

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2009, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Walter F. Pero, Vice President John M. Connolly, Aldermen 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

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 186932
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2009. | 186933
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By the Entire Board, Commending U2 on the occasion of its performance in Somerville on March 11, 2009. | 186934
Approved |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location | Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC for a grant of location to install 1.7 miles of 14" gas transmission line, from Mystic Ave. to McGrath Hwy. | 186935
Licenses & Permits |
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**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 5. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait in and around 240 Pearl St. for rodents. | 186936
Approved |
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| 6. | Order | By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that DCR paint all of the crosswalks at McGrath Hwy. and Broadway. | 186937
Approved as Amended:
That DCR also paint all
crosswalks at McGrath
Hwy. and Pearl St. |
| 7. | Resolution | By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that all requests submitted to this Board be reviewed by the Administration for correctness relative to the Code of Ordinances and that the wording of such requests reflect proper procedures. | 186938
Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine additional locations for pedestrian crossings on Beacon St., and mark those locations. | 186939
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police provide spot enforcement at the intersection of Oxford and Beacon Sts. to cite drivers who do not yield to pedestrians. | 186940
Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the Cambridge traffic barrel at 10 Beacon St. | 186941
Approved |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Clerk of Committees invite the natural gas utilities, the Commissioner of Public Works and all relevant personnel, to meet with the Public Utilities and Works Committee to discuss safety procedures with respect to their gas lines. | 186942
Approved
Copy to Public Utilities
& Works |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road defect at 20 College Ave. | 186943
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk at 8 Park Ave. | 186944
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that Federal Realty clear the debris from around the former movie theatre at Assembly Sq. | 186945
Approved |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Health bait the Union Sq. area from Stone Ave. to Sanborn Ct. for rodents. | 186946
Approved |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on the reconstruction of the Concourse and Central Hill Park, including schedules, changes to configuration, and impact on High School activities. | 186947
Approved |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Ward 3 Alderman in 45 days on ways to improve safety for vehicles entering Bow St. from Somerville Ave. | 186948
Approved |

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| 18. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Chief of Police evaluate and enforce the regulations for vehicles blocking the intersection to the Union Sq. parking lot at Bonner Ave. and Washington St. at the Post Office and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman in 45 days. | 186949
Approved |
| 19. | Order | By Ald. Taylor and Desmond, That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 3 Alderman with an interpretation of ordinances pertaining to enforcement at 199 Summer St. | 186950
Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 20. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance meeting jointly with the School Committee, March 4.
No papers. | 186951
Approved |
| 21. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, March 4. | 186952
Approved |
| 21A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Paulette Renault-Caragianes as Director of the Health Dept. | 186916
Approved |
| 21B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Michael Capuano as a full member of the Planning Board. | 186931
Approved |
| 22. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Land Use, March 4.
No papers. | 186953
Approved |
| 23. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, March 9.
No papers. | 186954
Approved as Amended:
#186622 remains in
Committee |
| 24. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, March 10. | 186955
Approved |
| 24A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$4,133.16 in the School Dept. for out-of-district tuition. | 186856
Approved |
| 24B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of a donation of 19 Dell computers from the Concord Academy, valued at \$9,500, for use in the Police Dept. | 186857
Approved |

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| 24C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$843,400 from the Dept. of Homeland Security for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) in the Fire Dept. | 186915
Approved |
| 24D. | Resolution | By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that J & J Contractors appear before the Finance Committee to discuss unfinished work at the Argenziano School. | 186956
Approved
Copy to Finance |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 25. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of the SPCD Planning Division's 2008 Annual Report. | 186957
Land Use |
| 26. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the extension of a contract with Fay Spofford & Thorndike LLC for designing and planning the Mystic River Reservation Trail Wellington/Rt. 28 Undercarriage. | 186958
Finance |
| 27. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appropriation of a mitigation payment of \$17,500 from Federal Realty Investment Trust to a new Stabilization Fund to be known as the "Wellington Undercarriage Fund," to fund the Wellington/Rt. 28 Undercarriage for the Mystic River Reservation Trail. | 186959
Finance |
| 28. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$55,000 from the Damage to Persons & Property Acct. to the Law Dept. Legal Services Acct. for Robinson & Cole's efforts to reduce noise from increased air traffic over Somerville. | 186960
Finance |
| 29. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend \$22,500 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council to administer its ArtsUnion initiatives. | 186961
Finance |
| 30. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend \$3,000 from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit. | 186962
Finance |
| 31. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Chairman of the Board of Elections Commissioners. | 186963
Approved |
| 32. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission. | 186964
Conf. of Appointments |
| 33. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Chien-Chi Huang to the Women's Commission. | 186965
Approved |
| 34. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Michelle Albert to the Women's Commission. | 186966
Approved |
| 35. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Correen Demers to the Women's Commission. | 186967
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 36. | Officer's
Comm. | IT Director responding to #186894 re: Schematics of voice and data systems. | 186968
Placed on File |
| 37. | Officer's
Comm. | SPCD Director responding to #186753 and #186754 re: NorthPoint and Inner Belt parcels. | 186969
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 38. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Tufts University Kids Day, Tufts Campus, Apr. 4, 9AM-3:30PM. | 186970
Approved |
| 39. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, High School Ergathon/Canning Drive, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Apr. 11, 9AM-5PM (raindate Apr. 12). | 186971
Approved |
| 40. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Farmers Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Jun. 6-Oct. 31, 7AM-2PM. | 186972
Approved |
| 41. | Drainlayer | New Drain Layer's License, C&K Trucking & Excavating. | 186973
Approved |
| 42. | Drainlayer | Renewing Drain Layer's License, A.P. Flowers & Son LLC. | 186974
Approved |
| 43. | Drainlayer | Renewing Drain Layer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain Cleaning. | 186975
Approved |
| 44. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, Wedgwood-Crane & Connolly Ins., 19 College Ave. | 186976
Approved, Ald.
Connolly Recused |
| 45. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, Powder House Foods LLC dba Five Corners Market, 852 Broadway. | 186977
Licenses & Permits |
| 46. | Outdoor
Parking | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development Co., 7-9 and 11-13 Herbert St., 20 autos. | 186978
Licenses & Permits |
| 47. | Outdoor
Parking | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development Co., 55-59 Day St., 70 autos. | 186979
Licenses & Permits |
| 48. | Outdoor
Parking | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St., 61 autos. | 186980
Licenses & Permits |
| 49. | Outdoor
Parking | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St., 15 autos. | 186981
Licenses & Permits |
| 50. | Outdoor
Parking | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Faulkner Brothers Inc., 2 Alpine St., 4 autos. | 186982
Licenses & Permits |

51.	Outdoor Seating	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Kickass Cupcake Co. LLC, 378 Highland Ave., 2 tables & 8 chairs.	186983 Approved
52.	Outdoor Seating	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Majota Inc. dba Crowley Liquors, 158 Boston Ave., sandwich board.	186984 Approved
53.	Outdoor Seating	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm St., Used furniture placed on sidewalk.	186985 Approved
54.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, James A. Kiley Co., 15 Linwood St., 6 autos inside.	186986 Licenses & Permits
55.	Junk Dealer	Renewing Junk Dealer License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.	186987 Licenses & Permits
56.	Junk Dealer	Renewing Junk Dealer License, Atlas Junk Co., 475 Columbia St.	186988 Licenses & Permits
57.	Junk Dealer	Renewing Junk Dealer License, Artifaktori, 22A College Ave.	186989 Approved
58.	Billiards	New Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, AOD Inc. dba On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 tables.	186990 Licenses & Permits
59.	Comm.	Senator Galluccio responding to #186838 re: the reconstruction of Washington St.	186991 Placed on File

LATE ITEMS

60.	Comm.	By President Pero, Amending certain committee assignments in the Committees on Housing and Community Development, Land Use, and Public Utilities and Works, effective March 2.	186992 Placed on File
61.	Mayor's Comm.	Proclaiming March 11, 2009, "U2 'No Line on the Horizon' Celebration Day."	186993 Placed on File
62.	Public Occ	Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Ras na LEireann USA 5km Road Race, Davis Sq. and vicinity, Mar. 15, 11AM (raindate Mar. 22).	186994 Approved
63.	Public Occ	Public Event Permit, Think Outside the Bottle Campaign Tap Water Taste Test demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Mar. 22, 3:30-4:30PM.	186995 Approved
64.	Public Occ	Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville Community Road Race, Trum Field and vicinity, May 3, 10AM-2PM.	186996 Approved
65.	Public Occ	Public Event Permit, On the Hill Tavern Road Race, 455 Broadway and vicinity, Jun. 7, 11:30AM.	186997 Approved

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| 66. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, Jo Ben Rivera dba Metro Mobile, 533 Medford St. | 186998
Approved |
| 67. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to require mediation of all contamination before a building permit may be issued for a project, if such amendment is possible. | 186999
Approved |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk