

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 184327
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2007. | 184328
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the US Navy Band Northeast for its benefit performance in Somerville Wednesday evening, November 7. | 184329
Approved |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

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| 4. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panel at 25 Highland Ave. | 184330
Approved |
| 5. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the streetlight bulb at Summer St. and Vinal Ave. | 184331
Approved |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels at Summer St. and Wesley Park. | 184332
Approved |

7.	Ordinance	By Ald. Taylor, That Ordinance 3-3 be amended by striking the word “pigeons” and inserting in place thereof, the word “birds”.	184333 Legislative Matters
8.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the hydrant at Perry Park.	184334 Approved
9.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take steps to allow motor vehicles to turn safely from Houghton St. onto Bolton St.	184335 Approved
10.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the NO PARKING signage at 358-360 Washington St. to allow for additional on street parking spaces.	184336 Approved
11.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned bicycle attached to the street sign at 358 Washington St.	184337 Approved
12.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD replace the missing park bench at Palmacci Park and repair the section of the park where the bench was located, as it presents a safety hazard.	184338 Approved
13.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the latch to the gate at the Tot Lot at Palmacci Park.	184339 Approved
14.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fire alarm box at Perry Park, and the trench it sits in, to better secure it to the sidewalk.	184340 Approved
15.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility companies to repair the low hanging wires at 390 Washington St.	184341 Approved
16.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take action to remove the double pole at 98 Beacon St.	184342 Approved
17.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 112 Concord Ave.	184343 Approved
18.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 65 Beacon St. for improper storage of trash, including trash barrels left filled and open on Buckingham St. and the insufficient capacity of the dumpster, and advise the owner of their responsibilities regarding trash and maintenance.	184344 Approved
19.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint all crosswalks on Webster Ave., Norfolk St. and Tremont St.	184345 Approved

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| 20. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman on NStar's commitment to replace the trees that have died on Burnside Ave. | 184346
Approved as Amended:
Also report on NStar's replacement of trees on Warren Ave. |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket cars parked at the corner of Willow Ave. and Hawthorne St., as visibility there is limited. | 184347
Approved |
| 22. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the gutters on Francesca Ave. | 184348
Approved |
| 23. | Resolution | By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the recommendations of the Davis Sq. Transportation Design Group be heard before the Traffic Commission and the Public Health & Safety Committee. | 184349
Approved, Copy to Traffic & Parking and Public Health & Safety |
| 24. | Resolution | By Ald. Gewirtz and Taylor, That the Administration, in coordination with this Board, explore a different format for budget proceedings to enhance public input and accessibility of the city budget process. | 184350
Approved, Copy to Finance |
| 25. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate moving the MBTA bus stop in front of the Dunkin Donuts in Magoun Sq., down Broadway to the westerly side of Hinckley St., to alleviate traffic congestion and provide a better westerly line of vision for motorists exiting Hinckley St., and report back to this Board. | 184351
Approved, Copy to Traffic & Parking |
| 26. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place Gilson Terrace on the private way resurfacing list for next year. | 184352
Approved |
| 27. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 63 Hinckley St. | 184353
Approved |
| 28. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative of NStar appear at the next Public Utilities & Works Committee meeting to discuss the continuing power outages in Wards 5 and 6. | 184354
Approved, Ald. Roche recused, Copy to Public Utilities & Works |
| 29. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of the Council on Aging inform this Board how we can assist the Council in expanding its voucher program. | 184355
Approved |
| 30. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Library Director place the VNA at 259 Lowell St. on the regular list of Book Mobile stops, and notify residents at the VNA of the schedule. | 184356
Approved |

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| 31. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear at the next Traffic & Parking Committee meeting to discuss potential solutions for motorists unable to exit Hinckley St., as we await the MA Highway \$2.1 million Magoun Sq. revitalization project this Spring. | 184357
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 32. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk at 6 Gilson Terrace. | 184358
Approved |
| 33. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a traffic calming measure at 259 Lowell St. | 184359
Approved as Amended:
Also Resolved that the
Traffic Comm. report
on citywide traffic
calming, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 34. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative from SCM appear at the next Senior Services Committee meeting to discuss its two-week advance notice transportation policy. | 184360
Approved, Copy to
Senior Services |
| 35. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services appear at the next Senior Services Committee to discuss its senior citizen transportation services. | 184361
Approved, Copy to
Senior Services |
| 36. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a decal indicating the hours of enforcement, on all parking meters in the city not currently noticed. | 184362
Approved |
| 37. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the uplifted sidewalk panel adjacent to the Elizabeth Peabody House. | 184363
Approved |
| 38. | Resolution | By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and Taylor, That this Board requests that the Housing Authority address the concerns of Properzi Manor residents, that weatherization measures may be necessary to insulate many of the residential units, especially on the Warren Ave. side. | 184364
Approved |
| 39. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Desmond and Taylor, That the Chief of Police take notice of motorists not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks near Properzi Manor. | 184365
Approved |
| 40. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Desmond and Taylor, That the Chief of Police take notice of bicyclists and skateboarders in the Stone Ave. area creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians, and take all enforcement actions possible. | 184366
Approved |

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| 41. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Chief of Police enforce the prohibition against bicycle riding on public sidewalks, especially surrounding senior buildings. | 184367
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking and
Public Health & Safety |
| 42. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works improve the street lighting surrounding the Somerville Home on Summer and Avon Sts. | 184368
Approved |
| 43. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan, White and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore traffic calming measures surrounding 259 Lowell St. | 184369
Approved as Amended:
Also Resolved that the
Traffic Comm. report
on citywide traffic
calming, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 44. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, White, Roche, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the City Treasurer provide this Board with a list of all properties on which the city has a lien, including liens for non-payment of taxes and fines. | 184370
Approved as Amended:
Include land as well,
Copy to Finance |
| 45. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, White, Taylor and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement at the intersection of Route 28 and Highland Ave. | 184371
Approved |
| 46. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Director of Public Health appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss using grants and arrangements with local medical and public health schools to provide free medical and dental screenings and follow up treatment for school students. | 184372
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 47. | Order | By Ald. White, Sullivan, Connolly and Gewirtz, That a representative of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing & Community Development to discuss using Federal Tax Credits, including the New Market Credit, to help spur residential and commercial development. | 184373
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |
| 48. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW CHILDREN sign on Victoria St., near its intersection with Broadway. | 184374
Approved |
| 49. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at Westminster St. and Broadway and at Clarendon St. and Broadway, directing motorists not to block the intersection. | 184375
Approved |
| 50. | Resolution | By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration investigate the feasibility and cost of third party annual performance audits and systemic assessments of city departments, programs, functions and activities. | 184376
Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

51.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Oct. 16.	184377 Approved
51A.	Resolution	By Ald. Roche, That this Board supports the Board of Health in formulating a plan for a needle collection kiosk.	184378 Approved
51B.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Board of Health update this Board quarterly, on the costs of the needle collection program.	184379 Approved
51C.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Board of Health enact a regulation for all businesses selling needles to install a disposal kiosk.	184380 Approved
52.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 16.	184381 Approved as Amended: #184063 Returned to Legislative Matters
52A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to permanently rededicate for park use in perpetuity, the land known as Central Hill Memorial Park.	184063 Returned to Legislative Matters
52B.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That Medford St. be included in the home rule petition giving the city jurisdiction over MA Highway and DCR roadways that border the city.	184382 Approved
53.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 23.	184383 Approved as Amended: #183732 Returned to Legislative Matters
53A.	Officer's Comm.	City Solicitor responding to #183307 re: a draft of a Home Rule Petition providing the City with jurisdiction over State and DCR public ways that traverse the City.	183610 Approved as Amended: Include Medford St.
53B.	Officer's Comm.	Veteran's Services Director and Chairman of the Dedication Commission responding to #183585 re: renaming the High School Concourse.	183732 Returned to Legislative Matters
53C.	Ordinance	Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to provide a procedure for a Special Permit to be revoked.	184229 Discharged from Legislative Matters, Referred to Land Use

53D.	Ordinance	Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to prevent issuance of a Building Permit when taxes are overdue or a lien on a property has not been disclosed.	184230 Discharged from Legislative Matters, Referred to Land Use
54.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Oct. 22. No papers.	184384 Approved
55.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Oct. 23. No papers.	184385 Approved
56.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 23.	184386 Approved
56A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$6,187.56 in the DPW for Waste Management.	184302 Approved

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

57.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts, to reduce the FY08 tax levy.	184387 Finance
58.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appropriate \$19,425 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts to the DPW B&G Repairs to Building Acct. to repair the handicapped chair lift at the Traffic & Parking building.	184388 Approved
59.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$51,509 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Detail Revolving Acct. to fund an obligation to the Police Patrolmen's Association to pay for work details where vendors are delinquent.	184389 Finance
60.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$42,914 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Alarm PS Acct. to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Fire Association of Somerville/Fire Alarm, from 7/1/04-6/30/07.	184390 Approved
61.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$33,924 from the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant to the Police, for overtime associated with anti-gang and anti-violence activities.	184391 Finance
62.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$8,000 from the Cambridge Health Alliance for the Somerville Cares About Prevention Coalition to hire a bi-lingual outreach worker.	184392 Approved, Ald. Heuston recused
63.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$3,500 from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the deployment of our Mass Decontamination Unit in the event of an emergency.	184393 Approved, Ald. Heuston recused

64.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro as Constable.	184394 Approved
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

65.	Officer's Comm.	Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.	184395 Placed on File
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66.	Officer's Comm.	Chief Assessor responding to Board Order #184280.	184396 Placed on File
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NEW BUSINESS

67.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Resistat Somerville Parents Advisory meeting, Kennedy School basketball courts and playground, Oct. 27, 12-4PM.	184397 Approved
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68.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Football Highlanders Assoc. Car Wash, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & Nov. 17.	184398 Approved
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69.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Winter Craft Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Dec. 1, 9-6PM.	184399 Approved
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70.	Drainlayer	New Drain Layer's License, C.J. Mabardy Inc.	184400 Approved
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71.	Drainlayer	New Drain Layer's License, Metro Equipment Corp.	184401 Approved
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72.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammables License, Internap Network Services Corp., 70 Innerbelt Rd., 7,500 gallons.	184402 Licenses & Permits
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73.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammables License, Fred Hubbard Gulf Inc., 369-371 Highland Ave., 19,100 gallons.	184403 Licenses & Permits
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74.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammables License, Samuel Azevedo dba K&K Mechanics, 42 Dana St., 1,215 gallons.	184404 Licenses & Permits
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75.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammables License, PJ's Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 10,500 gallons.	184405 Licenses & Permits
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76.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammables License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 30,394 gallons.	184406 Licenses & Permits
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77.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Streetwise Inc., 57-59 Pitman St., 20 autos.	184407 Licenses & Permits
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78.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Samuel Azevedo dba K & K Mechanics, 42 Dana St., 12 autos.	184408 Licenses & Permits
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79.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Upnorth LTD Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos.	184409 Licenses & Permits
80.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, 429 Corporation, 109-111 Prospect St., 5 autos.	184410 Licenses & Permits
81.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, UMP Corporation/United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.	184411 Licenses & Permits
82.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Executive Auto Leasing & Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos.	184412 Licenses & Permits
83.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, PJ'S Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 65 autos.	184413 Licenses & Permits
84.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 8 autos.	184414 Licenses & Permits
85.	Comm.	Rep. Provost, re: Efforts to lower speed limits in the city.	184415 Placed on File, Copy to Traffic & Parking
86.	Comm.	Women's Mental Health Collective Inc., re: licensing the gas station at 369-371 Beacon St.	184416 Placed on File
87.	Comm.	George Dilboy Post VFW #529 inviting the Board to the dedication of "Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients Square" at Cutler and Summer Sts., Sat. Nov. 10 at 1PM.	184417 Placed on File

LATE ITEMS

88.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Robert Racicot to the Housing Authority and conveying his resignation from the Condominium Review Board.	184146 Discharged from Conf. of Appointments, Approved
89.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain why taxi cabs are eligible for resident parking stickers.	184418 Approved
90.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to Granite and Knap Sts. at 3AM to disperse independent cab drivers gathering there.	184419 Approved, Copy to Traffic & Parking
91.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police patrol Albion St. between Lowell and Cedar Sts. to monitor speeding traffic workdays between 7 and 8AM.	184420 Approved

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| 92. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that DCR install a NO TURN ON RED sign at the intersection of Myrtle and Washington Sts. | 184421
Approved |
| 93. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that DCR include in the markings on the traffic lanes on Washington St. across from the Cobble Hill Apts. the word STOP for cars taking right turns onto Myrtle St. | 184422
Approved |
| 94. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan, O'Donovan and Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer work with the Director of the Council on Aging to increase the awareness of residents of senior buildings and apartment complexes of emergency procedures they should follow. | 184423
Approved |
| 95. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan, O'Donovan and Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer explain procedures to follow in case of a disaster or emergency at our senior buildings. | 184424
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 96. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Highways contact NStar to repair the broken street light at 12 Morrison Ave. | 184425
Approved |
| 97. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a traffic measure at the intersection of Boston and Pearson Aves. to prevent U-turns. | 184426
Approved |
| 98. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, That the Chair of the Rules Committee consider requiring the chair of each committee to provide an agenda for committee meetings and post it on the city website and cable wheel. | 184427
Approved, Copy to
Rules Committee |
| 99. | Mayor's
Request | Requesting approval of the appointment of Jessica Conaway to the Library Board of Trustees. | 184428
Conf. of Appointments |
| 100. | Officer's
Comm. | ADA Coordinator responding to #184294 re: Taxi drivers' obligations for guide dogs. | 184429
Placed on File, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 101. | Outdoor
Seating | New Outdoor Seating License, Princess Beauty Salon, 364 Mystic Ave., 2 tables, 2 chairs and a sidewalk sign. | 184430
Licenses & Permits |
| 102. | Comm. | NStar responding to #184283 re: The Willow Ave. substation. | 184431
Placed on File, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk