

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
\*\*\*\*\*

*NOTICE: This is NOT the official version of the Board of Aldermen's minutes. While reasonable efforts have been made to assure the accuracy of the data provided, do not rely on this information without first checking with the City Clerk.*

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #193824 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. #193825 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2012, and the  
Minutes Regular Meeting of September 13, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. #193826 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 39 feet of conduit  
Grant of Location from a pole to 308 Beacon St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

4. #193827 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 65 feet of conduit  
Grant of Location from a pole to 292 Beacon St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

5. #193828 Grant of Location submitted by RCN to install 16 feet of conduit from a  
Grant of Location pole to a manhole near 127 Elm St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

6. #193829 Grant of Location submitted by 186 Communications to install 199 feet of  
Grant of Location conduit from the Arlington border to a Level 3 manhole on Alewife Brook  
Pkwy.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

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

7. #193830 By Ald. Desmond  
Resolution That this Board resolves not to allow skateboard shows or competitions at  
Kelley Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. #193831 By Ald. Gewirtz  
Ordinance That Ordinance 8-67 (Gold, silver and metal objects) be amended by  
reducing the time for Junk Dealers to hold gold, silver or metal from 45 days  
to 30 days before reselling it.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

9. #193832 By Ald. Gewirtz  
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether a crosswalk is appropriate at the intersection of Morrison Avenue and Grove Street and whether Morrison Avenue is appropriate for bike sharrows.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. #193833 By Ald. Taylor  
Communication In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

No report was presented.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. #193759 By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
Citation Commending Wilbur Smith, on the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **12. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- A. #193834 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 10, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

AMENDED: That #193586 is Approved conditioned on the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee and a subsequent review and approval of the selected developer by this Board.

- B. #193586 Requesting that this Board declare the Day Street/Herbert Street parking lot  
Mayor's Request available for disposition as a hotel use.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,  
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

**CONDITIONS:** That a Technical Advisory Committee be created, and that the selected developer be approved by this Board following a subsequent review.

- C. #193680 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of this Board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside environmental counsel for the Union Square Revitalization Plan.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #193779 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$52,000 and authorization to borrow \$52,000 in a bond to purchase two vans for the Recreation Department.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- E. #193780 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$41,222 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Library Office Furniture Account to furnish the new Teen Room.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- F. #193781 Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a FY 2012 invoice of \$600.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- G. #193782 Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a FY 2012 invoice of \$400.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- H. #193783 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Treasurer to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$110.50 to Accurint.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- I. #193784 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to declare a 1993 Ford E350 van as surplus.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- J. #193816 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,000,000 and authorization to borrow \$8,000,000 in a bond for the cost of initiating the 2012 Union Square Revitalization Plan.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane  
**NAYS:** William A. White Jr.

13. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #193835 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of Committee Report the Whole, on October 1, 2012.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

14. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #193836 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of Committee Report the Whole on October 9, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AMENDED:** #193837 was Withdrawn.  
Ald. Roche recused.

- B. #193837 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Personnel place the Clerk of Committees and Asst. Clerk of Committees positions into a classification level within the 2012 Classification and Compensation Study, and consult with the President of this Board to establish appropriate salaries for these positions.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

15. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #193838 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on Committee Report October 2, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #191021 Order  
By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of SPCD initiate a full NIT evaluation at 47 Harrison Street and report the findings to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. #192921 Order  
By Ald. White Jr., O'Donovan  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss measures to address fire safety at 155 Central Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. #192345 Order  
By Ald. Gewirtz, O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police advise this Board on the safety measures in place in the Lexington Park area of the community path with respect to dogs off leash.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. #192496 Order  
By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works (Lines and Lights) analyze the streetlights on Bailey and Temple Roads, under Route 93, and report the findings to the Committee on Public Health and Safety.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- F. #192651 Order  
By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 35-37 Jackson Road for possible building violations, health violations, illegal activity and disturbances.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- G. #192652  
Order
- By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 3-5 Walter Terrace for possible building violations, health violations, illegal activity, and disturbances.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- H. #192731  
Order
- By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 30 Wheatland Street for building code violations, rooming house activity, and the yard being used as a debris transfer station for a contractor living in the building.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- I. #192778  
Resolution
- By Ald. Roche, White Jr.  
That this Board requests that the Mayor work with this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to identify Neighborhood Impact Team members that can best identify and solve neighborhood safety and health issues.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- J. #192791  
Order
- By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to explain why the city is unable to enforce the unregistered vehicle ordinance passed last year.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- K. #193079  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Neighborhood Impact Team inspect 7 Greene Street for code violations, and report back to this Board with its findings and actions taken.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- L. #193196  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the City Solicitor update this Board on the status of legal proceedings related to 47 Harrison Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- M. #193310 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health determine the sources of a greatly increased rodent infestation in the areas of Lincoln Park and Central and Madison Streets, and develop an action plan to address this problem.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- N. #193312 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Neighborhood Impact Team inspect the several illegal apartments on Partridge Avenue, Direnzo Terrace and at 20 Trull Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- O. #193313 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officers enforce the city's leash law at Somerville Junction Park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- P. #193443 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a raised crosswalk at Albion Park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- Q. #193444 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police set a speed trap on Albion Street 4-5 PM, Monday through Friday.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- R. #193445 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police order a directed foot patrol and the presence of the Ward Five officer in Magoun Square between 8:00 - 11:00 PM.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**



- S. #193446 Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Heuston, Taylor, Roche, Sullivan, Lafuente, Desmond  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to explain why the enacted unregistered vehicle ordinance is not being enforced.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

16. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. #193839 Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on Committee Report October 10, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

17. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. #193840 Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 2, Committee Report 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192725 Order By Ald. Taylor, Lafuente, Heuston, O'Donovan, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking work with the Traffic Commission to conduct a Public Hearing in late April or early May, to review the recent Traffic and Parking regulations targeting the major business districts.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. #193314 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police enforce the DO NOT BLOCK signal at Hinckley Street and Broadway.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. #193315 Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police enforce the NO LEFT TURN restriction from the Magoun Square municipal parking lot onto Medford Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. #193474 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide the Committee on Traffic and Parking with an update of Medford's results regarding truck traffic and inform the Committee what is illegal.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- F. #193475 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Traffic Engineer re-visit and provide a solution to the STOP sign issue at Broadway and Hinckley Street and evaluate the installation of street gridlock at that location and report the findings to the Committee on Traffic and Parking.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- G. #193569 Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking study truck traffic into Davis Square and devise a plan to limit delivery times that impact the surrounding neighborhoods.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- H. #193683 Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to #193474 re: truck traffic in Medford, and #193475 re: the intersection of Broadway and Hinckley St.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- I. #193684 Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

18. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #193841 Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on Committee Report October 10, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #193842 Order By Ald. Sullivan  
That all Resolutions requesting dedications be reviewed by the City Clerk so the Director of Veterans Services can compile any military or personal data.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #193843 Order By Ald. Sullivan  
That the Director of Veterans Services present to the Committee on Veterans and Public Service recommendations on various designs for dedication signage.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Veterans and Public Services Committee

19. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #193844 Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on October 10, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #193845 Order By Ald. Desmond  
That the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police research a proposed ordinance dealing with medical marijuana dispensaries.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

20. #193846 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an overtime reimbursement up to \$6,600 from Federal Realty to cover Police expenses associated with the Riverfest Fireworks event on September 15, 2012.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

### NEW BUSINESS

21. #193847 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Brown School Fall Fitness Day, Josephine Avenue side of Brown School, Oct 17, 12:30-3PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

22. #193848 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co., 15 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

23. #193849 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target Corp., 180 Somerville Ave., Opening "Black Friday," Nov 23, from 1 AM to 11 PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

24. #193850 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Mary Flynn Murphy Dance Studio, 730 Broadway, 1 sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

25. #193851 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., A-Frame sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

26. #193852 License/Permit New Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 2 vehicles inside, repairing, washing and storing vehicles, Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

27. #193853 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 23 vehicles outside, Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM, Sun Noon-5PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

28. #193854 Transferring Taxi Medallion, Med. #60 from JP Laurie Taxi Inc. to Ike Inc.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

29. #193855 By Ald. Heuston  
Order That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health inspect properties at the intersection of Webster Avenue, Concord Avenue and Prospect Street, for a severe rodent problem and implement the same response as was used in Ward One.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. #193856 Requesting an appropriation of \$52,000 and authorization to borrow \$52,000 in a bond to purchase a vehicle for the Recreation Dept.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz

**ABSENT:** Tony Lafuente, Robert C. Trane

31. #193857 Requesting to reimburse the city's Boston Region MPO representative \$306 for parking expenses.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

32. #193858 Public Event Permit, Halloween Trick or Treat in Spring Hill, Brastow Ave, Oct 31, 4-9PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

33. #193859 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Jason Dedrick Run for a Cure, Davis Sq and Holland St-Broadway-North St-Powderhouse Blvd-Broadway-Cedar St-Bike Path-Holland St, Nov 3, 10AM-12:30PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. #193860 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Square Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Nov 7,14,21,28, 4-5:10PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**LATE ITEMS**

35. #193861 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a trash receptacle at the corner of Clark and Newton Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

36. #193862 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street lights at 6 and 18 Skehan Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

37. #193863 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Beacon Street and on Washington Street, from Union Square to Beacon Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. #193864 Order By Ald. Taylor  
That the Animal Control Officer respond to the 2 residents of Faulkner Towers who recently reported that their guide dogs were attacked by another dog.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39.     #193865     By Ald. Taylor  
Order            That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer evaluate  
                    Summer Street and Central Street for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle  
                    safety.

**RESULT:   APPROVED**

40.     #193866     By Ald. Trane  
Order            That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before the Committee on Public  
                    Health and Safety to review trash disposal issues at Clarendon Hill Towers  
                    and provide answers to neighbors' concerns.

**RESULT:   APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:**   Public Health and Public Safety Committee

41.     #193867     Requesting approval for the Law and/or Personnel Depts. to retain the  
Mayor's Request   services of the law firm Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis Holland PC.

**RESULT:   REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:**   Finance Committee

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment