

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 13, 2008, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen John M. Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, 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. | 186453
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2008. | 186454
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Mary Walker, who is retiring after 16 years of dedicated service to the City. | 186455
Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending the Elections Dept. for another superb performance on Presidential Election Day, November 4, 2008. | 186456
Approved |
| 5. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and Entire Board, Commending Police Officers James Slattery and Michael Silva for earning the American Legion Post 19's Alexander McQuestion Memorial Award as Police Officers of the Year. | 186457
Approved |
| 6. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Firefighters Blanca Alcaraz and Paul MacKinnon, for earning the American Legion Post 19's Thomas Chetham Award as Firefighters of the Year. | 186458
Approved |

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| 7. | Citation | By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Firefighter William Powers, who is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the City. | 186459
Approved |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

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| 8. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the proper utility to correct the leaning telephone pole at 62 Governor Winthrop Rd. | 186460
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Prescott, Summer and Quincy Sts. for vehicular and pedestrian safety and report his findings to the Ward 3 Alderman within 30 days. | 186461
Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange to move the utility pole from the intersection of Summer and Quincy Sts. to improve vehicular safety. | 186462
Approved |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead tree at 41 Belmont St. | 186463
Approved |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 5 Alderman and neighbors of Trull St. to discuss sewer backups. | 186464
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police attend the next Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss noise issues at Central St. and Broadway. | 186465
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police attend the next Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting regarding 81 Bartlett St. | 186466
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional railings on the walking ramps at the Sloane field house. | 186467
Approved |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to replace the street light they removed at the corner of Alpine and Lowell Sts. | 186468
Approved |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree on Cutter Place. | 186469
Approved |

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| 18. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Election Commissioner assign the Ward 5 Precinct 1 polling precinct to all Ward 5 Precinct 2 residents living in the Hinckley St. area. | 186470
Approved |
| 19. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, White, Connolly, Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking attend the next Senior Services Committee meeting on Nov. 17, at 6 PM, at Brady Towers, to address residents' traffic safety concerns. | 186471
Approved, Copy to
Senior Services |
| 20. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD consider entering into a lease with St. Anthony's parish for their Somerville Ave. parking lot for the remainder of Somerville Ave.'s reconstruction, Mo-Sa, 8AM-8PM. | 186472
Approved |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Police Chief report back to Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan and the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, the number, type and disposition of all calls for 45 Clyde St. and the MaxPak site for the past year. | 186473
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 22. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, O'Donovan and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with Ald. Desmond, Connolly, O'Donovan and Taylor at the SHS Field House to discuss the poor lighting there. (2 nd request.) | 186474
Approved |
| 23. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Heuston and Trane, That the Police Chief appear at the next meeting of the Licenses and Permits Committee to discuss extended operating hours. | 186475
Approved, Copy to
Licenses & Permits |
| 24. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Connolly, That the Director of Information Technology appear before the Information Technology Committee to explain the recent complaints with the voice recognition system that responds to people calling City Hall. | 186476
Approved, Copy to
Information Technology |
| 25. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Connolly, That the Director of Communications appear before the Information Technology Committee to explain the recent problems with the automated CTY system that recently dialed its entire database at 3:45 AM. | 186477
Approved, Copy to
Information Technology |
| 26. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works stop the street sweeping at 4AM in the municipal parking lot next to 20 Grove St. | 186478
Approved, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works |
| 27. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the slide in Kenny Park. | 186479
Approved |

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| 28. | Resolution | By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration take steps to make capital improvements at Kenny Park, replacing the broken water fountain and other needed improvements. | 186480
Approved |
| 29. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Communication update the city's website to include a tab on the front page for "Government" so it's easier for residents to navigate and learn more about this Board and the School Committee. | 186481
Approved |
| 30. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the installation of the 3 American flags and poles donated by the Kiwanis Club of Somerville. | 186482
Approved |
| 31. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlamps at the corner of Winter St. at the bus way and College Ave., and in Davis Sq. Plaza. | 186483
Approved |
| 32. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlamps on Broadway between Lowden and Rogers Aves. | 186484
Approved |
| 33. | Order | By Ald. White, That a representative of the Public Works Dept. and the recycling coordinator appear before the Public Health and Public Safety Committee to discuss how CRT screens and other computer devices are handled. | 186485
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 34. | Order | By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD direct that the Safe-START Plan, in coordination with the Traffic and Parking Dept., include an inventory of traffic measures that should be undertaken around senior housing. | 186486
Approved |
| 35. | Resolution | By Ald Roche, Congratulating President Dennis Sullivan for being recognized by the Greater Boston Labor Council for his strong leadership in 2008. | 186487
Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 36. | Extended Hours | New Extended Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row, Sep.-May, Th-Sa 8AM-2AM. (Approved 10/23/08; reconsideration moved by Ald. Desmond.) | 186430
Reconsideration
Approved, Referred to
Licenses & Permits |
| 37. | Extended Hours | New Extended Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Café, 35 Professors Row, Sep.-May, Su-Th Noon-1AM. (Approved 10/23/08; reconsideration moved by Ald. Desmond.) | 186431
Reconsideration
Approved, Referred to
Licenses & Permits |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

38.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee of the Whole on Public Health & Public Safety, Oct. 30.	186488 Approved as Amended: Ald. Taylor Was Present
38A.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Clerk of Committees request that Rep. Denise Provost appear before the Public Health and Public Safety Committee to provide guidance on reducing speed limits in the city.	186489 Approved, Copy to Public Health & Safety
38B.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking research the methods used by other cities and towns to reduce speed limits to 25 MPH.	186490 Approved
38C.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD prepare a time-line and overall view of a truck route plan and study.	186491 Approved
38D.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD describe to this Board the funding for the projects in Table II of the Safe-START Proposed Project Locations reviewed by the Public Health and Public Safety Committee on Oct. 30.	186492 Approved
38E.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor appear before the Public Health and Public Safety Committee to discuss bicycles being operated on city sidewalks.	186493 Approved, Copy to Public Health & Safety
38F.	Order	By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing traffic calming measures on Lowell St. at the VNA and on Highland Ave. at the Little Sisters of the Poor and Armory.	186494 Approved
39.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Nov. 12.	186495 Approved
39A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Jocelyn Velney as a Firefighter.	186409 Approved
39B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Brian MacMullin as a Firefighter.	186410 Approved
39C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Shaun Lyons as a Firefighter.	186411 Approved
39D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Jason Doran as a Firefighter.	186412 Approved
39E.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan as a Firefighter.	186413 Approved

39F.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Barry Hamilton as a Firefighter.	186414 Approved
39G.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Michael Khoury as a Firefighter.	186415 Approved
39H.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Michael Jefferson as a Firefighter.	186416 Approved
39I.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Michael Curtis as a Firefighter.	186417 Approved
39J.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the promotion of Lieutenant Wallace Forrest to the rank of Captain in the Fire Dept.	186418 Approved
39K.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the promotion of Firefighter John Colbert to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.	186419 Approved
39L.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the promotion of Firefighter Vincent Lampley to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.	186420 Approved
39M.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the promotion of Firefighter Thomas Tierney to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.	186421 Approved
39N.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Patrick Casey as a Firefighter.	186447 Approved
40.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Nov. 12.	186496 Approved
40A.	Outdoor Parking	New Outdoor Parking License, Hui-Li Wang, 11-13 Washington St., 12 autos.	185878 Approved
40B.	Used Car	Amendment of Used Car Dealers License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales Inc., 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 2 cars inside, 30 outside.	186255 Approved
40C.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class I, Dom's Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside Kawasaki-Yamaha, 2 Union Sq., 85 Motorcycles.	186433 Approved
40D.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Dom's Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside Motorsports, 2 Union Sq., 2 autos & 15 motorcycles.	186434 Approved
40E.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.	186435 Approved
40F.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 6 autos.	186436 Approved

40G.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Ump. Corp/United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.	186437 Approved
40H.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Mystic Auto Sales & Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.	186438 Approved
40I.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos.	186439 Approved
40J.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License, Class III, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 0 Windsor Rd.	186440 Approved
40K.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License, Class III, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.	186441 Approved
40L.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class III, Union Automotive, 37 Mystic Ave.	186442 Approved
41.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Nov. 13. No papers.	186497 Approved

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

42.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to extend a contract with Symmes Maini McKee Associates for architectural services at the Lincoln Park Community School, to 12/31/09.	186498 Finance
43.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$16,000 from SomerStat Salaries to SomerStat Professional Services to fund contracted services from 1/3/09 to 6/30/09.	186499 Finance
44.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval for Personnel to pay \$10,790.46 in FY08 invoices with FY09 funds for various health services.	186500 Finance
45.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval for a 1978 Fire Dept. vehicle to be declared surplus city property and made available for sale.	186501 Finance
46.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,911 from the MA Dept. of Industrial Accidents Office of Safety to initiate a safety training program with the DPW and the SMEA Safety Committee.	186502 Finance
47.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,676.66 from Federal Realty Investment Trust to pay Police overtime for the celebration of the Assembly on the Mystic event.	186503 Finance
48.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$925 from the Target Corp. for a flat screen television for the Police Dept. to project webcasts of roll calls allowing simultaneous dissemination of information to substation personnel.	186504 Approved

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| 49. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$865 from the family of George Doherty Jr. to purchase a 25 foot Balsam Fir for the Powder House Rotary for the holiday season. | 186505
Approved |
| 50. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Dante DiFronzo as a Police Officer. | 186506
Conf. of Appointments |
| 51. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Fernando Viveiros as a Firefighter. | 186507
Approved |
| 52. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Paul Moreira as a Firefighter. | 186508
Approved |
| 53. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of John Robinson to the Human Rights Commission. | 186509
Approved |
| 54. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello as Constable. | 186510
Approved |
| 55. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro as Constable. | 186511
Approved |
| 56. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable. | 186512
Approved |
| 57. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Pasquale DeFeo Jr. as Constable. | 186513
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 58. | Officer's Comm. | Traffic Engineer responding to motions put forward at the Oct. 30 Public Health & Public Safety Committee meeting. | 186514
Public Health & Safety |
| 59. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders. | 186515
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 60. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Boys & Girls Club Canning Drive, Washington St. & McGrath Hwy., Nov. 14 & 21, 4-6PM (raindate Nov. 20). | 186516
Approved |
| 61. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Rotary Club Salvation Army Canning Drive, Dec. 5, 8AM-4PM. | 186517
Approved |
| 62. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, DiGirolamo Realty Trust, 20-22 Bow St., Awning. | 186518
Licenses & Permits |
| 63. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, Candlewick Press Inc., 99 Dover St., Awning. | 186519
Licenses & Permits |

64.	Outdoor Seating	New Outdoor Seating/Goods License, Parisian Beauty Supplies LLC, 18 Bow St., Sandwich Board.	186520 Licenses & Permits
65.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, United Auto Repair, 64 Joy St., 6 autos inside & 2 outside.	186521 Licenses & Permits
66.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service Inc., 495 Columbia St., 22 autos inside.	186522 Licenses & Permits
67.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class I, Herb Chambers I-95 Inc. dba Chambers Motorcars of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 350 autos.	186523 Licenses & Permits
68.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class I, Herb Chambers I-95 Inc. dba Smart Car Center, 259 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos.	186524 Licenses & Permits
69.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, GE & M Auto Service dba Parkway Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 10 autos outside.	186525 Licenses & Permits
70.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Executive Auto Leasing & Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos.	186526 Licenses & Permits
71.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Motobidia LLC, 561 Windsor St. Suite A205, no autos.	186527 Licenses & Permits
72.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Elias & Abe Auto Repair Inc. dba Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway, 14 autos outside.	186528 Licenses & Permits
73.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 autos inside & 18 outside.	186529 Licenses & Permits
74.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, All Rite Auto Inc., 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos.	186530 Licenses & Permits
75.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Barnes & Walsh Co., 224 Somerville Ave., 5 autos.	186531 Licenses & Permits
76.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, 429 Corp., 109-111 Prospect St., 5 autos.	186532 Licenses & Permits
77.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Somerville Ave. Used Auto Sales, 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos outside.	186533 Licenses & Permits
78.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Gemicar Inc. dba Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos.	186534 Licenses & Permits

LATE ITEMS

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| 79. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the intersection at Highland Ave., Medford St. and McGrath Hwy. and report their findings to this Board in 30 days with recommendations for safer pedestrian and vehicular traffic. | 186535
Approved |
| 80. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to replace the broken street lamp at 14 Clyde St. | 186536
Approved |
| 81. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an unbreakable mirror to assist motorists exiting Clyde St. | 186537
Approved |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk