

City of Somerville
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting

REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2002

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition Boston Edison Company d/b/a NStar Electric: for a grant of location for approximately 74 feet of conduit to be installed at 296 Broadway, some 150 feet easterly of Marshall St., from existing MH #10195 to a point of pickup at the back of sidewalk.
2. Petition Somerville Citgo Inc., 620 Broadway, for a storage of flammables license for 36,000 gallons of gasoline.
3. Petition Broadway Automotive Service d/b/a Broadway Gulf, 208-212 Broadway, for a storage of flammables license for 32,000 gallons of gasoline and 600 gallons of heating oil.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Citation **Submitted By Entire Board**
Recognizing Frank Santangelo for his heroic acts on January 7.
5. Citation **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan and Halloran**
Honoring Mariano Lameiras for his distinguished service to the City as a Pharmacist for almost fifty years.
6. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Halloran and Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that our State Delegation, the Office of Housing and Community Development, the MDC, this Board of Aldermen and the Administration meet within the next couple of weeks to determine the future of the Skating Rink on Somerville Ave.
7. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Halloran**
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Curtis St. and Ossipee Rd., Joe McCain Square.

8. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking take appropriate measures to ensure that all Parking Control Officers understand the traffic regulations regarding the obstruction of driveways and the enforcement of those regulations.
9. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking put back the “No Parking” sign on the even side of Curtis St., to avoid accidents.
10. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Mayor’s Office notify the Ward Five Alderman of a date convenient for a meeting between them and the residents in and around the Kidder Ave. neighborhood.
11. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and street dipping on Broadway, at Alford St., at the entrance to the Sons of Italy Hall.
12. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking strictly enforce the regulations against illegal parking in Magoun Square.
13. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the stop line at Hinckley St. and Broadway and report back to the Ward Five Alderman as to when this will be done (2nd Request.)
14. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a second sign at the intersection of Hinckley St. and Broadway, to allow motorists some relief in exiting Hinckley St. onto Broadway.
15. Order That the Director of Housing and Community Development notify all necessary parties regarding two upcoming neighborhood meetings, both to be held at the Sons of Italy Hall: a) January 31, 2002, at 6:00PM, regarding Trum Field renovations; and b) February 4, 2002, at 7:00PM, regarding the Trum Field Tot Lot.
16. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That the Director of Inspectional Services review the signage of the R & D Market, at the corner of Highland Ave. and Lowell St., for compliance with Sign Ordinance regulations.
17. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the corner of Broadway and Fellsway West.
18. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in front of 9 Marshall St.

19. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the “2 Hour Parking” sign at the corner of School St. and Broadway.
20. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the “2 Hour Parking” sign in front of Mystic Cleaners, on Broadway.
21. Order That the City Solicitor determine what agency is operating the community home located at 25 Fenwick St. and report back to the Ward Four Alderman, so that we can work to correct the problems in the neighborhood.
22. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewers at the corner of Evergreen Ave. and Thurston St.
23. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police take measures to patrol Cross St. Place and ensure that trucks are not parking at the end of the roadway, prohibiting emergency apparatus from entering the street.
24. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Project Manager for the new Edgerly School assure that all work to be constructed is done by union represented contractors.
25. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche and Taylor**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the blinking traffic signals at Walnut St. and Pearl St., and Walnut St. and Medford St., as they are hazards for pedestrians attempting to cross these intersections.
26. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That the Director of Housing and Community Development take the necessary action to relight the Seven Hills Park sign at the Holland St. entrance, and advise the MBTA of the need for additional bike racks at both entrances and the lighting of the T signs at both entrances.
27. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board of Aldermen, in writing prior to its next meeting, regarding the status of the September 11th memorial in Davis Sq.
28. Order That the Directors of Inspectional Services and the Board of Health inspect the properties at 165 College Ave. for improper storage of trash at the front of the property, and notify the owner of this apparent violation and advise corrective action ASAP.

29. Order That the Director of the Public Library appear at the next regular meeting of this Board of Aldermen to discuss the condition and repair of the West Branch Library.
30. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that all City departments undertake to create documents in electronic as well as conventional formats, and that City contractors and consultants be asked to render all studies, reports, and other documents in electronic as well as conventional formats.
31. Order That the Director or Acting Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations to this Board as to what fine structures and other policies would motivate drivers to move their cars on posted days and allow street cleaning to take place.
32. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing "Stop" sign at Kidder Ave. at the intersection of Pearson Ave.
33. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, Taylor and White**
That the Director of Housing and Community Development, or some other appropriate person, appear before the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to update the Committee on the designation of a buyer/developer for Yard 21, and the status of the designation agreement and land disposition agreement for the site.
34. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**
That the Commissioner of Public Works design and begin a program in the Spring to pressure wash the trash cylinder holders throughout the City at least once a year.
35. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate State agency and the City of Boston, regarding clean-up of the area beneath the overpass from Charlestown to Mystic Avenue in Somerville, adjacent to the parking lot across from the Sullivan T station.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Superintendent of Highways inspect the section of street on Weston Ave. at the corner of Broadway, as sinking in the area has caused a tripping hazard.

37. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and McCallum**
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk panels that have deteriorated along the handicap curb-cut at the corner of Temple St. and Memorial Rd. and schedule them for replacement in the Spring.
38. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure the sidewalk panels are completely replaced by the utility contractor that previously performed work in front of Hoyt Sullivan Playground but neglected to patch the area worked on.
39. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines and/or NStar activate the lights within the Hoyt Sullivan Playground on Central St., as two poles are not working.
40. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged section of chain link fence on the north side of Hoyt Sullivan playground on Central St.
41. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the Powderhouse Rotary sign that is missing on the west side of the rotary, as there are currently just posts sticking out of the ground.
42. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**
That the Superintendent of Water adjust the height of the water gate box on the sidewalk located in front of 107 Hudson St., as it is sticking up about 2 inches and is creating a hazard for pedestrians.
43. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes along Craigie St.
44. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the United States Postal Service repaint the mail box located on the corner of Summer and Lowell Sts., as it is covered with graffiti.
45. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing "One Way" sign at the corner of Spring St. and Somerville Ave., and replace the "Do Not Enter" sign at the same corner.
46. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines contact NStar to install a cover plate over the access panel on the corner of Broadway & McGrath Hwy, at the Gulf Station, as the wires are exposed, causing a possible threat to safety.

- 47. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the United States Postal Service repaint the mail box located on the corner of Flint and Glen Streets, as it is covered with graffiti.
- 48. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the debris on the traffic island located at the corner of Broadway and Mt. Vernon St.
- 49. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Halloran**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works communicate to this Board of Aldermen as to when the street sign blades will be replaced by the new larger blades along Broadway and other areas of the City.
- 50. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that the Administration, this Board and the Chamber of Commerce coordinate with the City of Cambridge Administration, its City Council and its Chamber of Commerce, to create a Joint Advisory Council to address issues and develop a strategy for future development of the McGrath-O'Brien Highway/Route 28/North Point Corridor.
- 51. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone**
That a representative of the Office of Housing and Community Development appear at the next regular meeting of this Board to give an update on the status of the renovations to Dilboy Field.
- 52. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works appear at a future meeting of this Board to present a comprehensive plan for preventive maintenance for all City buildings and property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

- 53. Request for the approval for the transfer of \$340,000 from the Contingency Account to fund the contract for the Superior Officers of the Police Department personnel.
- 54. Requesting authorization to employ Elizabeth Fleming Esq. as outside legal counsel for the purpose of representing the City in workers compensation matters.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

55. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Jan. 14.
56. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 16.
57. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Jan. 16.
58. Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Jan. 22.
59. Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Jan. 22.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

60. Planning Board submitting proposed amendments to Articles 7, 2 and 13 concerning Special Residential Conversion.

NEW BUSINESS

61. Petition **General Petition**
Treeline Design, for the installation of “Citimaps” on street poles throughout the City.
62. Used Car Lic **Used Car Dealer’s License Renewals, Class 2**
Pat’s Auto Body, Inc., 308 McGrath Highway
63. Used Car Lic Pat’s Auto Body, Inc., 161 Linwood St.
64. Used Car Lic Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave.
65. Petition **Outdoor Seating**
What’s Cookin’ On College Ave., 136 College Ave., for two tables w/6 seats.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM