

**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**

March 14, 2002, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Petition Boston Edison d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for about 8 feet of conduit in Boston Ave. from pole #37/70 in the southerly sidewalk to a point of pickup at the back of the sidewalk.
2. Petition Boston Edison d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for 80 feet of conduit in Winslow Ave. from pole #33/9 in the southerly sidewalk, running about 55 feet easterly then about 25 feet northerly to a point of pick up at the back of the sidewalk.
3. Petition AT&T Broadband for a grant of location for 80 feet of conduit in Winslow Ave. from pole #33/9 in the southerly sidewalk, running easterly and northerly approximately 80 feet in a joint trench with NStar Electric and Verizon to a point of pickup at the back of the sidewalk.
4. Petition AT & T Broadband for a grant of location for about 35 feet of conduit in Washington St. from pole #358/63 in the southerly sidewalk running westerly and southerly some 35 feet to the private property at 394-400 Washington St.
5. Petition AT & T Broadband for a grant of location for about 110 feet of conduit in Granite St. from pole #148/2 in the westerly sidewalk running southerly approximately 110 feet within a joint trench with Verizon, to a point of pickup at the back of the sidewalk on the Granite St. side of the property at #463-467 Somerville Ave.

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

6. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and the Entire Board**  
That the Board of Aldermen of Somerville, a community of working people, supports the rights of workers, including the rights to organize, to join labor unions, and to bargain collectively, and strongly urges the management of Star Market/Shaws to respect the rights of their workers to consider unionization and to join a labor union if they so choose, and requests that the City Clerk communicate this Resolution to Mr. Ross McLaren, CEO of Shaw's Supermarkets.
7. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen goes on record in support and endorsement of the upcoming community forum on Suicide and Violence Prevention for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) youth in Somerville, on April 9, 2002 at Somerville High School, and thanks the organizations which have planned this event: the Cambridge Health Alliance, the Community Youth Program, the Family Center, Out Somerville, Project 10 East, the Women's Commission, the Office of Human Services, and members of the Somerville High School Gay/Straight Alliance.
8. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services monitor the amount of trash associated with the commercial permit on Franklin St. near 84 Broadway to be sure it is not exceeding the allowable limit and that only the permitted business is using it.
9. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor 191 Broadway in the early morning hours (6:00AM–8:00AM) and early evening hours (4:00PM–6:00PM) for vehicles parked in the bus stop or across the sidewalk, impeding pedestrian traffic.
10. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the side of the building at the corner of Illinois Ave. and Broadway (3<sup>rd</sup> request).
11. Order That the Director of Housing and Community Development and Commissioner of Public Works jointly repair the spring children's ride at the tot lot in the East Somerville Community School yard.
12. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule the Gold Star Memorial Library for painting.
13. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange to replace the damaged tree and light on the median on Broadway across from MacArthur St.

14. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services ask the owner of 202 Broadway to trim the branches of the pine trees that overhang the sidewalk, as they are impeding pedestrian traffic.
15. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche and Provost**  
That the project manger of the school to be built at Glen Park investigate as to whether a portion of the park can be opened for children to play ball and for neighbors to be able to utilize some open space.
16. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche and Taylor**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the blinking traffic signal at Walnut St. and Medford St. as it is a hazard for pedestrians attempting to cross the intersection and many automobile accidents have occurred there since the lights have been flashing, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police jointly speak to the owner of the business whose entrance is on Walnut St., and inform him to put back the wooden horses at Medford and Walnut Sts. at the end of the work day, and report back ASAP to both the Ward One and Ward Three Aldermen as to the status (2<sup>nd</sup> request).
17. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**  
That the Director of the Board of Health bait the area in and around the Sunoco station on McGrath Highway, due to increased rodent activity.
18. Order That the Chief Financial Officer establish an Insurance Advisory Board in order to curtail increases in medical insurance costs.
19. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines check the lighting at Prospect Hill Tower and replace lights and fixtures as necessary.
20. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the permit parking regulation on Monmouth, Cleveland and Harvard Sts.
21. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor, Desmond, Provost, White and Curtatone**  
That the Superintendent of Highways and Director of Housing and Community Development plant trees in front of 97 Summer St.
22. Order That the Superintendent of Highways and the city arborist inspect the trees along Warren Ave. between Bow St. and Sanborn Ave. for possible diseases and, if necessary, commence treatment or replacement.

23. Order That the City Solicitor begin proceedings to take the property located at 9-11 Aldersey St. by eminent domain, for the purposes of affordable housing and community open space.
24. Order That the Superintendent of Highways clean the catch basin opposite 33 Vinal Ave.
25. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission designate the property at 9-11 Aldersey St. as historic and research the architectural and historical significance of the properties on Aldersey St. for enlargement of the existing historic district.
26. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway on Clifton St. between Morrison and Winslow Aves. ASAP and advise in writing of work completed or scheduled prior to the next regular meeting of this Board.
27. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the possibility of locating a crosswalk across Broadway in the vicinity of the CVS, at the intersection of Lowden Ave. and Broadway, and advise in writing prior to the next regular meeting of this Board regarding findings or suggestion for an alternative location.
28. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the asphalt on College Ave. from the Medford Line to the Powderhouse Rotary and advise in writing as to the schedule or the work completed prior to the next regular meeting of this Board.
29. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the sign at the corner of Kenneson Rd. and Walnut Rd.
30. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 23 Radcliffe Rd.
31. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the sign post at the corner of Broadway and Fellsway West.
32. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken gas or water cover in the street at 18 Fellsway West, as it is creating a pot hole.
33. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot hole at 33 Edgar Ave.

34. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot hole at the corner of 7 Evergreen Ave. and School St.
35. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot hole at corner of Ash Ave. and Meacham St.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and Connolly**  
That the Chief of Police take notice of and ticket any and all violations of the "ONE WAY" designation on Bay State Ave.
37. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and Tarpley**  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the building site at Park St. and Ivaloo St. to determine whether construction is taking place within the setbacks sanctioned by the Zoning Board of Appeals, and report its findings to this Board.
38. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate abuses of permit parking on Hayden Terrace and Linden Ave., and enforce all violations.
39. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White and McCallum**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean out the trash and debris that has accumulated around the temporary Sycamore St. bridge and its fencing.
40. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White, Curtatone and Taylor**  
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that the Administration give this Board, and its appropriate committees, at least two months prior notice of any requests for specific or general exemptions from the city's Living Wage Ordinance, or of proposed amendments to that ordinance.
41. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White, Roche and Taylor**  
That the Election Commission henceforth set the hours for municipal elections as 7:00AM to 8:00PM.
42. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**  
That the Superintendent of Highways review the deteriorating condition of the sidewalks along Newton St. on the even side toward Prospect and Webster Sts.
43. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the sign located on Washington St. within the island in front of St. Joseph's Church.
44. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at Rose St., which is not legible.

45. Order That the Superintendent of Highways remove the bags of trash and debris along the guardrail on the even side of the Dane St. Railroad bridge.
46. Order That the Superintendent of Highways clean the catch basin on the corner of Dane and Washington Sts. in front of Parce Ignition.
47. Order That the Superintendent of Highways patch the hole in the street within the crosswalk at Beacon St. and Waldo Ave.
48. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review the condition of utility patches which are depressed and causing a pedestrian and vehicle hazard in the area of 48 Beacon St.
49. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review and repair the depressed areas from prior utility patching on Lincoln Parkway (This is not related to the current utility construction in the area).
50. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review the condition of Wyatt St. near Marion St. for re-paving.
51. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify the owner of Parce Ignition to clean the litter and debris in the area around the property at 373 Washington St.
52. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**  
That the Water Superintendent adjust the water gate located on the sidewalk in the area of 34 North St., as it is sticking up approximately 2 inches out of the sidewalk and causing a tripping hazard.
53. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and McCallum**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify Mass Highway and/or NStar to repair the street light on Rte. 28 South, along the crosswalk toward the Courthouse, at the foot of the Ten Hills access stairs.
54. Order That the Superintendent of Highways repair the damaged sidewalk panels in front of 64 Derby St.
55. Order That the Superintendent of Highways repair the damaged sidewalk panels within the handicapped curb-cut located on the northeast corner of Grant and Jaques Sts.

56. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the schedule for enforcement on Linden Ave. and patrol the area after 9:00PM for non resident parking and visitor pass violations, as several out of state vehicles are parking overnight using temporary permits on a daily basis, forcing residents to park on Elm St. and Summer St.
57. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the schedule for enforcement on Hudson St., from Central St. to Lowell St., and patrol the area after 9:00PM for non resident parking and visitor pass violations, as several out of state vehicles are parking overnight using temporary permits on a daily basis, forcing residents to park on Highland Ave., Lowell St. and Central St.
58. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent Stop sign pole located on the southwest corner of Hudson and Lowell Sts.
59. Order That the Superintendent of Highways replace the temporary patch on the sidewalk in the area of Cedar and Elm Sts.
60. Order That the Superintendent of Highways patch the pot holes across from 45–47 Hudson St.
61. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**  
That the Superintendent of Highways replace the damaged sidewalk panels along the entry of the Cummings School on Prescott St.
62. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify either the telephone company and/or the cable company regarding wires wrapped around the telephone pole and onto the sidewalk in front of 34 Ibettson St.
63. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged Stop sign pole located on the corner of Ibettson and Kimball Sts.
64. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sweeping sign which is leaning onto the sidewalk in front of 17 Prescott St.
65. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review the damaged sidewalk panels within the handicapped curb-cut located on the north corner of Willoughby and Central Sts.
66. Order That the Superintendent of Highways review the condition of Craigie St. for future re-paving.
67. Order That the Superintendent of Highways repair the sidewalk panels between 19 and 21 Ibettson St.

68. Order That the Superintendent of Highways repair the patched area on the street around the manhole at the entry to the playground on Ibetson and Kimball Sts.
69. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify Mass Highway to repair the hole within the crosswalk heading toward the island located on McGrath Highway, in front of Manny's Auto, 463 McGrath Highway, as this is a major pedestrian hazard for children crossing from school.
70. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. Curtatone**  
That this Board of Aldermen does hereby request that the city evaluate the creation of a stabilization fund for setting aside a percentage of free cash on an annual basis.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR**

71. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 for engineering and architectural services for Lincoln Park Elementary School and the authorization of the issuance of not exceeding \$1,300,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation.
72. Requesting the transfer of \$1,550 from 1031-57867 to School Dept. account 5031-55100-505-800-22100 in order to share the cost of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration banners for the High School.
73. Requesting approval to pay \$4,221 in FY01 outstanding invoices in the Personnel Dept.'s FY02 budget as described within.
74. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Margaret Grogan of 11 Chester Place to the Library Board of Trustees.
75. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Lillian Riley of 16 Central Rd. to the Library Board of Trustees.
76. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint June Pietrantoni of 155 Boston Ave. to the Library Board of Trustees.
77. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Joseph Butler of 28 Francesca Ave. to the Library Board of Trustees.

78. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Luci Spinale of 436 Broadway to the Library Board of Trustees.
79. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Donald Norton of 8 Howe St. as Constable.
80. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Sally Hoyt of 221 West St., Reading, as Constable.
81. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Andy Kokolis of 15 Upland Rd. as Constable.
82. Congratulating Tufts University on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.
83. Proclaiming April 1-7 to be National Community Development Week.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

84. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance & Capital Planning, March 4.
85. Report of the Committee on Conf. of Appointments, March 5.
86. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 5.
87. Report of the Committee on Finance, March 7.
88. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, March 12.
89. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 13.
90. Report of the Committee on Finance, March 13.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

91. City Solicitor and Commissioner of the Department of Public Works responding to #170876 re: graffiti in the city.
92. City Clerk re: Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
93. City Solicitor responding to: #170776 re: 3-year terms for constables.

94. City Solicitor re: estimated tax figures for the Broadway Theater development proposals.
95. Assistant City Solicitor re: public records request for Home Depot and Kmart leases.
96. Assistant City Solicitor re: the rezoning of Lower Broadway.
97. Chief Assessor responding to #170870 re: affordable housing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

98. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
The Somerville Ride 2 Love, to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Trum Field, June 30, 8AM-4PM.
99. Public Occ. Morning Star Int'l Church welcome announcement, Davis Sq. Brick Plaza, March 16, 11AM-2PM.
100. Public Occ. Kennedy School-Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, road race, May 5, beginning at 11AM.
101. Public Occ. Kids Day 2002, Tufts University Campus, April 13, 9AM-3:30PM.
102. Public Occ. Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday Parade, March 24, 9-10AM.
103. Petition **Sign or Awning over a Public Way**  
Extra Space Storage, 460 Somerville Ave., for sign.
104. Petition Quik Food Mart, 152 Highland Ave., for sign.
105. Used Car Lic **New Used Car Dealer's Lic. Class 2**  
Jean Robert Fernezan, 47 Webster Ave.
106. Bond **Drainlayers Bond**  
Caruso and McGovern Construction Inc.
107. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**  
Patricia H. Bargoot.
108. Claim Notice Carol A. Kerrigan.
109. Comm. **Communication**  
Mystic View Task Force responding to #170853 re: proposed mediation of the dispute between Assembly Square Limited Partnership, Mystic View Task Force, and Ms. Louana Evarts.

110. Comm. Everett City Clerk conveying an Everett Board of Aldermen resolution regarding creation of a “No-Fly Zone” above LNG facilities, and asking the City of Somerville to join with Everett in support of this issue.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**