

**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

October 9, 2003, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of 09/11/03.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install a hip guy anchor at pole 347/4 in Properzi Way.
4. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 6 ft. of conduit at 21 Park St.
5. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 32 ft. of conduit at 1 Summer St. on Wesley Park.
6. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 3 ft. of conduit in Medford St. at Broadway.
7. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 114 ft. of conduit in Medford St.

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

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe all crosswalks around all senior homes in Ward One, as seniors and handicapped persons are having difficulty utilizing these crosswalks due to poor visibility.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole near the B&M Bridge on Cross St.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect all wheelchair sidewalk cuts along Broadway from Mount Vernon St. to Winter Hill to assure they are safe for handicapped persons to use.

11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Solicitor advise this Board of any regulations it may impose regulating the use of motorized scooters.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect all sidewalks around Bryant Manor and replace any lifted panels.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that Parking Control Officers are sensitive around senior residences, such as Bryant Manor, as residents' families are receiving tickets when assisting seniors to their apartments.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the use of portable speed bumps around the city, specifically at senior buildings such as Bryant Manor.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Public Health inspect 277 Medford St. and inform residents of the proper disposition of trash for city pick-up.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police assign officers to Mount Pleasant and Perkins Sts. to monitor speeding and other vehicular violations.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Public Health bait all sewers near Cross St. and Chester Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Chief of Police determine who should ticket vehicles parked in bus stops on Sundays, especially around Franklin St. and Broadway, and report back to the Ward One Alderman with the process.
19. Order By Ald. Roche and White, That the Director of Public Health appear before this Board's next regularly scheduled meeting to explain the new "No Smoking" regulation.
20. Order By Ald. Roche and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth of weeds at the bus stop opposite 240 Pearl St.
21. Order By Ald. Roche and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the blinking light on Skilton Ave. adjacent to 240 Pearl St.
22. Order By Ald. Roche and White, That the Director of Public Health and Superintendent of Inspectional Services jointly investigate the premises at 40 Everett Ave. and cite the owner(s) for any and all violations. (3rd request.)

23. Order By Ald. Roche and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk from 240 Pearl St. to the bus stop on the opposite side of the street. (3rd request.)
24. Order By Ald. Roche, White and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the flashing lights at Walnut and Pearl Sts. ASAP so they operate in a normal fashion, as this is a safety hazard at a busy intersection that is utilized by many senior citizens and disabled persons.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor New Washington St. for tractor trailer trucks that park overnight with their refrigeration motors running, as the constant noise is bothersome to the residents of Cobble Hill.
26. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, Chief of Police and Principal of the Capuano Early Education Center jointly create a plan that allows parents to drop off and pick up their children without impeding the traffic flow from Dell St., Fountain Ave. and Glen St.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor and Superintendent of Inspectional Services clarify for this Board the rights and responsibilities of private way residents as they relate to city services and maintenance of streets and sidewalks and other amenities.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with regular updates regarding the purchase and receipt of noise decibel meters and subsequent training and usage by police personnel.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the city owned parking lots on South St.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Calvin St.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signals at Prospect St. and Webster Ave.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development visit and view Albion Park and contact the Ward Five Alderman to discuss its condition.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer in the Brown School playground.

34. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 231 Lowell St., known as Capitol Glass & Mirror Corp., to determine if ATS Towing is operating from Capitol Glass & Mirror Corp.'s premises.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the parking restrictions in Magoun Square, particularly between the hours of 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.
36. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Traffic Commission consider marking Hinckley St. at Broadway a "No Parking" area to allow two-way traffic in and out of Hinckley St. onto Broadway.
37. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider the placement of an overhang pole, on Broadway at Hinckley St., indicating DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION at Hinckley St., as the current sign is on the sidewalk, not seen by motorists, and blocked by tree leaves in the warm months.
38. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect Albion Park for fire hazards, including brush and weeds.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development provide this Board with a progress report on the Municipal Parking Lot/CVS project in Magoun Square.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees and bushes at Kidder Ave. and Highland Rd. to allow motorists a clear view of all STOP signs.
41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development inspect the wall and fences between Fisk Ave. and the CVS/Municipal Parking Lot construction site for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act and zoning codes.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the overflowing sewer on the municipal parking lot, abutting Fisk Ave. at the CVS construction project site in Magoun Square, and notify the Ward Alderman of the findings.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-pitch the grade of hot top at the rear entrance(s) to the Brown School to prevent water from moving into the basement of the school.

44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police resume directed patrols at Albion and Lexington Parks on a daily basis.
45. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Administration take steps to allow the Traffic and Parking Department to be open until 7 PM on Wednesdays, to allow working people an opportunity to receive proper service. (3rd request.)
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds personally visit Albion Park to view its condition, and contact the Ward Five Alderman to discuss same.
47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and repair the sewer at 12 Albion Place.
48. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a study on the Boston Ave./Broadway intersection, particularly analyzing the Boston Ave. traffic and right-of-way issue. (3rd request.)
49. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works analyze Gilson Terrace for sinking. (2nd request.)
50. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a REDUCED SPEED or CHILDREN AT PLAY warning sign at the corner of Wilton and Hinckley Sts. (2nd request.)
51. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that NStar trim the tree at 2 Pembroke St., at Sycamore St., as the tree limbs are entangled with electrical wires causing a safety hazard. (2nd request.)
52. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond to the Ward Five Alderman regarding the progress of improvements and cleanup of lower Highland Rd., between Morrison Ave. and the bike path.
53. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Public Health, Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Chief Fire Engineer inspect the former nursing home property on Adams St. and cite the owner(s) for any and all violations.
54. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the severe flooding and lack of drainage which occurs during every rain storm between 70 and 80 Cedar St.

55. Resolution By Ald. McCallum and the Entire Board, That this Board extends its sincere thanks to Jack Mullane Plumbing and Heating for repairing all of the benches at the Blessing of the Bay on Shore Drive.
56. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police and Director of Traffic and Parking notify the Modern Floor Company located at 22 Marshall St. about the restrictions against parking on the left hand side of the street and loading and unloading trucks in the middle of the street.
57. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut and trim the branches of the tree at 93 Governor Winthrop Rd. as they are hanging down to the ground in the roadway.
58. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut and trim the tree at 14 Langmaid Ave. as its branches are brushing against residents' windows.
59. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Director of Public Health inspect the premises at 165,167 and 169 College Ave. for any and all health and zoning code violations, especially regarding the storage of trash in the front landscaping area of the property.
60. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Housing and Community Development and Commissioner of Public Works take action to replace the lights in the Seven Hills Park displays that have not been lit for some time.
61. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area on either side of the locked Fire Dept. access gate outside 48 Grove St., and re-set the concrete barriers that have been dislodged.
62. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works require the contractor to clean the roadway and sidewalk where recent work was done on Willow Ave. and Cherry St., as the sidewalk and street areas have been left with discoloration and debris.
63. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Mallet St. and Bay State Ave. in memory of the late David Emery, a US Army veteran and a retired member of the Police Department, who was also well known for his many and varied activities on behalf of Somerville youth sports.

64. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the parking lots on Grove St. between Highland Ave. and Elm St. with particular emphasis on clearing debris from the fence area adjacent to Kenney Park.
65. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to Curtis Ave. for loud parties and inform Tufts University Police to notify Somerville Police of all calls to this location.
66. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines contact the proper utility company to remove the double light pole at 192 North St. that has been in place for over 2 years.
67. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct the officers patrolling the Tufts University area of Ward Seven to enforce the laws regarding open alcoholic beverage containers in public.
68. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make repairs to the traffic signals at the intersection of Powderhouse Blvd. and Curtis St., and have the Traffic Engineer report if these repairs are possible or if the traffic controls must be replaced, and respond in writing to the Ward Seven Alderman ASAP.
69. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs at the intersection of Bailey and North Sts. to alleviate the dangerous condition that exists from traffic exiting Bailey St. and inform the Ward Seven Alderman when completed.
70. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately trim the tree in front of 67 Newbury St. and 27 Russell Rd., so that the branches no longer strike the homes at those addresses.
71. Ordinance By Ald. Trane, Amending Ordinance 11-27 to include an annual maintenance reimbursement payment from all users of the public rights-of-ways to read: "The construction, operations, maintenance and regulatory oversight of the public rights-of-way generate cost to the City, which are not reimbursed directly or through taxation. The highway superintendent shall set an annual maintenance reimbursement fee of equal value for all users of the public right-of-way, regardless of the purpose or usage of the public right-of-way."

72. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Chief of Police not issue tickets or tow vehicles for street cleaning where construction is underway for the replacement of sidewalks.
73. Order By Ald. Trane and Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing trash barrel at the corner of North St. and Broadway and make every effort to secure the barrel with a chain or lock.
74. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the computer terminals that were left in front of 43 Pitman St., and notify the new owner(s) of the city's policy on recycling computer terminals and assess the owner(s) the appropriate fee for such services.
75. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking mark the fire lane on Pitman St.
76. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at the corner of Pitman and Spring Sts.
77. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking regulation in the fire lane on Pitman St.
78. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install the appropriate signage for the Pitman St. fire lane to inform motorists that it is a fire lane and that cars will be towed if left in the fire lane.
79. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut back the brush that is currently blocking the signs at the corner of Pitman and Spring Sts.
80. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the restriction regarding commercial vehicles parking overnight on the residential streets of the city.
81. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Mayor provide the members of this Board with copies of the report on "Result Based Budgeting" distributed at the Mass. Municipal Association sponsored conference on the subject in May, 2003. (2nd request since June, 2003.)
82. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking develop a list of residential streets in East Somerville from which commercial truck traffic could reasonably be excluded.

83. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase directed patrols to the Sullivan Square end of East Somerville during the Rutherford Ave. demolition project, to enforce the speed limit and other traffic regulations, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.
84. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the City Clerk send a letter to the Verizon location on Inner Belt Rd. requesting that the company's trucks use Washington St., Broadway, McGrath Hwy., and other arterial roads and not cut through Mt. Vernon St., Pearl St. or other residential streets.
85. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the Director of Information Technology set up a location on the city's website for posting information regarding the scheduling of work in connection with the demolition of the Rutherford Ave. overpass.
86. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development report to this Board promptly on the status of the Magoun Square Streetscape Enhancement Grant which was expected to be awarded, and the schedule for commencing and completing the work contemplated by the grant proposal.
87. Order By Ald. Provost, White and Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development report to this Board promptly on the background and purpose of its recent request for proposals for the design of a "gateway" at the intersection of Assembly Square Dr. and Mystic Ave., and on the source of funding for the design and construction of this "gateway."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

88. Citation Ald. Provost and Entire Board, Commending the Somerville Mathematics Fund for being awarded the Golden Tassel by Dollars for Scholars.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

89. Requesting the acceptance of Chapter 40, Section 8G of the Mass. General Laws re: mutual police aid programs.
90. Requesting the approval of transfers from DPW accounts to Veterans Services accounts totaling \$26,663.
91. Requesting the use of available funds in the FY04 Police Dept. budget to pay outstanding invoices as described within.

- 92. Requesting acceptance of a \$15,400 grant from the National Historical Publication and Records Commission.
- 93. Conveying a communication from the City Solicitor re: double poles and utility poles.
- 94. Requesting that the Director of OHCD and the Finance Director appear before the Finance Committee to provide an update on the sale of the Conwell School.
- 95. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Linda Bohan, 101 Temple Rd., to the Planning Board.
- 96. Noting corrections on Communications re: appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 97. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, October 1.
- 98. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Oct. 2.
- 99. Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Oct. 7.
- 100. Report of the committee on Licenses and Permits, Oct. 7.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 101. Director of OHCD responding to #175020 re: rebuilding and landscaping the Bow St. traffic island.
- 102. Director of OHCD responding to #175017 re: SF Properties and CVS and union labor.
- 103. Director of OHCD responding to #175027 re: planting a tree at 33 Cambria St.
- 104. Superintendent of Lights & Lines responding to #175123 re: DTE Public Hearing on double utility poles.
- 105. Asst. City Solicitor regarding Werfalli & Cortese v. Zoning Board of Appeals & Mudflat Pottery School, Middlesex Superior Court.

NEW BUSINESS

106. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Pride Girls' Basketball Canning Drive,
Broadway & McGrath Hwy., Davis Sq., Highland Ave.,
Union Sq., October 18th from 9AM-3PM.
107. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto License Class 2**
Samuel Azevedo d/b/a K & K Mechanics, 42 Dana St.
108. Taxi Med. **Taxi Medallion Refinance and Lien**
Bye Bye Cab Inc., #86.
109. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**
Rotor Rooter Services.
110. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Ann Wadland
111. Claim Notice Ernst Merisier
112. Claim Notice Plymouth Rock Assurance Corp. re: Richdale Ave. claim.
113. Comm. **Communication**
State Senator Shannon responding to #174992 regarding
Lowell Street Bridge reconstruction efforts.
114. Comm. State Senator Shannon responding to #174975 regarding
24-hour police presence at Foss Park.
115. Comm. State Representative Jehlen responding to #174992
regarding Lowell Street Bridge reconstruction efforts.
116. Comm. State Representative Jehlen regarding elimination of the
\$400 per year deduction for elderly tenants in rental
housing.
117. Comm. MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern regarding
community meetings on potential alignments of the Green
Line Extension.
118. Comm. Office of Child Care Services regarding investigation of
unlicensed childcare at 1 Franklin St.
119. Comm. Bob Bowes regarding hydraulic fluid spills on City streets.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM