

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2008, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 184745
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2007. | 184746
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending David Olsen on winning the grand prize on the hit CW TV show, "Beauty and the Geek." | 184747
Approved |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location | NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit in Cutter St. at Broadway. | 184748
Approved
Ald. Roche Recused |
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**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 5. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic light at 118 Holland St. | 184749
Approved |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD notify the owner(s) of 58-60 Burnside Ave. to repair the fence on Summer St. and remove the dirt on the sidewalk. | 184750
Approved |

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| 7. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or replace the rotted traffic light control box at 85 Central St., | 184751
Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking secure or repair the ONE WAY sign on Hudson St. at Cedar St. | 184752
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of DCR, Representative Toomey, and Senator Galluccio, that a privacy barrier be installed on the chain link fence along McGrath Hwy. from Chester to Flint Sts., to provide privacy from pedestrians that harass the children and residents on the streets below. | 184753
Approved |
| 10. | | Withdrawn. | |
| 11. | | Withdrawn. | |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Heuston, and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic light on the southwest corner of Summer and Central Sts. | 184754
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Sullivan, Connolly and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the light at center court in the Brune Fieldhouse that has been out for 3 years. | 184755
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Sullivan, Connolly and White, That the Director of SPCD contact KSS Realty, owners of the MaxPak site, to schedule an informational neighborhood meeting as soon as possible. (2d request) | 184756
Approved |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss the partially constructed house at Trull and Medford Sts. | 184757
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on the undeveloped sections of the bike path in the areas of Princeton, Alpine, Albion and Hudson Sts. at various times throughout the day. | 184758
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a STOP sign on Morrison Ave. at Highland Rd. | 184759
Approved |
| 18. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration petition Gov. Patrick and Rep. Capuano to secure Purple Line Commuter Rail stops in Somerville, pending the beginning of the Green Line project. | 184760
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |

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| 19. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works forward a progress report on the Pearson Ave. reconstruction project to the Ward 5 Alderman. | 184761
Approved |
| 20. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the area outside the Police Station for short term (under 30 minutes) citizen parking in order to report crimes. | 184762
Approved as Amended:
That the Director
consult with the Ward 2
Alderman |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on College Ave., opposite Winter St. | 184763
Approved |
| 22. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Villa Ave. | 184764
Approved |
| 23. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD share with the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership and the Union Sq. Main Streets program the State Office of Transportation's information on Green Line expansion progress. | 184765
Approved |
| 24. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the number of electrical outages for the last six months, by Ward, and create with Somerstat a system to track outages by location, cause and duration, and forward this information quarterly to this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works. | 184766
Approved, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works |
| 25. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the adequacy of lighting in Union Sq. and work with NStar to have current lighting that is not in service repaired, increase temporary lighting where necessary and report back to this Board on improvements. | 184767
Approved |
| 26. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the feasibility of installing a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign at the corner of College and Park Aves., particularly at rush hour. | 184768
Approved |
| 27. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the removal of leaf piles in Seven Hills Park. | 184769
Approved |
| 28. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Commissioner of Public Works, or his representative, appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss the procedures used by utilities to trim public trees impacting utility lines, to notify residents, and to protect the health of the trees. | 184770
Approved as Amended:
That the Commissioner
also discuss the role of
the City Arborist, Copy
to Public Utilities &
Works |

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| 29. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the reorganization of the Police Dept., including Community Policing. | 184771
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 30. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That this Board requests that the Administration schedule a curbside yard waste pick-up in January, with appropriate notice. | 184772
Approved |
| 31. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That members of this Board submit any proposed changes to the current Rules of the Board of Aldermen to the Clerk of Committees by January 31, 2008. | 184773
Approved |
| 32. | Order | By Pres. Sullivan, That this Board appoints Simon Van Leeuwen to the Assembly Sq. Design Review Committee. | 184774
Approved |
| 33. | Comm. | By Pres. Sullivan, Conveying the appointment of Ald. Gewirtz to the Affordable Housing Trust. | 184775
Placed on File |
| 34. | Comm. | By Pres. Sullivan, Conveying the appointment of Aldermen Thomas Taylor and John Connolly to the Multicultural Affairs Commission. | 184776
Placed on File |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 35. | Resolution | By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, In support of the "Shape Up Somerville" campaign. | 184616
Laid on Table |
| 36. | Citation | By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating John McEachern on the auspicious occasion of his 93 birthday. | 184614
Laid on Table |
| 37. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD hold the owner of 52 Bay State Ave. accountable to the next door neighbor at 48 Bay State Ave., and replace all shrubs and plants recently damaged by construction. | 184643
Placed on File |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 38. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 9. | 184777
Approved |
| 38A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a \$1,910,000 appropriation for capital items in the Water Dept., including vehicles, water mains, water main services, lead services and gate valves, and authorization to borrow \$1,910,000 with a bond. | 184661
Approved |
| 38B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to appropriate \$243,129.86 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to DPW Administration Prof. & Tech. Svcs. Acct. for environmental remediation related to underground storage tanks at several locations in city buildings. | 184662
Approved |

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| 38C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a \$500,000 appropriation for the renovation of Central Hill Memorial Park, and authorization to borrow \$500,000 with a bond. | 184713
Approved |
| 38D. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$494,942 grant from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to renovate Central Hill Memorial Park. | 184723
Approved |
| 38E. | Resolution | By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the Mayor establish a Central Hill Commission to assist in the planning and renovation of Central Hill Memorial Park. | 184778
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 39. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for the Police Dept. to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$559. | 184779
Approved |
| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$89,775 from the Attorney's General's Office for the Health Dept's 3-City Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative. | 184780
Finance |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$24,600 from the MA Office of Public Safety to support Enhanced 911 svcs. | 184781
Finance |
| 42. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Ryan Falvey to the Historic Preservation Commission | 184782
Approved |
| 43. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Jay Weaver as Constable. | 184783
Conf. of Appointments |
| 44. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Barbara Mangum, Dick Bauer, Michael Payne, Abby Freedman, Susan Fontano, Bradbury Stearns and Denis Chagnon to the Historic Preservation Commission. | 184784
Approved |
| 45. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Pasquale DeFeo Jr. as Constable. | 184785
Approved |
| 46. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable. | 184786
Approved |
| 47. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable. | 184787
Approved |
| 48. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable. | 184788
Approved |
| 49. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello as Constable. | 184789
Approved |

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| 50. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Snider as Constable. | 184790
Approved |
| 51. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable. | 184791
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 52. | Officer's Comm. | Planning Board re: #184478, a proposed zoning amendment to clarify the Planning's Board's role as Special Permit Granting Authority in a Planned Unit Development. | 184792
Placed on File, Copy to Land Use & Legislative Matters |
| 53. | Officer's Comm. | Asst. City Solicitor responding to #184655 re: Satellite Dish removal. | 184793
Placed on File, Copy to Legislative Matters |
| 54. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders. | 184794
Placed on File |
| 55. | Officer's Comm. | Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders. | 184795
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 56. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, M.O.M.'s 5k walk/run for cancer, Summer St. & Cutter Ave. to Davis Sq., and hanging a banner at Hodgkins Park, May 11, 10AM. | 184796
Approved |
| 57. | Drainlayer | New Drain Layer's License, Michael A. Ruggeri General Contractor. | 184797
Approved |
| 58. | Garage | New Garage License, Nippon Express USA Inc., 30 Inner Belt Road, 4 autos inside. | 184798
Licenses & Permits |
| 59. | Garage | New Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 480R Columbia St., 3 autos inside, 5 autos outside. | 184799
Licenses & Permits |
| 60. | Amusemt | Renewal of Automatic Amusement Device, Northeast Motel Assoc. dba Holiday Inn Somerville, 30 Washington St., 1 device. | 184800
Licenses & Permits |
| 61. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Isaacs Auto Sales & Service Inc., 486 Columbia St., 6 autos. | 184801
Licenses & Permits |
| 62. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, 1098 Auto Brokers, 1098 Broadway, no autos. | 184802
Licenses & Permits |
| 63. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St., 10 autos. | 184803
Licenses & Permits |

64.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Petroleum Inc. dba Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway, 2 autos outside.	184804 Licenses & Permits
65.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Souza Bros. Foreign Car Service, 35-37 Prospect St., 21 autos.	184805 Licenses & Permits
66.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Anthony's Auto Sales, 52 Medford St., No autos.	184806 Licenses & Permits
67.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, G E & M Auto Service dba Parkway Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, 10 autos outside.	184807 Licenses & Permits
68.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Master Used Cars LLC, 121 Prospect St., 9-7 M-F, 9-4 Sat., 10 autos.	184808 Licenses & Permits
69.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Benny's Auto Sales, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 8 autos outside.	184809 Licenses & Permits
70.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 182 Washington St., 27 autos.	184810 Licenses & Permits
71.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 15 autos.	184811 Licenses & Permits
72.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 12 autos.	184812 Licenses & Permits
73.	Bus Route	Renewal of Bus Route Permit, Joseph's Transportation Inc., Tufts Shuttle Bus, Tufts to Davis Sq.	184813 Licenses & Permits
74.	Comm.	Representative Provost re: Snow shoveling for elderly constituents.	184814 Placed on File, Copy to Senior Services
75.	Comm.	Representative Provost responding to #184536 re: letter from MA Highway regarding debris under Interstate 93.	184815 Placed on File
76.	Comm.	Representative Provost responding to #184351 re: moving a bus stop in Magoun Sq.	184816 Placed on File
77.	Comm.	FAA Regional Administrator responding to #184523 re: noise complaints.	184817 Placed on File, Copy to Public Health & Safety

LATE ITEMS

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| 78. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Danielle Fillis to the Zoning Board of Appeals. | 184707
Discharged from Conf.
of Appointments,
Approved |
| 79. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an extension of the solid waste/recycling/yard waste contract with Langton and Douglas Inc./F.W. Russell and Sons Inc. | 184818
Finance |
| 80. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor and Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss the illegal sober house at 31 Wilton St. | 184819
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 81. | Citation | By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending Sgt. John O'Riordan, who is dispatching to Afghanistan to defend freedom and serve our nation. | 184820
Approved |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk