

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 25, 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, Robert C. Trane

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 186540
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2008. | 186541
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Pero, Roche and the Entire Board, Congratulating Vito Vaccaro on the happy occasion of his 85 th birthday. | 186542
Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Cindy Hickey for leading Somerville's Toys for Local Children annual holiday charitable drive. | 186543
Approved |
| 5. | Citation | By Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, Congratulating the High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team for finishing in 1 st place in the Greater Boston League, and then winning the first annual GBL Tournament. | 186544
Approved |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 6. | Grant of Location | NStar Electric for a grant of location to relocate a pole on Crescent St. near Hadley St. | 186545
Not Approved, Ald.
Roche Recused |
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| 7. | Grant of Location | NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 8 feet of conduit at 100 Properzi Way. | 186546
Approved, Ald. Roche
Recused |
| 8. | Grant of Location | NStar Communications for a grant of location to install 22 feet of conduit at the corner of Medford St. and Ward St. | 186547
Approved, Ald. Roche
Recused |
| 9. | Grant of Location | NextG Networks for grant of location to install conduit along Lowell St. | 186548
Licenses & Permits |
| 10. | Grant of Location | NextG Networks for a Grant of location to relocate previously approved equipment at 18 Benedict St., 3 Central St. and Beacon St. at Washington St. | 186549
Approved |
| 11. | Grant of Location | NextG Networks for a grant of location to install 187 feet of conduit from Lincoln St. across Broadway to Austin St. | 186550
Approved with
conditions: Work 9AM-
4PM only, and clean the
worksite daily |

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

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| 12. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a STONE PLACE sign and a DEAD END sign at the corner of Stone Place and Stone Ave. | 186551
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 2 Alderman on limiting cut through traffic from Dane St. onto Skehan, Village and Hanson Sts. during peak hours. | 186552
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to deal with vehicles parking or traveling on city sidewalks, hindering pedestrian and ADA accessibility. | 186553
Approved, Copy to
Legislative Matters |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board take up the issue of after 12:00 AM operating hours in the Licenses and Permits Committee in order to allow restaurants in Central Business Districts to adequately serve the populations of those areas. | 186554
Approved, Ald.
Desmond opposed,
Copy to Licenses &
Permits |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Chief of Police, Chief Fire Engineer and Chief Assessor coordinate with SPCD to identify all group homes currently operating, and forward a list to this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee. | 186555
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |

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| 17. | Order | By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the City Solicitor inform this Board if, and under what conditions, the Licensing Commission can revoke a 2 AM liquor license. | 186556
Approved |
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 18. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Nov. 17. | 186557
Approved |
| 18A. | Order | By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor draft a revision to the bicycle ordinance to prohibit operating bicycles on sidewalks at senior housing. | 186558
Approved |
| 18B. | Resolution | By Ald. Connolly, That this Board requests that the Director of the Housing Authority consider all options for entry to or exit from the Brady Towers parking lot. | 186559
Approved |
| 18C. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on enforcing the Traffic and Parking or Police Depts. for parking violations on Housing Authority property. | 186560
Approved |
| 18D. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an ELDERLY CROSSING sign at Brady Towers. | 186561
Approved |
| 19. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Nov. 19. | 186562
Approved, Ald.
Heuston Recused from
#186500 |
| 19A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$50,000 from the MA Technology Collaborative for a renewable energy project at the Argenziano School. | 186022
Approved |
| 19B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$24,029 through the SETB Training grant for the Police Dept. to support Enhanced 911 services. | 186407
Approved |
| 19C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,500 from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Library for a preservation survey of the Local History Collection. | 186408
Approved |
| 19D. | 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
Approved |

19E.	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 Approved
19F.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval for Personnel to pay \$10,790.46 in FY08 invoices with FY09 funds for various health services.	186500 Approved, Ald. Heuston Recused
19G.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval for a 1978 Fire Dept. vehicle to be declared surplus city property and made available for sale.	186501 Approved
19H.	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 Approved
19I.	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 Approved
19J.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Capital Projects and the Commissioner of Public Works update the Finance Committee on all punch list items at the Argenziano School, the Honeywell energy project and any other projects.	186563 Approved, Copy to Finance
19K.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether an Aldermanic retreat would violate the open meeting law, and provide guidelines for such a retreat.	186564 Approved
20.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Nov. 19. No papers.	186565 Approved
21.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Nov. 24.	186566 Approved
21A.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order daily directed patrols at 81 Bartlett St. until this residential home returns to 155 Central St., and that directed patrols then be reassigned to 155 Central St. at the same frequency.	186567 Approved
21B.	Order	By Al. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer, The Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss issuing Certificates of Occupancy only after proper reviews.	186568 Approved, Copy to Public Health & Safety
21C.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk obtain the state regulations and contracts that the Vinfen Corp. must adhere to at its facilities at 81 Bartlett St. and 155 Central St.	186569 Approved

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| 22. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Nov. 25. | 186570
Approved |
| 22A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Dante DiFronzo as a Police Officer. | 186506
Approved |
| 23. | Committee Report | Report of the Caucus of the 2009 Board of Aldermen, Nov. 25.
No papers. | 186571
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 24. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$33,924 from the MA Office of Public Safety Shannon Community Safety Initiative for Police efforts to curtail youth violence. | 186572
Approved |
| 25. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Tania Mealy-Casarella as the Mayor's appointment to the Housing Authority. | 186573
Approved |
| 26. | Mayor's Comm. | Updating the Board on the recent trash hauling bids. | 186574
Placed on File, Copy to
Finance and
Environment & Energy |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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| 27. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Random Chants a cappella singing at Midnight Madness, Davis Sq., Dec. 4, 7-9PM. | 186575
Approved |
| 28. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, High School Chorus caroling & fund raising, Union Sq., Dec. 6, 1PM, Davis Sq., Dec. 15, 5-7PM. | 186576
Approved |
| 29. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 2 autos inside, 30 outside. | 186577
Licenses & Permits |
| 30. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St., 23 autos. | 186578
Licenses & Permits |
| 31. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Petroleum dba Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway, 2 autos. | 186579
Licenses & Permits |
| 32. | Used Car | Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St., 10 autos. | 186580
Licenses & Permits |

33. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Hillside Jaguar dba Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos. 186581 Licenses & Permits

34. Comm. MA Secretary of Transportation responding to #186275 re: the Green Line Extension. 186582 Placed on File, Copy to Housing & Community Development

LATE ITEMS

35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works post NO PARKING signs for Nov. 29 from 6AM-4PM at the High School Concourse, the Central Library lot and on Highland Ave., for the High School Craft Fair. 186583 Approved

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk