

**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**

June 24, 2004, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2004.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

3. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Frank Senesi and Carrie Sousa for their expertise and enthusiasm in organizing the commemorative dedication of Henry Hansen Memorial Park in Magoun Square.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating John and Sue Barrett on the happy occasion of their retirement after many years of serving culinary delights to the citizens of Somerville at Buddy's Truck Stop.
5. Citation By Ald. Provost, White, Taylor and the Entire Board, Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Choice Program in Somerville.
6. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Leah Rice, Manoela Renie Owadokun, Josie Talabert, Lyns Jean-Baptiste, Thama Laratte, Reynalee Santana, and Karen Cotrina, for their hard work in designing a new Somerville Youth Council.
7. Citation By Ald. Connolly, Honoring Thomas Murphy for his outstanding service to the Lions Club as President and "King Lion" during the 2003-04 administrative year.

8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works install black metal trash receptacles at the corner of Main St. and Edgar Ave., in front of Paul Revere Liquors, and at the bus stop at the corner of Broadway and Thurston Sts.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the dead end of Flint St. due to the number of complaints regarding vehicles being broken into.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking change the traffic sign on Broadway for Lincoln St., to include the times of 4-6 PM in addition to 7-9 AM.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 29½ Allston St., as the branches are rubbing against the adjacent house.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Pennsylvania Ave. near Indiana Ave., especially after dusk, due to large amount of vandalism to vehicles.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway at 28 Mt Vernon St.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines arrange for the repair of streetlamps on Mt. Vernon St. at Lincoln Ave., on Glen St. at Dell St., and at 155 Glen St.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the rubbish disposal vendor for the Edgerly School that no pickups should be done before 7 AM, as neighbors have reported pickups as early as 6 AM.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Harris Park on a consistent basis, especially after dusk, as neighbors suspect that illegal activity is occurring there.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at Highland Ave.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health inspect and clean the sidewalk in Ball Sq. from Rogers to Josephine Aves.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 3 Princeton St. so that it no longer obstructs the view of the STOP sign at that corner.

20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the entangled wires within the trees at 31 Richardson St. and take appropriate action to correct the situation.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Pero, That the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services measure the noise level emanating from the Winter Hill Congregational Church at Broadway and Central St., especially on Saturday and Sunday, and report the findings to this Board.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police take notice of the illegal trash pickup by Capital Trucking in the rear of the Rosebud Diner, especially on Wednesday mornings before 6 AM, and take all necessary action to sanction the offending driver and company.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking arrange to close Chester St. between 2-10 PM on Monday, August 9, per the attached Public Property Permit Application to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and that the Fire Prevention Bureau inspect the smoker in use in front of the restaurant at 55 Chester St. on that day.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police take notice of all amplified music being played in the Davis Sq. Plaza to ensure that all entertainment has been properly permitted by this Board, as no such permits are allowed after 9 PM as of this Board's June 24 meeting.
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the Aldermanic Chambers.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels in front of 10 Powderhouse Terrace.
27. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the temporary blacktop sidewalk panels with concrete panels at 3, 5 and 12 Windsor Rd.
28. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the trees at 11 and 13 Windsor Rd.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the hanging lines on the poles between 8 and 12 Windsor Rd. and make necessary repairs.
30. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines attend to the hanging wire at 18 Windsor Rd.

31. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the temporary blacktop sidewalk panels with concrete from 108 Gilman St. to the corner of Walnut and Gilman Sts.
32. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels at 8 Florence St.
33. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 121 Washington St. as they are hitting the adjacent building and interfering with pedestrians walking on the sidewalk.
34. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the permanent barrel at 121 Washington St. that was displaced due to a car accident.
35. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels at 19 and 21 Otis St. (2<sup>nd</sup> request.)
36. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the fallen parking sign at 16 Highland Ave.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the fallen sign at the corner of Wesley Park and Bow St.
38. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration review the City's trash pickup program for businesses and compare Somerville's fees to other area cities, and to commercial rates charged by private waste disposal companies, to ensure that residential taxpayers are not subsidizing business trash removal.
39. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inform NStar of the low hanging lines on Dickson St.
40. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines request that NStar repair the streetlight at 68 Electric Ave.
41. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Health inspect 7 Watson St. and inform the owner to clean the area around the premises.
42. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 9 Ware St. so that it is trimmed back away from the home.

43. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the large trees along Endicott Ave. so they are trimmed back away from the homes.
44. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the large trees along Victoria St. so they are trimmed back away from the homes.
45. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the curbing along Powderhouse Blvd. and make repairs where necessary.
46. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health contact the Cambridge Health Alliance regarding the status of emergency preparedness of the Somerville Hospital during the week of the DNC and communicate and coordinate this information with other relevant City department heads.
47. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 88-98 Beacon St. as they are obstructing pedestrian traffic.
48. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the patched sidewalk panel at 99 Central St. with a new panel.
49. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees planted by agents of SF Properties in the Magoun Square public parking lot for health and viability, and, if necessary, require that healthy, viable trees be planted there in this growing season.
50. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the prohibition on vehicles parking in loading zones on Lowell St., or so close to its intersection with Albion St. as to block visibility for drivers.
51. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works require the appropriate utility company to repair the sunken, patched area in Lowell St. southeast of its intersection with Hudson St.
52. Order By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board whether the Dunkin' Donuts at 154 Highland Ave. is in compliance with all aspects of the Zoning Ordinance, including provisions governing signage.

53. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development submit to this Board recommended zoning amendments to "hold the line" on building density in residential neighborhoods (Residence A, B, and C), and adjacent commercially zoned land.
54. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development submit to this Board recommended zoning amendments for building in or adjacent to public park lands, including, but not limited to, the "Community Path/Bike Path" linear park.
55. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the City Solicitor inform this Board of the City's policy regarding encroachments on the Bike Path/Linear Park by private land owners, and supply this Board with a copy of the lease agreement with the MBTA for its use as a bike path/park.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a revised FY 2005 General Fund budget appropriation totaling \$136,581,651.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$15,414.77 from the Debt Service Lease/Purchase School AT&T Acct. to the Personnel Dept. OM Legal Services Acct.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$15,414.77 for outstanding legal services invoices incurred by the Personnel Dept. from prior fiscal years 1998 and 1999.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting that members of the Administration be allowed to speak about the City's plan for the week of the DNC.
60. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Committee and the City re: the School Custodians.
61. Mayor's Comm. Informing the Board of a lawsuit filed by the City re: same sex marriage.
62. Mayor's Comm. Conveying a communication from Capt. Bradley as to the status of the Neighborhood Impact Team.
63. Mayor's Comm. Informing the Board of upcoming youth initiatives.

64. Mayor's Comm. Informing the Board that Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills may be paid via the Internet effective July 1.
65. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the public announcement of two events for "Summertime in Somerville".
66. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Raymond Trant to the Licensing Commission.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Sandy Francis Jr. as a constable.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

68. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, June 9.
69. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, June 15.
70. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, June 22.
71. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, June 22.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

72. City Officer Comm. Director of Housing and Community Development responding to #175127 re: Living Wage and Tax Increment Financing Agreements.
73. City Officer Comm. Director of Housing and Community Development responding to #169497 and #175647 re: Nonconforming Structures Zoning Amendments.
74. City Officer Comm. Director of Housing and Community Development responding to #174473 and #174895 re: North Point Zoning Amendment.
75. City Officer Comm. Assistant City Solicitor responding to #176798 re: 35R Lexington St.
76. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176778B re: directed patrol at the Tot Lot area at Dilboy to monitor any illegal activity.
77. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176788J re: directed patrol of Albion Park, as well as above and below the Lowell St. Bridge from Thursday through Sunday evenings and into the following early morning hours.

**NEW BUSINESS**

78. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
 “Summertime in Somerville” Fireworks Display, July 1, 7-9:15PM, & Family Fun Day, July 3, 12-5PM, both at Trum Field.
79. Public Occ. Birthday Party, Hodgkins Park, June 25, 4:30-7PM.
80. Public Occ. Ego Art Fundraiser performance, 11-12 Linden Place, July 15, 7-11PM.
81. Public Occ. Block Party, Mead & Moore Sts., July 10, 12-3PM.
82. Public Occ. Birthday Party, Walnut St. Park, June 27, 3-6PM.
83. Public Occ. Wallace Street Block Party, July 24, 3-7PM.
84. Outdoor Seating **Outdoor Seating or Other Property on Sidewalks**  
 The Learning Circle Preschool, 149A Highland Ave., free standing A shaped sign in front of preschool.
85. Outdoor Parking **Renewal of Outdoor Parking License**  
 F.W. Russell & Sons Disposal, Inc., 120 McGrath Hwy., 25 vehicles.
86. Garage and Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Garage and Flammable License**  
 Beacon Sales Co., 50 Webster Ave., 8 autos, 6,630 gallons.
87. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
 Somerville Auto Repair Inc., 453 Somerville Ave., 4 autos.
88. Garage Lic. Krisco Corp. d/b/a Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 100 autos.
89. Garage Lic. Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 25 autos.
90. Garage Lic. U-Haul Co. of Boston Inc., 151 Linwood St., 60 autos.
91. Garage Lic. Boston Sand and Gravel Co., 492 Rutherford Ave., 60 autos.
92. Garage Lic. Mac’s Auto Body Inc., 53-55 Russell St., 18 autos.
93. Garage Lic. Allen Realty Trust, 112-114 Albion St., 20 autos.

94. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**  
Joy Street Limited Partnership, 66-86 Joy St., 24,000  
gallons.
95. Flamm. Lic. Kingsley Orchard Realty, 49 Dover St., 8,000 gallons.
96. Flamm. Lic. Kingsley Orchard Realty, 123 Orchard St., 5,000 gallons.
97. Flamm. Lic. Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Ave., 34,136 gallons.
98. Drain Layer **Renewal of Drain Layer License**  
Donohoe Excavating Inc.
99. Drain Layer N. Sacca & Sons Inc.
100. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion Renewal**  
Madkep Transportation Inc., 13 Princeton St., Med. #64.
101. Taxi Med. **Taxi Medallion Transfer**  
Yves Elysse & Joniel Timoleon to Elysse Corp., Med. #48.
102. Comm. **Communication**  
ACLU Executive Director re: the USA Patriot Act.
103. Comm. Magoun Square Neighborhood Association re:  
K.S.S./Clyde/Lowell St. residential development.
104. Claim **Notice of Claim**  
Edward A. Smith.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**