnesota Ave. and Broadway on the westerly side of the street.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chairman of the Committee on Licenses & Permits work with the Ward One Alderman and Kensington St. neighbors to schedule a Show Cause hearing regarding the Hess Gas Station on McGrath Hwy.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the vacant area at the end of Tufts St., near Washington St.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the possibility of installing GO SLOW - CHILDREN signs on Minnesota and Pennsylvania Aves.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Communications post a notice on the CHANNEL 16 wheel, regarding a Public Hearing by the State House Committee on Public Safety pertaining to Somerville's Home Rule Petition, referred to as the Gang Ordinance.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines work with the appropriate utility company to determine the feasibility of installing a street lamp on the utility pole opposite 1 Lincoln St. as this is a dark area and poses a public safety hazard.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works send a communication to Senator Shannon and Representative Toomey requesting their assistance in getting the MDC to clean the area adjacent to the railroad tracks behind 240 Pearl St.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave the 15 foot section of sidewalk at the corner of Francis and Conwell Sts., near the tree.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 15 Conwell St.
16. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board of Aldermen hereby commends Public Works Commissioner David Dow for his ongoing communication with the Mass Highway Dept. regarding the Lowell St. Bridge and for keeping the members of this Board apprised of the situation.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works order Russell Disposal to collect trash on 'urban connector' roadways (i.e. Willow Ave.), one side at a time, to allow motorists to pass by.

18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer attempt to maneuver a fire truck onto and down the driveway at 35R Lexington Ave.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Milton St.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the electric utility company to repair and/or replace the light fixture at corner of Winslow Ave. and Grove St. ASAP.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the two hour parking limit Monday - Saturday between 8 AM - 6 PM in Ball Square, between Bay State Ave. and Bristol Rd. and the Willow Ave. intersection on Broadway.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway on College Ave., from the Medford line to the Powderhouse Rotary, due to the serious fragmentation and deterioration of the road surface, and advise, in writing, prior to the next regular meeting of this Board as to work progress and/or completion.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention and the Director of Public Health inspect the premises at 78 and 86 Bromfield Rd. and 195 and 197 College Ave. for any and all health, fire, and zoning code violations, and take all necessary compliance actions, including seeking court complaints, if necessary.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair and/or replace the broken light fixtures in Powderhouse Park near Broadway and Liberty Ave. ASAP.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the city's responsibility and liability as they relate to damage to personal property caused by falling tree limbs.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the intersection of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave., between the hours of 5 - 7 PM, to stop and cite motorists for traffic violations.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sign at the corner of Horace and South Sts.

28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Arborist assess the health of the tree at 14 Mossland St. and perform any necessary action to insure that the tree is properly trimmed and treated.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works cement the sidewalk panel at 685 Somerville Ave.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clarify the street sweeping policy for residents who live on streets where parking is restricted to one side only.
31. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar Electric and request all reports generated by NStar employees regarding pole inspections performed in the City for the past two years as well as the schedule of pole inspections that will take place for the remainder of 2003 and for the entire year of 2004.
32. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works attempt to identify which tenant put the television set outside of 8 Cherry St. for pickup without a sticker, and inform them of the process for having things of this nature picked up.
33. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests the Licensing Commission inform this Board as to the existence or status of a license or application for a license for the Starbucks currently being constructed on Somerville Ave., and include the date the application was submitted and any public process that took place while under consideration by the License Commission.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works or the person currently in charge of the Inspectional Services Dept. appear before this Board of Aldermen and explain the process that allowed the construction of the Starbucks Coffee Shop, now under way on Somerville Ave., to begin without any notification being given to the neighbors or any member of this Board of Alderman after two members of the Board requested information, via Board Orders and in person, as to who and what was taking place on that Somerville Ave. site.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss or explain the status of the Inspectional Services Dept.

36. Order By Ald. Desmond, Heuston and McCallum, That the Director of Recreation appear before the Youth Services Committee to discuss the ability of the city to fund the Summer Parks and Recreation Program for 2003 and to offer any suggestions to ensure its existence this summer.
37. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign on Butler Dr. at the corner of Temple St.
38. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the STOP signpost at the corner of Puritan Rd. and Shore Dr.
39. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the corner of James St. and Pearl St., at the base of the telephone pole.
40. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 357 Medford St. and 44 Radcliffe Rd.
41. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of Public Health and the Chief of Police inspect the premises at 35-37 Jackson Rd. for any zoning code violations.
42. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street signs at the corner of Wheatland St. and Mystic Ave.
43. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MDC that the area along Route 93 and Bailey Rd. requires cleaning.
44. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the debris from the area of Temple St. and Mystic Ave.
45. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash, litter and mattress from Butler Dr.
46. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board of Aldermen offers its thanks and commendation to Mary Jo McLarney of the School Food Service Dept. for managing to keep the School Breakfast Program going despite the elimination of state funding for the program.

47. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the abandoned television set in front of 36 Bow St., and the computer monitor (with orange sticker) left in front of 3 Ash Ave.
48. Order By Ald. Provost and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at the intersection of Mallet and Lowden Aves. and on Willow Ave. between Ball Square and Highland Ave.
49. Resolution By Ald. Provost and the Entire Board, That this Board go on record in support of the Statewide Campaign to Stop the Cuts, and communicate that support to the city's legislative delegation and to the entire Massachusetts General Court.
50. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the City Clerk invite an MBTA Police representative to attend a future Board of Aldermen meeting to discuss public safety issues at its station facilities.
51. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from 398 McGrath Hwy.
52. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from 35 McGrath Hwy.
53. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the properties located at 296, 298 & 300 McGrath Hwy. for any code violations.
54. Order By Ald. Curtatone and O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the property located at 198 Cedar St. for any Code violations.
55. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the appliances in the vicinity of 9-11 Cross St.
56. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the former Somerville Lumber site and its surrounding buildings.
57. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Medford St.
58. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the catch basin at the corner of Boston and Greenville Sts.

59. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Trane, That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the Code Of Ordinances to increase the fines for the solicitation of passengers by unlicensed taxi drivers.
60. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate and repair the stairs in the rear of the Prospect Hill Tower.
61. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police enforce the traffic restrictions on Greenville St. and Prospect Hill Ave. from 7 - 9 AM and 4 – 6 PM.
62. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate and repair the brick wall in the rear of Nunziato Field.
63. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board of Alderman offers its support, encouragement and prayers for the safety of all our troops serving overseas, and commends their efforts on behalf of the United States of America.
64. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board of Alderman offers our support to the children of the West Somerville Neighborhood School in their efforts to raise money for the USO's Family Fund, and congratulates them on being active participants in their city and community.
65. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Traffic and Parking Dept. immediately move the NO RIGHT ON RED signs at Powderhouse Blvd. and Curtis St. so they face drivers from opposite corners.
66. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Traffic and Parking Dept. repair the damaged street sign on High St. at the corner of North St.
67. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Board of Health begin legal proceedings against the owner of 14-16 Cutis Ave. to ensure his compliance with all health ordinances.
68. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police contact the State Police to ask for increased traffic enforcement for speeding cars and failure to yield for pedestrians along Alewife Brook Pkwy.
69. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Public Works Commissioner contact the MDC and ask that they remove illegally dumped trash and debris from the rear of the pool at Dilboy Field and attempt to stop further dumping activities.

70. Resolution By Al. Trane, That the Mayor call a meeting of the Tufts Neighborhood Advisory Committee as soon as possible and notify the Ward 6 and 7 Alderman when this will occur.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

71. Citation Commending Crossing Guard Clara Moss on her heroism, protecting children from begin struck by a vehicle while crossing Highland Ave. on 2/14/03.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

72. Submitting the proposed FY03 Election Calendar.
73. Requesting that the State Delegation appear before the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting on April 10 to discuss the FY04 State Budget.
74. Requesting the Board of Aldermen's support for Project Somerville Says Thank You.
75. Requesting confirmation to appoint Matthew Buckley of 22 Temple St. as the Director of Personnel.
76. Requesting confirmation to appoint Nicholas Salerno of 14 Kenneson Rd. to the Election Commission.
77. Requesting confirmation to appoint Cecilia Sosa-Patterson of 70 Oxford St. to Board of Health.
78. Requesting confirmation to appoint Alan Moore of 23 Cherry St. to the Bicycle Committee.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

79. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, March 18.
80. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 25.
81. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 26.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

82. Chief Fire Engineer and Director of Inspectional Services responding to #173400 re: Pyrotechnics and safety inspections in buildings.

83. Police Chief responding to #173579 and #173580 re: The Police Dept.'s Table of Organization and the deployment of any and all Police Dept. Personnel.
84. City Clerk regarding the Rules of the Board of Aldermen.
85. City Clerk regarding the adoption of the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen.
86. Traffic & Parking Clerk/Coordinator responding to #173256 re: Traffic Commission meeting notices and agendas.
87. City Solicitor responding to #173572 re: Requiring trash be placed in appropriate containers.
88. DPW Director of Operations responding to various Board Orders.
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#### NEW BUSINESS

90. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
BBQ for the SHS Varsity Cheerleaders, 313 Highland Ave. (rear), April 12 from 12-4PM.
91. Public Occ. Palm Sunday Parade, beginning at Powder House Park, April 13 from 8:30-10AM.
92. Public Occ. Little League Opening Day Parade, starting at the High School, April 26 (raindate April 27) at 10AM.
93. Public Occ. Little League Season, Trum Field, Hodgkins Park, Conway Field, and Lincoln Park, April 1- Nov. 15, weekdays 5:30-10PM and weekends 7AM-10PM.
94. Public Occ. Sunday Procession, 203 Somerville Ave., June 8 starting at 9AM.
95. Public Occ. Kids' Day, Tufts University, April 12 9AM-4PM.
96. Public Occ. Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, starting on Holland St., Oct. 4 from 8:45-11AM.
97. Public Occ. Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, Seven Hills Park, Oct. 4 from 6:30 to 11:30AM.

98. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
C.J. Doherty Inc., 398 Mystic Ave., 4 Autos.
99. Garage Lic. Joan Tsakos, 72 Berkeley St., 5 Autos.
100. Garage Lic. D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 15 Autos.
101. Garage Lic. D.M. Auto Body Inc., 40 Joy St., 52 Autos.
102. Garage Lic. Auto Express, 712 Mystic Ave., 3 Autos.
103. Garage Lic. Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, 21 Third Ave., 76 Autos.
104. Garage Lic. Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Ter., 19 Autos.
105. Garage Lic. Tracer Technologies Inc., 15 North Union St., 40 Autos.
106. Garage Lic. Krisco Corp. d/b/a Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 100 Autos.
107. Garage Lic. Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave., 12 Autos..
108. Garage Lic. Goodyear Auto Service Ctr., 1 Bow St., 6 Autos.
109. Garage Lic. Mike's Auto Services, 6E Beach Ave., 6 Autos.
110. Garage Lic. Flores Auto Repair, 6D Beach Ave., 8 Autos.
111. Garage Lic. F.W. Russell & Sons Disposal Inc., 120 McGrath Hwy, 25 Autos.
112. Garage Lic. Accurate Mobile Glass, 398-400 Mystic Ave., 3 Autos.
113. Garage Lic. Rodriguez Auto Repair, 66-68 Joy St., 10 Autos.
114. Garage Lic. A.A. Auto Repair, 627 Somerville Ave., 33 Autos.
115. Garage Lic. Unlimited Auto Body, Inc., 471 Somerville Ave., 6 Autos.
116. Garage Lic. Gene Automotive Repair, 463 McGrath Hwy, 5 Autos.
117. Garage Lic. A Plus Auto Body, Inc., 93 Walnut St., 14 Autos.
118. Garage Lic. A Plus Auto Body, Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 Autos.

119. Garage Lic. Hawkins Street Automotive Co., 9 Hawkins St., 6 Autos.
120. Garage Lic. Don's Automotive, 25-27 Cutter St., 5 Autos.
121. Garage Lic. J&E Auto Body Inc., 3 Hawkins St., 10 Autos.
122. Garage Lic. Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 104 Dover St., 40 Autos.
123. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**  
Hess, 709 McGrath Hwy, 45, 550 gallons.
124. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto License, Class 2**  
Affordable Auto Sales Inc., 682 Mystic Ave.
125. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 2**  
Webster Auto Body Company, 69 Webster Ave.
126. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 3**  
Webster Auto Body Company, 69 Webster Ave.
127. Billiards **Renewal of Billiard & Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys**  
Khoury's State Spa, 118-120 Broadway, 2 pool tables.
128. Outdoor Parking **Renewal of Outdoor Parking**  
Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave. #1, 15 vehicles.
129. Drainlayers **Renewal of Drain Layers License**  
B&T Sons Inc.
130. Drainlayers P.T. Kelley Inc.
131. Drainlayers Rockwell Construction Co. Inc.
132. Drainlayers John Borges Sewer & Drain Co.
133. Drainlayers J. Marchese & Sons Inc.
134. Bond **Drain Layers Bond**  
Caruso & McGovern Construction Inc.
135. Bond Wickson Construction Corporation.
136. Taxi Op. **New Taxi Operator**  
Louis Forte, 26 Pearl St., Attleboro.
137. Taxi Op. Ronald David, 45C Memorial Rd., Somerville.
138. Taxi Op. Wadson Gesse, 69 Rush St., Somerville.

- 139. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**  
Theresa A. Gillen.
- 140. Claim Notice Shane Murray.
- 141. Claim Notice Lawrence Holcomb.
- 142. Claim Notice Jennifer Fuchel.
- 143. Claim Notice Jacob Wayne.
- 144. Claim Notice Barry McQuillin.
- 145. Claim Notice Linda Lucia.
- 146. Claim Notice Mela Lyman

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**