

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

April 10, 2003, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition Verizon for a grant of location to install 7 feet of 4 inch PVC conduit from utility pole #P134/18 on Franklin St. to the New Edgerly School.
2. Petition Comcast for a grant of location to install 7 feet of 4 inch PVC conduit from utility pole #P134/18 on Franklin St. to the new Edgerly School.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Citation By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board, Commending Dr. David D. Menon for ten years of dedicated service to the community.
4. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the telephone poles at Florence Terrace and Heath St. for rope hanging from and/or across the poles.
5. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the following locations: the corner of Grant and Jaques Sts., 58 Main St., 75 Ten Hills Rd., 93 Temple St. and 113 Bailey Rd.
6. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 29-31 Sewall St. for all necessary permits.
7. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises around Electro Sales, at the corner of Wheatland St., Mystic Ave. and Fellsway West, for garbage bags and all other litter and trash that might be put out for collection and to verify that Electro Sales has the proper permits.

8. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor, Chief Fire Engineer, Director of Public Health and acting Superintendent of Inspectional Services attend a meeting with neighbors of 35R Lexington Ave. to discuss the property and safety issues at 6:30 PM on Wed., April 30, at the VNA Assisted Living Facility, 259 Lowell St.
9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor be prepared to discuss all legal issues at 35R Lexington Ave., including but not limited to, the MBTA/City lease and any Department of Environmental Protection issues.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer order the owner of 35R Lexington Ave. to install a monitored fire alarm system and rectify all fire safety issues.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the acting Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the wooden shed at 35R Lexington Ave. for structural issues and other violations.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Public Health inspect 35R Lexington Ave. in preparation for the April 30 neighborhood meeting.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk sign at Liberty Rd. and Morrison Ave. to assist pedestrians using that crossing.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works erect a NO HARD BALL OR STICKBALL sign in the Brown School yard due to numerous complaints from abutting property owners who have suffered property or trespass damage.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit regulations on Morrison Ave. between College and Willow Aves., and use the speed indicator trailer as a deterrent.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate electric utility company to repair and/or replace the light fixture at the corner of Winslow Ave. and Grove St. ASAP. (2nd request.)
17. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to inspect the Brown School yard daily from 4 to 10 PM for suspicious persons frequenting the area.
18. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether Ordinance 12-11, prohibiting loitering on sidewalks, is valid and enforceable.

19. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash and Nazi graffiti from the Sacramento St. underpass and repair or replace the broken lights in that tunnel.
20. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Chief of Police dispatch directed patrols to the Sacramento St. underpass.
21. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the appropriate city officials make available to members of this Board, and to members of the public, maps which identify all of the designated fire lanes in the City.
22. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, Chief of Police and Chief Fire Engineer inform this Board as to their policies for enforcing such prohibitions as exist against parking motor vehicles in fire lanes.
23. Resolution By Ald. Provost and McCallum, That this Board respectfully requests that the US Congress restore the \$25 million recently cut from the Veterans Services budget, and asks that the City Clerk communicate this resolution to the State Delegation and to the appropriate Congressional committees.
24. Resolution By Ald. Provost and McCallum, That the Somerville Housing Authority repair the broken steps of the stairway between the Mystic Housing Development and the Healey School, and clean the trash from the slopes above the housing project.
25. Order By Ald. Provost, Roche and McCallum, That the Commissioner of Public Works request the MDC to immediately remove the "gang tag" graffiti from the landscape timbers on the Fellsway West side of Foss Park.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a STOP sign at the corner of Joseph and Newton Sts. (2nd request.)
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the intersection of Wyatt and Perry Sts. and make recommendations regarding signals and signage to address traffic hazards.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Public Health contact The Wine Cask at 407 Washington St. to address their dumpster being regularly kept open and being of insufficient capacity for their business needs.

29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify The Wine Cask of graffiti on its dumpster and order its removal per city guidelines.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Public Health contact the Brooks Pharmacy at 530 Somerville Ave. to address their dumpster being regularly kept open and being of insufficient capacity for their business needs.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the enforcement procedure for towing cars for street cleaning on secondary and side streets in the City.
32. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services review the property at 306 Washington St. regarding the current construction, to determine if the site will be used as a boarding house or if the number of units exceeds the allowance for that particular property.
33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines replace the street light at 79 Beacon St.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged sign pole at the corner of Grove St. and Morrison Ave.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing bricks in the area of 236 Elm St. in Davis Sq.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MBTA to repair the bus stop signs on both sides of College Ave. in the area of Summit St.
37. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in front of 21 Cherry St.
38. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole within the area of the catch basin on Dane St. at the corner of Skeehan St.
39. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines arrange to meet NStar at the corner of Granite St. and Somerville Ave. to inspect the low hanging wires that are constantly being struck by delivery trucks, and to inspect the low hanging wires that were not adequately secured in the rear of 9 Granite St.
40. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 110 Concord Ave.

41. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the debris in the catch basin at the corner of Somerville Ave. and Laurel St.
42. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify the Market Basket Supermarket to clean the trash that has collected along their fence on the Church St. side of their property.
43. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole near 24 Temple St.
44. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Traffic & Parking Department repair the street sign pole in front of Hoyt Sullivan Playground on Central St.
45. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged road near the HP curb-cut at the corner of Albion and Cedar Sts.
46. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in the crosswalk on Hudson St. at the corner of Lowell St.
47. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the large pile of leaves and debris outside Dickerman Playground on Ibbetson St.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the corner of Cambria and Central Sts. and in front of 168 Highland Ave.
49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate agency to replace the YIELD sign that is missing from the rotary in the area of Alewife Brook Parkway and Powderhouse Blvd.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole located in front of 193 Powderhouse Blvd.
51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to replace the missing cover plate on the light pole near 172 Powderhouse Blvd.
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate agency to clean the trash and debris around Dilboy Stadium and its parking lot, and that the area be monitored for misuse and litter violations by the owners of the vehicles parking there.

53. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and McCallum, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash, leaves and other debris within the fence around the temporary bridge on Sycamore St.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

55. Requesting a Declaration of Surplus Property for the Conwell School.
56. Requesting approval of a decrease in appropriations from various departments totaling \$1,760,650.62.
57. Requesting confirmation to appoint Herby Duveine of 1374 Broadway #6B to Constable.
58. Requesting confirmation to appoint Susan Kamin of 24 Pleasant St. to the Commission for Women.
59. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Greg Palmer of 24 Walker St. to the Bicycle Committee.
60. Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.
61. Proclaiming Friday, April 25, as Arbor Day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

62. Report of the Committee on Finance of the Whole, April 1.
63. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, April 1.
64. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, April 1.
65. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, April 9.
66. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, April 9.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

67. DPW Commissioner responding to #173483 re: Potholes.

68. City Solicitor responding to #173455 re: Leafleting and handbills.
69. City Solicitor responding to #172300 re: Asbestos claims against W.R. Grace.
70. City Solicitor responding to #173401 re: Prohibiting smoking at public parks.
71. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #173599 re: Fire Trucks at 35R Lexington Ave.
72. DPW Director of Operations responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

73. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Run for Camp Road Race, starting and ending at the Kennedy School at 10:30AM.
74. Public Occ. Davis Square Farmers Market, Day and Herbert St. Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 21-Nov. 26 from Noon-6PM.
75. Public Occ. Sign for SHS Vocational Open House, sidewalk at 81 Highland Ave., April 11-12.
76. Public Occ. Somerville Girls Basketball Canning Drive, Citywide, April 19 and June 7 from 8:30AM-3PM.
77. Outdoor Seat **Renewal of Outdoor Seating**
What's Cookin' on College Ave, 136 College Ave., for 2 tables and 6 seats.
78. Outdoor Seat Bostonian Florist, 76 Central St., for a sign on the corner of Highland Ave. and Central St. and the display of goods in front of the store.
79. Outdoor Seat Divia Indian Bistro, 246-248 Elm St., for 4 tables and 8 seats.
80. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Alex Auto Body Inc., 75 Washington St., 10 Autos.
81. Garage Lic. Somerville Auto Transport Service Inc., 495 Columbia St., 22 Autos.
82. Garage Lic. Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., 30 Autos.

83. Garage Lic. Boston Sand and Gravel Company, 492 Rutherford Ave., 60 Autos.
84. Garage Lic. Country Auto Repair Inc., 103 Washington St., 4 Autos.
85. Garage Lic. Petrosillo Brothers, 6 Carlton St., 30 Autos.
86. Garage Lic. Inman Capital Cars d/b/a Inman Motor Sales, 121-123 Prospect St., 20 Autos.
87. Garage Lic. Pena Automotive Inc., 45 Webster Ave., 20 Autos.
88. Garage Lic. Jack-E-Williamson, 45 Adrian St., 6 Autos.
89. Garage Lic. Somerville Auto Repair Inc., 453 Somerville Ave., 4 Autos.
90. Garage Lic. Chicken & Shakes Automotive, 6A-6B Beach Ave., 8 Autos.
91. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave., 15,000 gallons.
92. Flamm. Lic. Federal Heating & Engineering Inc., 24-26 Elm St., 10,000 gallons.
93. Flamm. Lic. Nstar c/o William D. Lemos, 77 Linwood St., 22,852 gallons.
94. Flamm. Lic. Henry F. Owens Inc., 35 McGrath Hwy, 6,670 gallons.
95. Flamm. Lic. Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480-490 Columbia St., 1,500 gallons.
96. Flamm. Lic. Lub-O-Line Industrial Oil Co. Inc., 9 Florence St., 12,000 gallons.
97. Flamm. Lic. Lub-O-Line Industrial Oil Co. Inc., 9 Florence St., 8, 250 gallons.
98. Flamm. Lic. Faulkner Bros. Inc., 9-13 Alpine St., 18,900 gallons.
99. Flamm. Lic. Cherry Burns Trust, 58 Cherry St., 2,500 gallons.
100. Flamm. Lic. Mobil Mart Plus Inc., 379-387 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 33,450 gallons.

101. Flamm. Lic. Hillside Auto Repair Inc., 583 Broadway, 22,600 gallons.
102. Flamm. Lic. Cubby Oil Co., Inc., 20 Medford St., 16,800 gallons.
103. Garage/Flam **Renewal of Garage and Flammable License**
Lic. Henley Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Valvoline Oil, 182
Washington St., 3 Autos, 3,000 gallons.
104. Garage/Flam J.C.Auto Repair, 91 Prospect St., 10 Autos, 50 gallons.
Lic.
105. Garage/Flam General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell St., 10 Autos,
Lic. 1,000 gallons.
106. Garage/Flam Fortini's Service Station, 225-227 Beacon St., 7 Autos,
Lic. 7,318 gallons.
107. Garage/Flam Vicente Bros Inc., 343-345 Medford St., 7 Autos, 20,500
Lic. gallons.
108. Garage/Flam Herbert Chambers I-93 Inc. d/b/a Chambers, 259 McGrath
Lic. Hwy., 350 Autos, 6,075 gallons.
109. Billiards **Renewal of Billiard & Pool and Bowling Alleys**
Codder's d/b/a Casey's, 173 Broadway, 2 pool tables.
110. Billiards Good Time Billiards Inc., 30 Sturtevant St., 4 billiard
tables, 66 pool tables, and 14 bowling alleys.
111. Junk Dealer **Renewal of Junk Dealer License**
Second Gear, 160 Highland Ave.
112. Junk Dealer Atlas Junk, 475 Columbia St.
113. Junk Dealer Prospect Iron & Steel Company, 40 Bennett St.
114. Junk Dealer Salvation Army Thrift Store, 483 Broadway.
115. Junk Dealer Talewsky Enterprises Inc., 508 Columbia St.
116. Junk Dealer Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
117. Outdoor park **Renewal of Outdoor Parking**
Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 6 vehicles.
118. Outdoor park Brown-Flaherty Funeral, 263 Washington St., 15 vehicles.
119. Outdoor park Hawkins St. Auto Service, 9 Hawkins St., 20 vehicles.

120. Outdoor park Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 500 Columbia St., 61 vehicles.
121. Outdoor park Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 494 Columbia St., 15 vehicles.
122. Drainlayers **Renewal of Drain Layers License**
Free Flow Plumbing & Drain King.
123. Drainlayers Snake-it-Away Inc.
124. Drainlayers CJ Doherty Inc.
125. Drainlayers J. Derenzo Co.
126. Bond **Drain Layers Bond**
N. Sacca And Sons.
127. Taxi Op. **New Taxi Operator**
Daniel Duplease.
128. Taxi Op. Eddy Bellan.
129. Taxi Op. John McIntyre.
130. Taxi Op. Ernst Bernard.
131. Taxi Op. Bryan MacMartin.
132. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Kenneth Harvey.
133. Claim Notice Nancy R. Golden.
134. Claim Notice Mary Ann Buonomo.
135. Claim Notice Laurence Shumway.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM