

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2009, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

***NOTICE:** This is NOT the official version of the Board of Aldermen's minutes. While reasonable efforts have been made to assure the accuracy of the data provided, do not rely on this information without first checking with the City Clerk.*

PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Walter F. Pero, Vice President John M. Connolly, Aldermen Bruce M. Desmond, Dennis M. Sullivan, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Robert C. Trane

OPENING OF THE MEETING

- | | | | |
|----|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 186692
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Dec. 4, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of Dec. 11, 2008. | 186693
Approved |

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

- | | | | |
|----|------------|--|---|
| 3. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration create a snow plowing policy which ensures equity and fairness to all citizens. | 186694
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 4. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Parks and Open Space to discuss the garden area on the bike path at Lower Highland Rd. | 186695
Approved, Copy to
Parks & Open Space |

- | | | | |
|-----|------------|---|---|
| 5. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to explain the construction schedule at Maxpak. | 186696
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer report on the number and type of calls at the MaxPak site, between Clyde and Lowell Sts., in 2008. | 186697
Approved |
| 7. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of SPCD report on the number of tickets written for not shoveling sidewalks in December, 2008. | 186698
Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street lights from 401 to 419 Somerville Ave. | 186699
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works appear at the next Traffic and Parking Committee meeting to explain the snow emergency parking regulations. | 186700
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 10. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration consider a return to alternate sides of the street parking during snow emergencies. | 186701
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to request that the lights on the bridge on McGrath Hwy., near Highland Ave., be repaired. | 186702
Approved |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of the MA Highway Dept. a permanent repair to the chain link fence that separates Route 93 from New Hampshire Ave. | 186703
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street lamps at 855 Broadway and on the even side of Morrison Ave. closest to College Ave. | 186704
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond in writing to the attached constituent letter regarding annual alternate side plowing/parking, and forward a copy to each Alderman. | 186705
Approved |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD or her designee appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss a possible downgrade of the MBTA by the Federal Transit Admin., and the impact on an Orange Line Assembly Sq. station or the Green Line Extension. | 186706
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |

- | | | | |
|-----|-------|---|--|
| 16. | Order | By Ald. White, Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss snow removal at T stops and handicapped ramps. | 186707
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety
and Traffic & Parking |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the City Solicitor update the Ward 7 Alderman on the performance bond issued by the developers of 1188 Broadway. | 186708
Approved |
| 18. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss what training and direction is provided for inspectors. | 186709
Approved, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works and Information
Technology |
| 19. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street sign at Paulina and Holland Sts. and at Endicott and Hooker Aves. | 186710
Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- | | | | |
|-----|----------|---|--------------------|
| 20. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Michael Buckley, who is resigning after 5 years of distinguished service on the Mayor's staff and at the DPW. | 186592
Approved |
|-----|----------|---|--------------------|

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--|---|
| 21. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to extend a contract with J&J General Contractors Inc. for construction of the Argenziano School, to 6/30/09. | 186711
Finance |
| 22. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to extend a contract with Affiliated Computer Services for parking ticket processing, to 4/30/09. | 186712
Approved |
| 23. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for SPCD to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$110.42 in the Inspectional Services Dept. for office supplies. | 186713
Approved |
| 24. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,936,281 from US Dept. of HUD's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs as described in the proposed HUD 2009-2010 Action Plan. | 186714
Finance and Housing &
Community
Development |
| 25. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$136,435 from the MA 911 Dept. Support and Incentive Grant Program to the Police Dept. for compensation issued to employees. | 186715
Finance |

26.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$21,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Police Dept.'s Click it or Ticket and You Drink & Drive, You Lose programs.	186716 Finance
27.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$15,787 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Fire Dept. to purchase firefighter equipment.	186717 Finance
28.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$6,764.62 from the MA Office of Public Safety to the Fire Dept. to provide safety education to Somerville's children.	186718 Approved
29.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$3,000 from the MAPC Shannon Grant for the Recreation Dept. to reimburse staff for the 2008 Somertime Day Program.	186719 Approved
30.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,500 from the Ira A. Roschelle MD Family Foundation for the Library to create a community garden for children at the West Branch Library.	186720 Approved
31.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of John Gannon to the position of City Solicitor for a one year term.	186721 Conf. of Appointments
32.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.	186722 Conf. of Appointments
33.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Elizabeth Craveiro to the position of Treasurer/Collector of Taxes for a one year term.	186723 Conf. of Appointments
34.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Rositha Durham to the position of Purchasing Agent for a one year term.	186724 Conf. of Appointments
35.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Carol Antonelli to the position of Superintendent of Water Works for a one year term.	186725 Conf. of Appointments
36.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern to the position of Supt. Of Highway, Lines and Lights for a one year term.	186726 Conf. of Appointments
37.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of George Landers to the position of Supt. Of Inspectional Services for a one year term.	186727 Conf. of Appointments
38.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Charles O'Brien Jr. to the position of City Engineer for a one year term.	186728 Conf. of Appointments

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 39. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo to the position of Supt. of Building and Grounds for a one year term. | 186729
Conf. of Appointments |
| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Robert McWatters to the position of Clerk of Committees. | 186730
Approved |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese to the position of Clerk of Committees. | 186731
Approved |
| 42. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari Jr. to the position of Clerk of Committees. | 186732
Approved |
| 43. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Cheryl Ruane and Deborah Fennick to the Design Review Committee. | 186733
Approved |
| 44. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable. | 186734
Approved |
| 45. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Ernest Felice as Constable. | 186735
Approved |
| 46. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable. | 186736
Approved |
| 47. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable. | 186737
Approved |
| 48. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable. | 186738
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| 49. | Officer's Comm. | Chief Fire Engineer responding to #186473 re: 45 Clyde Street. | 186739
Placed on File |
| 50. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders. | 186740
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

- | | | | |
|-----|----------|---|------------------------------|
| 51. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Souza Bros. Foreign Car Service Inc., 35-37 Prospect St., 21 autos. | 186741
Licenses & Permits |
| 52. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Master Used Cars LLC, 121 Prospect St., 46 autos. | 186742
Licenses & Permits |

LATE ITEMS

53. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Senesi to the position of Director of Veterans Services for a one year term.

186743
Conf. of Appointments

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk