

**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

November 13, 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 October 9, 2003.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Loitherstein Environmental Engineering Inc. for a grant of location to install 5 monitoring wells in the roadway and 1 soil boring in the sidewalk at 371 Beacon St.
4. Petition Comcast for a grant of location to construct a conduit trench and conduit across Newbury St. to 12 Newbury St.
5. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 7 ft. of conduit at 60 Linden Ave.

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

6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct all persons plowing snow this winter to push the snow toward the median strip instead of the pedestrian sidewalk on lower Broadway, from Walnut St. to Sullivan Sq., and on Dana and Edmands Sts., and, if not possible, explain why in writing to the Ward 1 Alderman ASAP.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Chief of Police jointly prepare a plan to deal with owners of properties that do not abide by the city's snow removal policy and report back to this Board with said plan by the next scheduled meeting on November 25.

8. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That the Mayor and City Solicitor legally notify all tenants of city owned buildings that are not non-profit or do not have a valid lease to vacate ASAP in order that we can move forward with economic development and revitalization plans to enhance the quality of life in the city.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development request that the MBTA replace the missing BUS STOP sign at Indiana Ave. and Broadway.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police direct the Ward 1 Community Police Officer to contact the property manager at 70 Perkins St. regarding suspicious persons around the property, and follow up with routine directed patrols each day after dusk.
11. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance, or his designee, communicate to this Board in writing, regarding the future short term and long term plans for the East Somerville Health Clinic on Cross St.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works arrange to have the stop line in front of Cobble Hill at Myrtle St. repainted and the tree that is blocking signage for this line trimmed.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of Public Health and the Chief Fire Engineer inspect the property at 8 Belmont St. for health and safety violations and take any necessary actions to protect the abutting neighborhood.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking patrol the corner of Central St. and Highland Ave. between the hours of 7 and 10 AM for various traffic and parking violations.
15. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Administration make every effort to brighten the holiday spirit by enhancing the holiday decorations in Union Sq.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing PRIVATE WAY-PARKING FOR RESIDENTS ONLY sign in front of 26 Monmouth St.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines replace the streetlight bulbs at 11 Vinal Ave. and at Craigie St., opposite the intersection with Kimball St.

18. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief Assessor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the legislation proposed by the City of Boston to increase the maximum rate of commercial classification from 175% to 200%.
19. Order By Ald. White and Provost, That a representative of the Information Technology Dept. appear before this Board to address the performance of the voice recognition telephone programs in place at the Police Dept. and City Hall.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins along Lincoln Parkway and Lake, Park, Prospect, Clark, and Beacon Sts.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the incorrect memorial sign at the corner of Church St. and Somerville Ave., replacing "WW II" with "WW I."
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the signage and signals on Washington St. at the Lincoln Park School, and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman with any recommendations to make the area safer for pedestrians, especially children who use the school and park area.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the large pothole at the intersection of Waldo and Beacon Sts.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at Horace and South Sts. (3rd request.)
25. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the crosswalk at Highland Ave. and Grove St. ASAP.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Meacham Rd. from Dover St. to the Cambridge city line, especially during the morning and afternoon commuting times.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 64 Willow Ave. for compliance with the building codes for the renovations apparently ongoing at the back and side of the property, and advise, in writing, of any actions taken ASAP.

28. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Public Health notify merchants in the Davis Sq./Grove St. area regarding regulations for trash pick-up no earlier than 7 AM, specifically the merchants on Grove St. behind the Elm St. businesses, and the rear of 240 Elm St.
29. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing NO PARKING - FIRE LANE sign on Sargent Ave.
30. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MDC and/or Mass Highway that the area across from 410 Mystic Ave. needs to be cleaned of trash and litter.
31. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street light across from 25 Jaques St.
32. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol from 3 Jaques St. to the alley that runs behind the block of properties on Fellsway West to investigate complaints of public drinking and related problems.
33. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the alley across from 3 Jaques St. of all trash, brush and overgrowth.
34. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at 31-33 Jackson Rd. to investigate complaints of loud noises and public drinking.
35. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street light at the intersection of Broadway and Grant St.
36. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim trees on the even side of Thurston St.
37. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 30 Temple St.
38. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the CHILDREN CROSSING and SCHOOL ZONE signs at the corner of Tennyson and Medford Sts.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 28-30 Rogers Ave. for code violations.

40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Public Health inspect 28-30 Rogers Ave. for health and safety concerns.
41. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic and Parking Commission consider placing a fire lane on Albion St. off Central St., to allow fire apparatus to make that turn.
42. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic and Parking Commission place a handicapped parking sign at 37-39 Trull St.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a plan/policy of allowing daily guest(s) parking passes for individuals such as home health care providers, special education instructors, visiting nurses, etc., who are required to provide daily services to our citizens.
44. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Housing and Community Development report to this Board promptly on the status of the Magoun Sq. Streetscape Enhancement Grant which was expected to be awarded, and the schedule for commencing and completing the work contemplated by the grant proposal. (2nd request.)
45. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor advise this Board what duty Waste Management Inc. has to abate odor at the Transfer Station, and which dept. has the authority to enforce such contractual obligations as exist, and that this Board be provided with a copy of the lease/contract for the operation of the transfer station. (2nd request.)
46. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Traffic and Parking Commission consider whether the public safety would be served by the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of School St. and Somerville Ave.
47. Resolution By Ald. Provost, White and Roche, That this Board requests that the Licensing Commission devise regulations for licensed premises, to regulate the conduct of patrons when they temporarily leave the premises to smoke cigarettes, including, but not limited to, designation of outside areas where smokers may congregate without disturbing the peace, standards of conduct for smokers leaving the premises, and provision of receptacles for cigarette butts and similar debris.
48. Order By Ald. Provost, White and Roche, That the Director of Public Health devise and implement a comprehensive strategy for the control of Somerville's rodent population.

49. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 51 Curtis St. (2nd request).
50. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police instruct the Police Dept.'s Taxi Bureau to conduct a survey of all cabs that are currently operating and report their make, model, year and mileage to the Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee.
51. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the owner of the property at 40 Howard St. to determine the proper course of action for the exposed water main pipe on that property.
52. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the streetlights at Endicott Ave. and Broadway and at Dickson St. and Broadway.
53. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Public Health, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the property at 114 Curtis St. for any and all code violations and forward a report to the Ward 7 Alderman.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines secure the lamp post located on the median strip in front of 311 Broadway.
55. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify this Board in writing that all prerequisite conditions have been met before a Certificate of Occupancy is granted to the CVS in Magoun Sq.
56. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works reset the raised water valve outside 56A Cedar St. as it is raised approximately 3 inches above the sidewalk and presents a hazard to pedestrians.
57. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the rear yard at 49 Linden Ave. for uncovered paint cans, oil cans and various other unattended hazardous materials.
58. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the deep pothole in the crosswalk on Summer St. at the intersection of Linden Ave. as it presents a hazard to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
59. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development update this Board on the status of all prerequisites established as conditions to allow the construction of the new CVS in Magoun Sq.

60. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate and cite the appropriate parties for any violations taking place at the CVS construction site in Magoun Sq.
61. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services question the construction foreman at the new CVS site in Magoun Sq. as to why a trench, 64 ft. long, 2 ft. wide and 2 ft. deep, along the sidewalk on Medford St., was left uncovered and without any barriers to warn or protect pedestrians, and cite the appropriate parties for any violations stemming from that incident.
62. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the City Clerk notify the appropriate authority to correct the sign placed temporarily on the median strip on McGrath Hwy. near the intersection of Broadway, as it is facing the wrong direction and needs to be turned around.
63. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the City Clerk notify the appropriate authority and inform them that the metal plates temporarily covering work sites at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway need to be secured in a more appropriate manner, as the peace of the neighbors is being disturbed by the loud banging made by the plates each time a car drives over them.
64. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the possibility of installing a crosswalk across Highland Ave., from 25 Highland Ave. to the convenience store directly opposite.
65. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the real estate advertisement that is attached to the street sign at the corner of Belmont and Summer Sts., and notify the realtor that such signage violates city ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

67. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval of a draft Request for Proposals and Land Disposition Agreement for disposition of the Conwell School.

68. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval for an appropriation of \$300,000 from "Receipts Reserved – Parking Meter Receipts", to reduce the tax levy on the FY04 Tax Recapitulation Sheet.
69. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval for an interfund transfer of \$35,000 from "Receipts Reserved – Parking Meter Receipts" to "Traffic and Parking Ordinary Maintenance" for needed repairs to traffic signals.
70. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval of the transfer of \$11,702 within the Historic Preservation Commission, from "Grant Match" to "Salaries."
71. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the use of available funds in the FY04 Police Ordinary Maintenance account to pay outstanding FY03 invoices as described within.
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

73. Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Nov. 13.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

74. Comm. from City Officer Director of Public Health responding to #175201 re: Smoking ban.
75. Comm. from City Officer City Solicitor responding to #175367 re: Striping and numbering on Weston Ave.
76. Comm. from City Officer Asst. City Solicitor re: Gang Ordinance redraft per State Senate Counsel.
77. Comm. from City Officer Asst. City Solicitor responding to #175368 re: Status report for 35R Lexington St.
78. Comm. from City Officer Asst. City Solicitor responding to #175127 re: Living Wage Ord. and Tax Increment Financing Agreements.

NEW BUSINESS

79. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Museum Reception for Frances Dee (1930's Movie Queen), 1 Westwood Rd., Dec. 11 from 3-9PM.

80. Garage **Renewal of Garage License**
Webster Auto Body Co., 64 Webster Ave.
81. Garage Webster Auto Body Co., 69 Webster Ave.
82. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
Clyde Realty Trust, 56 Clyde St.
83. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License Class 2**
Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St.
84. Used Car Lic Foreign Auto Wholesalers, 80 Pearl St.
85. Used Car Lic Jeffrey D. Summers Auto Sales, 5 Berkeley St.
86. Used Car Lic SVB Inc. d/b/a John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.
87. Used Car Lic Prestige Auto Imports Inc. d/b/a Webster Auto Sales, 61
Prospect St.
88. Used Car Lic Union Gulf, 231 Washington St.
89. Used Car Lic Joy St. Auto Sales & Service, 12 Joy St.
90. Used Car Lic Vincente Bros. Auto Sales, 345 Medford St.
91. Used Car Lic Sooren Inc. d/b/a Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.
92. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License Class 3**
Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516-518 Columbia St.
93. Used Car Lic Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 512 Columbia St.
94. Used Car Lic Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 517 Columbia St.
95. Used Car Lic Union Automotive, 37 Mystic Ave.
96. Used Car Lic T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.
97. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**
JRF Corporation.
98. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Matthew Swarts.
99. Claim Ilda Faria.

100. Claim Margaret Grandshaw.
101. Claim Jason Cohen.
102. Comm. **Communication**
Representative Jehlen re: Frank J. Manning Certificate
Program in Gerontology at U. Mass. Boston.
103. Comm. Representative Jehlen re: Purchasing prescription drugs
from Canada.
104. Comm. Dept. of Veteran Affairs Chief Patient Care Services
Officer re: Bedford VA Medical Center.
105. Comm. Daniel N. Turcotte, Esq., Automotive Recyclers Assoc., re:
RMV policies for used car dealers.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM