From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: September 11, 2014

Re: **Board Order Responses** 

# Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 9/11/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 

3. Order

(ID # 10193) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works place additional trash barrels in Davis Square

and empty the solar trash bins more frequently.

RESOLUTION

We are presently emptying the solar barrels once a day and on an as needed basis. However, once additional machines become available we will place additional

barrels in this area.

ORDER

5. Resolution

(ID # 10195) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Administration provide this Board with a detailed explanation of how future flooding events throughout the city will be mitigated and a plan to upgrade the dated city piping infrastructure.

RESOLUTION

For flooding events such as those that occurred during the 7/28/14 and 9/6/14 storms which were short duration, high frequency storms:

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**ORDER** 

Order

(ID # 10196) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring developers of new residential projects to install backflow preventers to prevent combined sewer overflow during heavy rains.

RESOLUTION

The first ten feet of plumbing from the foundation is the jurisdiction of the state plumbing code. Please refer this to the City Plumbing Inspector.

ORDER

Order 8.

(ID # 10198) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works plant two trees near 159 Morrison Ave, in the

vicinity of the lost large tree.

RESOLUTION

Waiting on the delivery of trees to be planted this fall. Once they are received they

will be planted.

ORDER

9. Order

(ID # 10199) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on the installation of new posts on Elm Street, near Posto, for decorative purposes during the upcoming holiday

season.

RESOLUTION

When this was last discussed, there was no plan to address this issue due to the lack

of space and available electric outlets.

**ORDER** 

12. Order

(ID # 10202)By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the state clean the space under I-93

in the Ten Hills area and remove all vehicles and stored items.

RESOLUTION

This request has been made on several occasions. I am supposed to meet a

representative of MassDOT and view the site next Friday.

14. Order

(ID # 10204) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 50 E. Albion Street.

RESOLUTION

Will re-evaluate area. This repair may be the responsibility of the home owner.

Will make the repair if it is the city's responsibility.

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 10205) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate the sewer overflow problems on

Richdale Avenue, especially in front of 12 Richdale Avenue.

RESOLUTION

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investigations and site work necessary to develop 25% design drawings. It will cost in excessive of \$7 million to construct this small run of sewer separation and flood mitigation work.

**ORDER** 

18. Order

(ID # 10208) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear sewer drains of leaves and other debris on Cedar

Street between Highland Avenue and Summer Street, and on surrounding streets.

RESOLUTION

Before pending storms, the Sewer Department cleans leaves and debri from all trouble locations. In addition, we have had BMC in to begin discussions on catch basin cleaning

work.

**ORDER** 

19. Order

(ID # 10209) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulbs in the three street lights in Junction Park nearest to Woodbine Street and Centre Street that have been out for many months. (3rd

Request)

RESOLUTION

This action was completed in-house on Wed., Sept. 10.

ORDER

20. Order

(ID # 10210) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the street light on Woodbine Street

that is second closest to Junction Park. (3rd Request)

RESOLUTION

This request has been placed with Siemens for the third time.

**ORDER** 

21. Order

(ID # 10211) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works closely monitor NSTAR'S re-pavement of Linden Avenue to ensure that the pavement around the crosswalk at Summer Street is flat and even so

that pedestrians do not trip.

RESOLUTION

NStar is not paving. The Engineering Dept. will oversee the paving contractor Machese.

**ORDER** 

26. Order

(ID # 10216) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works prevent storm drain backups on Richdale Avenue.

RESOLUTION

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28. Order

(ID # 10218) By Ald. Connolly, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that they cut back the

overgrowth on the right-hand side of the Broadway - Somerville exit ramp off of Route 93.

RESOLUTION

This request was made today (9-11-14).

**ORDER** 

29. Order

(ID # 10219) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of the Traffic and Parking, rename the ROAD CLOSED signs used to redirect SomerStreet events notices. (cc to the Director of the Arts

Council)

RESOLUTION

This will be done.

**ORDER** 

30. Order

(ID # 10220) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer determine if there are

infrastructure problems on Richdale Avenue that contributed to the severe flooding during the last

two storms.

RESOLUTION For flooding events such as those that occurred during the 7/28/14 and 9/6/14 storms which were short duration, high frequency storms:

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**ORDER** 

31. Order

(ID # 10221) By Ald. McWatters, Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer order the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue as it is creating a public safety issue.

RESOLUTION

A brand new pole will be installed by the end of next week (9/26) and a request for a pole directly across the street will be applied for by NStar to remove the current stress placed on the custom pole.

**ORDER** 

35. Order

(ID # 10225) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works reposition the manhole covers in front of 33 Claremon

Avenue so they are properly closed.

RESOLUTION

This was addressed by the Sewer Department today.

36. Order

(ID # 10226) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim all dead branches from the tree at 186-188

Powderhouse Blvd.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

#### **Supplemental Orders**

**ORDER** 

61. Order

(ID # 10241) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 17 Thorpe Street.

RESOLUTION

Sent to Contractor to repair.

**ORDER** 

62. Order

(ID # 10242) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works empty the trash barrels along lower Broadway and temporarily place additional trash barrels in the area, prior to the planned September 16th event

there.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

ORDER

63. Order

(ID # 10246) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing lamp post at 425 Somerville

Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Order for new pole is being placed. As soon as we take delivery, installation will be

scheduled.

**ORDER** 

64. Order

(ID # 10247) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the adequacy of street lighting along Chester, Fitchburg and Poplar Streets, install additional lighting where needed and repair street lights

which are not working on those streets.

RESOLUTION

Will take a look at the lighting in this area and work to adding additional lighting as

needed.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: September 29, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

## Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 9/23/14 Meeting

ORDER

4. Order

(ID # 10265) By Ald. Rossetti, Heuston, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Water Superintendent report to this Board on participation in the newly enacted Water

Infrastructure legislation signed by the Governor on August 6, 2014.

RESOLUTION

This item will be addressed at the Flood Forum Meeting 10/7/14.

**ORDER** 

6. Order

(ID # 10267) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing stairs in the back emergency exit of

165 Broadway.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

7. Order

(ID # 10268) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth from the street poles along Pearl

and Wigglesworth Streets.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

8. Order

(ID # 10269) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works respond, in writing, to #197635, a request for College Avenue to have two lanes of traffic headed into Davis

Square on weekday mornings.

RESOLUTION

The Traffic and Parking Engineer responded to this in writing.

**ORDER** 

9. Order

(ID # 10270) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights in Davis Square.

RESOLUTION

We will inspect all lighting in Davis Sq. and make necessary repairs. Cobra head lighting

will be given to the contractor for repair.

10. Order

(ID # 10271) By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board any legal action with respect to the

broken solar trash barrels in Davis Square and elsewhere.

RESOLUTION

These items will be refurbished in the near future by the contractor.

ORDER

11. Order

(ID # 10272) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash cans along Highland Avenue at bus stops

where there are not currently trash cans.

RESOLUTION

Once the decorative barrels have been ordered and arrive, they will be placed at these

locations. Sometime early spring 2015.

**ORDER** 

14. Order

(ID # 10275) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify immediate abutters in advance when a tree of a

certain minimum size is cut down near their residence.

RESOLUTION

Any tree that is not an immediate risk will be posted prior to its removal. We have

developed a standard

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 10276) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of any public process that must be

followed to cut down a tree of significant size.

RESOLUTION

If a tree is deemed to be an immediate risk to the public, it is removed asap. The

publicprocess is a tree hearing for healthy trees only. Other trees that are dead or diseased

but not an immediate risk

**ORDER** 

16. Order

(ID # 10277) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston

That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the

development, staffing and cost of a program to maintain street trees and keep tree wells clean and

weed-free, and/or a program to assist and inspire residents to do so.

RESOLUTION

Total equipment cost would be approx. \$442,000 and labor cost would be approx..

\$180,498.64. Approximate total to maintain street trees and keep tree wells clean and weed-

free would total approximately: \$622,498.64.

**ORDER** 

30. Order

(ID # 10296) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner pf Public Works replace the broken sidewalk panel in front of 7 Belmont

Place.

RESOLUTION

Will make repairs by 10/3

**ORDER** 

32. Order

(ID # 10299) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the burned out bulb in the 3rd light pole west of

Cedar Street on the Community Path.

RESOLUTION

Will check for needed repairs.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: May 22, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

## Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 5/22/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 12. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works determine who is

responsible for the large metal plate in the roadway at the juncture of Route 28 and McGrath Highway, (heading towards the 93-S on ramp), and provide the Ward One Alderman with information as

to when it will be removed.

RESOLUTION We have contracted with a professional engineering company to design the underground

work necessary and to make permanent repairs. The plates are owned by MassDOT and we have commitments that the MWRA and MassDOT, District 4 will work with us once the

plans are complete.

**ORDER** 13. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works place Mt. Pleasant and

Tufts Streets On The Repaying List.

RESOLUTION There was a pavement management study conducted recently to formulate a pavement

management plan. FST (Fay Spofford & Thorndike) won the bid and prepared the study for this year as well as a model for the future. We will be happy to make a presentation at

your convenience.

**ORDER** 14. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dog waste on Pearl Street, between Myrtle and Florence Streets, and install signage reminding residents to pick up after their pets and to not

feed animals in the area.

RESOLUTION There are city ordinances that come under animal control with regards to educating

constituents of the requirements of owning a pet in the city. I will refer this order to the dog

officer. At this time, there are no posted signs except in parks with regards to this issue.

**ORDER** 16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 3

Kensington Street.

**RESOLUTION** This item has been completed.

**ORDER** 17. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works make the walkway in

front of 371 Medford Street handicapped accessible.

RESOLUTION Myself and Mr. MacEachern will inspect this request next week.

**ORDER** 19. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Mt. Vernon Street, between Pearl Street and Broadway.

I will refer this item to Traffic & Parking.

**ORDER** 20. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

RESOLUTION

That the Commissioner of Public Works take the appropriate measures to raise the low hanging wires on Everett Avenue.

RESOLUTION The correction will be made today in-house or we will notify the proper utility today.

ORDER 21. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works make the sidewalk in front of 17 Mt. Pleasant Street accessible for handicapped

individuals.

RESOLUTION Myself and Mr. MacEachern will inspect this next week.

**ORDER** 22. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the Ward One Alderman when the metal roadway plate on McGrath Highway,

near the Stop and Shop, will be removed.

RESOLUTION We have contracted with a professional engineering company to design the underground

work necessary and to make permanent repairs. The plates are owned by MassDOT and we have commitments that the MWRA and MassDOT, District 4 will work with us once the

plans are complete.

**ORDER** 23. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway and/or the sewer opening at the corner of Broadway and Melvin

Street.

RESOLUTION The Acting Director of Engineering will inspect this sewer and take the necessary steps to

repair it.

**ORDER** 25. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the street lights

along Broadway and repair any that are not working.

RESOLUTION The item has been completed. NStar will make the connection to light the roadway.

**ORDER** 27. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the bricks

scattered along Hillside Avenue and 94 Pearl Street.

**RESOLUTION** The bricks have been removed.

**ORDER** 28. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works install temporary trash

receptacles along lower Broadway.

RESOLUTION I spoke with MassDOT at our bi-weekly meeting this morning and asked them to put the

decorative barrels that were there in a visible location until the work is completed.

**ORDER** 29. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the front of the

East Somerville Library.

RESOLUTION I requested MassDOT to have the contractor take care of this request as it is their

responsibility.

38. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at

the listed Ward One locations.

RESOLUTION

This work will be completed on Tuesday, 5/27/14 (weather permitting) minus 51 Cross St.

as we have made arrangements with the property owner.

ORDER

39. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash at the

listed Ward One locations.

RESOLUTION

#1 McGrath @ Otis: This location is a DCR spot. However, we pick up the liter.

#2 The second location falls under MassDOT along the highway and Main Ave. fence we

contacted MassDOT to clean this area.

ORDER

40. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to remove the double poles at the listed Ward One locations and inform the Ward One Alderman when each will be

removed.

RESOLUTION

This has been an ongoing issue. The chairman of DPW Public Works and Public Utilities has been spearheading. All utilities have been put on notice and they are working with DPW until another meeting with the subcommittee is scheduled. Mr. MacEachern and I met with all the utility companies today as part of this process.

ORDER

41. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the

listed Ward One locations.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

**ORDER** 

44. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works report the upcoming schedule of street repaving and add Powderhouse Boulevard if not

already on the schedule.

RESOLUTION

The FST street pavement management plan has been formulated and put out to bid with a bid opening of June 11, 2014. We will be happy to make a presentation to the board at your convenience.

**ORDER** 

46. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Administration explain to this Board the decision-making process for deciding which streets get repaved and consider adding Porter Street to the 2014 list, as it was not included in a list issued as part of a City news release on May 7th.

RESOLUTION

The FST street pavement management plan has been formulated and put out to bid with a bid opening of June 11, 2014. We will be happy to make a presentation to the board at your convenience.

**ORDER** 

47. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead bulb in the green GO part of the traffic light facing east on the northeast

corner of Cedar and Summer Streets.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

ORDER 48. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlights that are out on Hudson Street, by Benton Road and on Woodbine

Street near Junction Park.

RESOLUTION We need pole numbers or exact addresses to place a work order with the contractor

(Siemens).

ORDER

53. Order By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the sidewalk in front of 21 Prospect Hill Avenue with cement and also replace the

tree.

RESOLUTION

The sidewalk is complete. Awaiting tree planting by OSPCD to complete all work at this

site.

**ORDER** 

54. Order By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on

Monroe Street.

RESOLUTION

This item has been complete.

**ORDER** 

56. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights

located on Crest Hill Road and at 130 Ten Hills Road.

RESOLUTION

A work order has been placed for 130 Ten Hills Road. Please provide a pole number or

address for Crest Hill.

**ORDER** 

57. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the PETER PIRO SQUARE sign at Partridge Avenue and Medford Street.

RESOLUTION

This function is performed by Traffic & Parking.

**ORDER** 

59. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti tag from the white fence on the right side of Winter Street, after the

first driveway on the right.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

**ORDER** 

60. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the

dead tree opposite 81 College Avenue.

RESOLUTION

The arborist will be here May 23' 2014 to inspect this tree. We will take actions accordingly

to his recommendation.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: June 12, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 6/12/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 6. Order By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hardtop on the sidewalks on

Prospect Hill Avenue with concrete.

RESOLUTION This will be done by 6/18/14.

ORDER 7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and plant a tree at 10

Wisconsin Avenue.

RESOLUTION This has been broken out and will be completed by 6/13/14. As for the tree,

OSPCD (Rachael Kelly) must be contacted.

ORDER 8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bus stop sign in front of 165

Broadway.

**RESOLUTION** We will request the contractor to fix this sign.

**ORDER** 9. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at 26 and 30

Wesley Street.

RESOLUTION Was broken out and will be completed by 6/13/14.

**ORDER** 10. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the slide at Chuckie Harris Park.

**RESOLUTION** The Parks Department will investigate the problems.

11. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that

the median strip along McGrath Highway be cleaned of debris.

RESOLUTION

We have contacted Mass Highway and they will take care of it next week.

ORDER

12. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash near the bus stop off Alston Street (on McGrath Highway) and clean the medians along McGrath

Highway.

RESOLUTION

Alston St. bus stop will be taken care of by DPW today. Mass Highway will clean the median next week.

ORDER

16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and remedy the low pressure of the water fountains at the ESCS and the strange taste of the water from the school's second floor faucets.

RESOLUTION

We have met with the installation company and will take the necessary

steps.

ORDER

17. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works install NO DOGS ALLOWED signs

along the ESCS.

RESOLUTION

This will be done today by the Parks Department.

**ORDER** 

18. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works increase the number of recycling

stations in the ESCS.

RESOLUTION

As per our conversation, this will be completed.

**ORDER** 

19. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward One Alderman with an update on the soap dispensers at the ESCS, that are still not working after

having been previously reported.

RESOLUTION

This was taken care of today.

ORDER

Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a speed bump on Jaques Street.

RESOLUTION

I will refer this item to Traffic & Parking.

ORDER

Order By Ald. Niedergang 23.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlights in front of 94, 98-

100 Morrison Avenue.

RESOLUTION

A 311 work order has breen entered for the contractor to make repairs.

**ORDER** 

24. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the middle street light in Junction

Park and the one on Woodbine Street that is second-closest to Junction Park.

RESOLUTION

Lights&Lines will address this issue today.

ORDER

28. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works present to this Board the results of the

recent pavement management plan by Fay, Spofford & Thorndike.

RESOLUTION

This item was addressed the evening of the budget process and will be

presented in July at the request of the Board.

**ORDER** 

29. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang

That the Administration explain to this Board the decision making process for

deciding the priority order and timeline for repaying streets.

RESOLUTION

This will be explained at the presentation of the Pavement management

study in July.

**ORDER** 

32. Order By Ald. Connolly, McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace dead tree on Belmont Street,

near the intersection of Summer Street.

RESOLUTION

This will be referred to OSPCD.

**ORDER** 

33. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway defects on College

Avenue between the Powderhouse Rotary and Morrison Avenue.

RESOLUTION

The Highway Superintendent will examine this request and take the

necessary steps.

**ORDER** 

34. Order By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the fence along

Broadway, in front of the city's Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

RESOLUTION

We have secured the assistance of the Sheriff's Department. Working with

the Buildings&Grounds to refurbish this fence.

**ORDER** 

35. Order By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang,

Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian/bike path and trim

the shrubs along the path, from Cedar Street to the Cambridge Line.

RESOLUTION

The Grounds Department does routine maintenance and will address this

issue by the end of next week (6/20). The trees will be trimmed by the

Highway Department by (6/20)

**ORDER** 

36. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing sidewalk bricks at

the intersection of Elm and Day Streets.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: June 26, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

#### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 6/26/14 Meeting

ORDER 8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking install temporary speed bumps and a pedestrian walkway with STOP signs on New Washington

Street behind the Cobble Hill Apartments near the dog park.

RESOLUTION The DPW does not have any temporary speed bumps. I will refer this item to T&P.

ORDER 10. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area along the billboard near 3 Chester

Avenue, and that the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait it for rodents.

**RESOLUTION** This has been completed by BOH Inspectors and ISD.

**ORDER** 13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works add Meacham Road and Cottage Avenue to this

year's street paving list.

RESOLUTION This will be forwarded to the Administration for review.

**ORDER** 17. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two streetlights that are out and

blinking on/off on the west side of Cedar Street by Lexington Avenue.

**RESOLUTION** This will be reported to the contractor with a request to replace the ballast.

**ORDER** 18. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Josephine Avenue at

Morrison Avenue.

RESOLUTION Complete.

**ORDER** 19. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crosswalks at Hall Street and Cherry

Street and also at Aberdeen Road and Highland Avenue.

**RESOLUTION** We have inspected these and are looking into possible alternatives and replacement.

We did make temporary repairs to Hall and Cherry St.

20. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the dip on Porter Street, by Williams

Court, to prevent truck loads from bouncing up and down loudly.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

21. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the loose gas access assembly in the roadway

at the corner of Cedar Street and Morrison Avenue.

RESOLUTION

This has been reported and will be fixed.

**ORDER** 

24. Order By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to

remove the double pole on Cambria Street.

RESOLUTION

We have requested NStar to remove these poles.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

**Date:** August 28, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 8/28/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 14. Order

(ID # 10087)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to realign

the utility pole in front of 47 Oliver Street.

RESOLUTION The pole will be inspected by the Lights and Lines Superintendent and we will

notify the proper utility.

**ORDER** 16. Order

(ID # 10092)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sewer at McGrath Highway and

Cross Street and take corrective action to prevent it from flooding when it rains.

RESOLUTION Please provide the frequency with which this location is experiencing flooding.

ORDER 20. Order

(ID # 10095)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Engineer, the Director of SPCD, and the Superintendent of ISD advise this

Board of their plan to manage and eliminate flooding on streets, in houses and in

businesses throughout the city.

RESOLUTION Please provide the frequency with which this location is experiencing flooding.

ORDER 21. Order

(ID # 10096) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar about removing the double pole at

72 Curtis Street. (2nd request.)

**RESOLUTION** Will notify NStar.

**ORDER** 27. Order

(ID # 10106) By Ald. Rossetti, Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the SOCCER NOT PERMITTED ON

FIELD sign from Trum Field.

RESOLUTION

ORDER 28. Order

(ID # 10107) By Ald. Rossetti, Gewirtz, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board the current policy on the posting of paper advertisements (e.g. apartments, babysitting, etc.), and remove all such

papers in the Davis Square area.

RESOLUTION

Chapter 9, Section IV, 9-48 of our Ordinance Code is followed for policy. I have ordered the Highway Dept. to remove any and all postings as they see them affixed to City property. When it comes to commercial property, ISD must carry out this process.

**ORDER** 

29. Order

(ID # 10105) By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth near 101 Flint Street.

RESOLUTION

This area falls under the Gilman Street Bridge construction project. The area will

be cleaned and landscaped as part of the completion of that project.

**ORDER** 

31. Order

(ID # 10108) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works confer with OSPCD on the proper maintenance

of Quincy Park, and clear the Park of overgrowth.

RESOLUTION

This will be complete by August 30th.

ORDER

34. Order

(ID # 10111) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the saw horse signs at the corner of

Lewis and Rose Streets.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

ORDER

Order 37.

(ID # 10114) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 244 Somerville Avenue to

determine its condition.

RESOLUTION

Will have arborist evaluate the health of this tree on his next visit.

ORDER

38. Order

(ID # 10123) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board about how utilities inform

residents about work on their streets, utility poles or power lines.

RESOLUTION

When they are working in the streets, they purchase signs from Traffic & Parking and post them on the appropriate street 48 hours in advance. They do not post signs

in advance for issues involving public safety.

**ORDER** 

41. Order

(ID # 10115) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulbs in the three streetlights in

Junction Park nearest to Woodbine Street and Centre Street.

RESOLUTION

The work order has been added to the 311 list again.

**ORDER** 

42. Order

(ID # 10116) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works check and replace the bulbs in the first two

streetlights on Woodbine Street nearest to Junction Park.

RESOLUTION

This work order has been added to the 311 list again.

**ORDER** 

Order 43.

(ID # 10117) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair two potholes on the west side of Lowell

Street, near the intersection with Woodbine Street.

RESOLUTION

This will be completed on 8/28/14.

44. Order

(ID # 10118) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 5 Alderman with the timeline

for repaying Linden Avenue and Porter Street.

RESOLUTION

Linden Ave. will be paved late spring/earlier summer 2015 after the gas and main

installation is complete and utility trench settles.

**ORDER** 

50. Order

(ID # 10127) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 42 Spring Street.

RESOLUTION

Will be complete by 9/5/14.

**ORDER** 

51. Order

(ID # 10128) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility company to remove

the leaning double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue immediately.

RESOLUTION

Have been in contact with utilities. Still waiting for final transfer (Verizon).

**ORDER** 

52. Order

(ID # 10129) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uprooted sidewalk panels at the corner

of School and Madison Streets.

RESOLUTION

If this is not an HP ramp, we will make the repair by 9/5/14.

**ORDER** 

53. Order

(ID # 10130) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility company to remove

the double pole at 7 Belmont Place.

RESOLUTION

Will inspect and contact the proper utility.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: October 9, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

## Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 10/9/14 Meeting

ORDER

7. Order

(ID # 10333) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works deliver 6 trash receptacles to 75-77 Mount Vernon

Street.

RESOLUTION

All should be delivered by 10/14/14.

**ORDER** 

8. Order

(ID # 10334) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works explore ways to prevent soccer balls from entering the

Capuano School tot lot, hitting children in the play area.

RESOLUTION

OSPCD is incorporating this resolution within their lighting project.

**ORDER** 

10. Order

(ID # 10336) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to remove the double poles at the corner of Wheeler and Mount Vernon Streets and Perkins and Mount Vernon

Streets.

RESOLUTION

All utilities have been notified and are waiting for all transfers to be completed.

**ORDER** 

12. Order

(ID # 10338) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway just before 22

Mount Pleasant Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 10341) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works devise a strategy to address instances of low hanging

utility/cable wires throughout Somerville.

RESOLUTION

Mr. MacEachern and I will investigate various options and report back to the board.

**ORDER** 

18. Order

(ID # 10344) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street lights in the vicinity of Mount

Vernon Street and Broadway are operating at full capacity.

RESOLUTION

Once NStar disconnects and repairs the lights on lower Broadway, this problem should be resolved.

**ORDER** 

20. Order

(ID # 10346) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the roadway underneath McGrath Highway, on

Washington Street, to ensure that it is up to par.

RESOLUTION

This section of Broadway was replaced by MassDOT as it falls under their jurisdiction.

Any further repairs would be a State issue.

**ORDER** 

21. Order

(ID # 10347) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) or the Commissioner of Public Works explain the excessive,

repeated construction at 184 Broadway.

RESOLUTION

The gas company is replacing 200ft of gas line that was overlooked when everything else

was replaced.

**ORDER** 

23. Order

(ID # 10349) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works add more lighting and electrical outlets to the Atrium for Election Day to ensure there is sufficient lighting for the two precincts that will be voting there.

Election Day to ensure there is sufficient lighting for the two precincts that will be votil

RESOLUTION

Mr. MacEachern and I will explore the possibility to remedy the problem.

ORDER

24. Order

(ID # 10350) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer assess the double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue to determine if it is a public safety hazard, and demand that it be removed and

that the low hanging wires be immediately and safely secured. (2nd request)

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

31. Order

(ID # 10359) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the only streetlight on the south side

of Junction Park.

RESOLUTION

Siemans has been notified (WO#304614)

**ORDER** 

32. Order

(ID # 10360) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the streetlight on Woodbine Street

that is second closest to Junction Park. (4th request)

RESOLUTION

Siemans has been notified (WO#304615).

ORDER

33. Resolution

(ID # 10361) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Administration and the City Engineer organize with the Ward 5 Alderman a meeting with the developer of 35R Lexington Avenue and the neighbors, to discuss new drainage issues

that arose over the summer.

RESOLUTION

Omar Boukili is working directly with the Ward 5 Alderman to schedule a meeting. The

City Engineer has been in contact with the developer to determine a date available to all

parties.

35. Order

(ID # 10363) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street, sidewalk, handicapped ramp and

catch basin work at Berwick and Hinckley Streets is completed before winter.

RESOLUTION

We have met on three occasions with National Grid. This is their work. Our on-call ADA certified engineers are meeting with National Grid to meet correct ADA constructed

guidelines.

**ORDER** 

41. Order

(ID # 10372) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the NO LEFT TURN sign at the corner of

Cameron Avenue and Mead Street.

RESOLUTION

Please reassign to Traffic and Parking.

**ORDER** 

43. Order

(ID # 10374) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the flickering street light across from 11 and 13

Hardan Road.

RESOLUTION

This has been reported to Siemans (WO#304619).

**ORDER** 

46. Order

(ID # 10377) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the community path from Cedar Street to the

Cambridge line, including removing overgrown shrubs and weeds.

RESOLUTION

Cedar to Willow has been completed. The next section to be done is from Willow to Davis.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: October 23, 2014

Re: Board Order Responses

#### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 10/23/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 12. Order

(ID # 10427) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth at the McGrath Highway end of

Flint Street.

RESOLUTION This is part of the contract. This is MassDOT property. It will be stripped and replanted

after the bridge work on Gilman St. is complete.

ORDER 27. Order

(ID # 10455) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk in front of 34 Columbus Avenue.

**RESOLUTION** This item was placed on the list.

ORDER 28. Order

(ID # 10456) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel in front of 7 Belmont Place.

(Second request)

**RESOLUTION** This item was placed on the list.

ORDER 53. Order

(ID # 10480) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct all utility companies to clean up their lines

throughout Ward 4.

**RESOLUTION** I will set up a meeting with them and inform you of the outcome.

**ORDER** 54. Order

(ID # 10481) By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the mailbox and telephone pole at

corner of Mead and Claremon Streets.

RESOLUTION This will be done by 10/29/14.

**ORDER** 60. Order

(ID # 10488) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a net, or some other remediation, at Conway Park to address the foul balls that land in the play area or the street, presenting a hazard to the public.

RESOLUTION I will speak with the parks department and meet with representatives of the administration

to discuss this issue.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: November 13, 2014

**Re:** Board Order Responses

### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 11/13/14 Meeting

ORDER

9. Order

(ID # 10579) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to repair their non-operational floodlights

on either side of the Willow Avenue transfer station.

RESOLUTION

Request has been sent to W. Zamperelli at NStar to complete.

ORDER

11. Order

(ID # 10582) By Ald. Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Committee on Public Health and Safety on

the streetlamp repair contractor and the repairs of streetlamps.

RESOLUTION

Presently there are 53 open work orders. The contractor has improved.

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 10558) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to provide justification for its proposal to

cut down a tree on Gilman Terrace to make room for its wires.

RESOLUTION

This tree caught on fire due to the electrical wires and needs to be removed by NStar.

**ORDER** 

16. Resolution

(ID # 10559) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Administration and NSTAR provide this Board with an update regarding the numerous

blackouts in East Somerville and the surrounding neighborhoods.

RESOLUTION

The last blackout was caused by a squirrel. I am presently waiting for a written response

from NStar.

20. Order

(ID # 10563) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a regular maintenance schedule for Perry Park to include proper functioning of lights, trimming of trees and attention to foliage.

RESOLUTION

The board order for regular maintenance for Perry Park involves many divisions within DPW. The functioning of the lights issues is being addressed with the retrofit and upgrading to LED lighting fixtures which require less maintenance and replacement. The lights and lines division is currently responding to the citizen's request which are assigned and tracked through the 311 system. The trimming of trees is impacted by the "old growth" trees which have been growing for years and require the larger equipment of the highway dept. to be able to reach the limbs for trimming and overgrowth. This is reviewed semiannually to determine the needs and a plan of action. The parks dept. does maintain the foliage in the park on a regular rotating basis. There are forty parks that are maintained and there is a plan that provides regular site visits and reporting of conditions to the DPW management.

**ORDER** 

23. Order

(ID # 10566) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at the corner of Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Contractor will be notified of the outage.

**ORDER** 

25. Order

(ID # 10570) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 84 Albion Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

ORDER

26. Order

(ID # 10571) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works complete all work before the winter in the Magoun Square neighborhood on the street, sidewalk, handicapped ramp and catch basin at Berwick and Hinckley Streets and also at Fennell and Hinckley Streets.

RESOLUTION

This is being worked on and will be completed by Wednesday, 11/26/14.

**ORDER** 

28. Order

(ID # 10573) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the contractor to repair the already-cracked new sidewalk in front of 88 Albion Street and at other locations on Albion Street between Lowell and Central Streets.

RESOLUTION

A letter was sent to Marchese to request them to address this issue as soon as weather permits in the spring.

**ORDER** 

Order

(ID # 10588) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if it is feasible to place a bump out at the corner of Bonner and Columbus Avenues.

RESOLUTION

The Highway Superintendent will investigate this request.

ORDER

Order

(ID # 10589) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the Corner of Columbus Avenue and

Walnut Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete

38. Order

(ID # 10591) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken and upraised sidewalk panels on

Warren Avenue from Properzi Manner to Citizens Bank.

RESOLUTION

Will inspect area to make safe for now and replace the necessary area in the spring.

**ORDER** 

104. Order

(ID # 10613) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Pinckney Place.

RESOLUTION

This will be done in the spring.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

**Date:** January 15, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

# Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 1/8/15 Meeting

**ORDER** 5. Order

(ID # 10892) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamps at the locations described within.

**RESOLUTION** Will send Lights and Lines Dept. to make repairs.

**ORDER** 6. Order

(ID # 10893) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the ash trees on Chapel Street, and citywide,

if necessary, be treated to prevent the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

RESOLUTION We are working with the city arborist as well as the state (DCR) to formulate a plan.

Meetings will be set up soon and the BOA will be notified of any plans.

**ORDER** 10. Order

(ID # 10894) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the locations described within.

**RESOLUTION** These repairs will be completed by 1/23/15.

**ORDER** 11. Order

(ID # 10895) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole between 108 and 112 Porter Street.

RESOLUTION These repairs will be completed by 1/23/15.

ORDER 12. Order

(ID # 10896) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on the Community Path near Cedar

Street, next to the temporary construction trailer.

**RESOLUTION** To be completed 1/21/15.

**ORDER** 13. Order

(ID # 10897) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board where homeowners should

discharge water pumped out of basements that are flooded in the winter, to avoid water freezing

on sidewalks.

**RESOLUTION** This order should be redirected to ISD.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: 12/8/14

Re: Board Order Responses

### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 11/25/14 Meeting

**ORDER** 7. Order

(ID # 10646) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and report back on installing solar

powered kiosks in our parks and playgrounds

RESOLUTION I will investigate and report to the Board after meeting with my Superintendent and

Parks Department.

**ORDER** 11. Order

(ID # 10657) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board with a list of sidewalks that will be redone with new ADA accessibility under the \$2,700,000 bonding recently

approved.

**RESOLUTION** I will prepare this item within the next 90 days.

**ORDER** 19. Order

(ID # 10674) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on Perkins Street, at the

Perkins Street playground.

RESOLUTION Work Order 307635 was entered for this repair.

ORDER 20. Order

(ID # 10675) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light located at 15 Crest Hill

Road. (3rd request)

RESOLUTION Work Order 307638 was entered for this repair.

ORDER 22. Order

(ID # 10677) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp at 1 Powderhouse Square and check the timing of street lamps in Davis Square Plaza that have been on during the

day.

RESOLUTION Work Order 307639 was entered for this.

24. Order

(ID # 10686) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crosswalk and the pavement at Linden

Avenue on the south side of Summer Street so pedestrians don't trip.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

28. Order

(ID # 10688) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to remove

the double pole in front of 46 Elmwood Street.

RESOLUTION

Will inspect pole for next transfer and notify appropriate utility.

**ORDER** 

29. Order

(ID # 10689) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the street light that was removed 4

years ago at 72 Curtis Street.

RESOLUTION

Will be completed by 12/12/14.

**ORDER** 

75. Order

(ID # 10721) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works attach an explanatory tag to bicycles that are

suspected of being abandoned to provide due notice to owners of impending removal.

RESOLUTION

This is part of an order being addressed by the administration.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: 2/26/15

Re: Board Order Responses

## Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 2/12/15 Meeting

ORDER 12. Order

(ID # 11039) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police take notice of the fire lane on

Pinckney Street, to prevent snow from being dumped there.

RESOLUTION This has been referred to the Highway Superintendent for future plowing.

ORDER 13. Order

(ID # 11035) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works look into the deployment of plow arm extensions, which can be lowered to clear driveways that have had snow plowed into them, and report to this Board

about their potential use here.

RESOLUTION Myself and the Highway Superintendent will look into this request.

**ORDER** 14. Order

(ID # 11036) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why, after the snowstorm on January

28, snow plows inundated sidewalks on the even side of the street with snow and large ice boulders, causing residents to shovel their sidewalks several times, and what measures are being

taken so this doesn't happen again.

RESOLUTION We were making an attempt to widen the streets for public safety.

ORDER 39. Order

(ID # 11041) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Recreation confer with DCR about

installing lights in the parking lot adjacent to the Dilboy swimming pool.

**RESOLUTION** This item will be discussed.

**ORDER** 41. Order

(ID # 11044) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the city's trash collector close all barrel lids

after collection during inclement weather.

**RESOLUTION** I have informed the vendor of this request.

ORDER 43. Order

(ID # 11046) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board whether it is possible to have the Public Schools open when there is a declared snow emergency, and, if it is possible, to also report the plan for teacher and staff parking, since school parking lots are used then for resident parking. (2nd request)

RESOLUTION

Public school closing is a decision based on safety and not soley made by DPW. This request should be referred to the Administration as well as School Superintendent.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: March 17, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

# Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 3/12/15 Meeting

ORDER

13. Order

(ID # 11148) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Highland Avenue at Crocker

Street, Belmont Street and Benton Road.

RESOLUTION

Completed.

**ORDER** 

14. Order

(ID # 11141) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the corner of Greenville and

Munroe Streets.

RESOLUTION

Completed.

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 11142) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility company regarding low

hanging wires at the corner of Columbus and Bonner Avenues.

RESOLUTION

Will send a letter to NStar and Verizon with this request.

**ORDER** 

17. Order

(ID # 11149) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the Pothole Patrol on the major roadways

and cross streets.

RESOLUTION

In progress and on-going.

ORDER

18. Order

(ID # 11150) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Inner Belt Road.

RESOLUTION

Completed.

**ORDER** 

21. Order

(ID # 11153) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the old Chuckie Harris Park and place a trash

barrel at the location.

RESOLUTION

We are trying to speed up the melting process by moving the snow around. Once the snow

melts, we will completely clean the lot and place a trash barrel at that location.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: April 23, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 4/9/15 Meeting

**ORDER** 5. Order

(ID # 11433) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Perry Park and Quincy Park by raking the grass and ground cover, landscaping, and repairing any damaged fencing, furniture and

play equipment.

RESOLUTION This will be completed by 4/24/15.

**ORDER** 6. Order

(ID # 11434) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes on Properzi Way from Beacon Street to Village Street, and on Washington Street from Beacon Street to Webster

Avenue. (2nd Request)

RESOLUTION Complete.

ORDER 8. Order

(ID # 11436) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway depressions at 50 Park Street

and 46 Medford Street.

RESOLUTION Complete.

**ORDER** 9. Order

(ID # 11437) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins on Dane Avenue and

lower Somerville Avenue, from Prospect Street to McGrath Highway.

RESOLUTION This area will be prepped for completion on Monday, 4-28-15.

14. Order

(ID # 11442) By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Warren Avenue from

Properzi Manor to Citizen's Bank.

RESOLUTION

Will inspect and make all necessary repairs.

**ORDER** 

15. Order

(ID # 11443) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes on Lowell Street between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, including around the gas cap at Hudson Street, and

at 235 Lowell Street.

RESOLUTION

Will be complete by 4/24/15.

**ORDER** 

16. Order

(ID # 11444) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and clear the leaves and garbage that are

blocking the two storm drains at the elbow of Aberdeen Road.

RESOLUTION

**Completed 4/24/15.** 

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From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: 5/11/15

Re: Board Order Responses

# Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 4/23/15 Meeting

ORDER 8. Order

(ID # 11587) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the stairs and surrounding area from Mystic

Housing to the Healey School.

**RESOLUTION** This is Housing Authority property.

**ORDER** 9. Order

(ID # 11588) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the yards and perimeter of the Healey school.

RESOLUTION This is Housing Authority and/or MWRA. However, we did clear the area overgrow next to

the garden center.

**ORDER** 11. Order

(ID # 11590) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Heath Street, between Bond and

Fenwick Streets.

RESOLUTION Completed.

**ORDER** 12. Order

(ID # 11591) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to clean the area around the Blessing of the

Bay boat house.

RESOLUTION This was done at the Somerville Clean Up.. However, I will send a letter to DCR as

requested.

**ORDER** 13. Order

(ID # 11592) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 111-113 Bailey Road.

**RESOLUTION** Complete.

ORDER 18. Order

(ID # 11597) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass DOT to fix the fence under I-93, in front of

19-21 Bailey Road.

**RESOLUTION** Will send a letter to MassDOT requesting them to fix the fence.

ORDER 21. Order

(ID # 11604) By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board to discuss the circumstances

that led to the collapse of the Brown School roof.

RESOLUTION Completed at sub-committee public safety meeting held May 5, 2015.

24. Order

(ID # 11607) By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and report to this Board on the safety of the

telephone pole and tree that abut 351 Summer Street.

RESOLUTION

Completed at sub-committee public safety meeting held May 5, 2015.

**ORDER** 

25. Order

(ID # 11608) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the several potholes on Linden Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

26. Order

(ID # 11609) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the huge pothole at 28-30 Woodbine Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

26. Order

(ID # 11609) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the huge pothole at 28-30 Woodbine Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

28. Order

(ID # 11611) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a bump out

at the corner of Columbus and Bonner Avenues.

RESOLUTION

This will be explored during the revitalization of Union Square.

**ORDER** 

29. Order

(ID # 11612) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the steps on School Street leading up to the high

school.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

ORDER

31. Order

(ID # 11614) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk in front of 18 Spring Hill Terrace.

RESOLUTION

Will be completed by 5/22/15.

**ORDER** 

32. Order

(ID # 11615) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panels from 17 Spring

Hill Terrace to the corner of Highland Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Will be completed by 5/22/15.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: May 21, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

### Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 5/14/15 Meeting

**ORDER** 11. Order

(ID # 11732) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the clogged sewers along Cross Street.

RESOLUTION All of these sewers/catch basins on Cross Street have been cleaned.

**ORDER** 12. Order

(ID # 11733) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Lincoln Avenue.

**RESOLUTION** These have been repaired.

**ORDER** 14. Order

(ID # 11735) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works place additional recycling bins along Broadway in East

Somerville.

**RESOLUTION** They will be installed as soon as the order arrives at DPW.

**ORDER** 19. Order

(ID # 11740) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the I-93 underpass between Assembly Row and

Stop and Shop.

RESOLUTION Will send a letter to MassDOT

ORDER 20. Order

(ID # 11741) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes and uneven sidewalks on Franklin

Street, between Pearl Street and Broadway.

RESOLUTION Potholes have been repaired. Sidewalks will be addressed by the Highway Department.

ORDER 22. Order

(ID # 11743) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash barrel in front of 165 Broadway.

**RESOLUTION** Barrels are expected to arrive mid-June and one will be placed at this location.

25. Order

(ID # 11751) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the dead vines and foliage from the chain link fence surrounding Perry Park and move the trash barrels from the rear of the park to areas which

are further away from residences.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

**ORDER** 

26. Order (ID # 11752) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works install bike racks on Somerville Avenue in the vicinity

of 230 Somerville Avenue.

RESOLUTION

This will be done by Friday, 5/29.

ORDER

28. Order

(ID # 11754) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in Perry Park and evaluate the health of the

2 trees with no visible growth.

RESOLUTION

The trees were trimmed. It is still early in the season and we must allow more time for

blooming.

**ORDER** 

32. Order

(ID # 11758) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD evaluate the safety of the playground equipment at Lincoln Park and inform the Ward 2 Alderman of any possible short

term improvements.

RESOLUTION

The park is presently safe and will be renovated by OSPCD.

**ORDER** 

37. Order

(ID # 11763) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works or the City Solicitor report to this Board on making the

Albion Street sidewalk contractor repair the sidewalks there or refund the city, and that the

Commissioner repair those sidewalks.

RESOLUTION

This problem is larger than it appears. It is being investigated by the Law Dept. with the

assistance of Rick Willette and legal avenues will be pursued.

**ORDER** 

38. Order

(ID # 11764) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on the east side of the Central Street

railroad bridge near Hoyt-Sullivan Park.

RESOLUTION

This work will be done the first week in June.

ORDER

39. Order

(ID # 11767) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 6-8 Madison Street.

RESOLUTION

This has been completed.

ORDER

47. Order

(ID # 11775) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works check the health and safety of the large leaning blue

spruce tree on Curtis Street at Powder House Blvd.

RESOLUTION

The arborist will be here on 5/28 and will check this tree.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: June 3, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

# Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 5/28/15 Meeting

ORDER

9. Order

(ID # 11881) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this

Board on the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public schools.

RESOLUTION

Please re-route this request to Traffic and Parking only.

**ORDER** 

10. Order

(ID # 11882) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the Commissioner of Public Works prevent vehicles from parking on the east side of Cedar Street at the Community Path Extension, as automotive

fluids are staining the Path Extension.

RESOLUTION

This is a state project. Upon project completion, the city will then resume control of this

area.

ORDER

16. Order

(ID # 11874) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels and roadway on Lincoln

Parkway.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

ORDER

17. Order

(ID # 11875) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the pitted and crumbling sidewalks on

Hammond Street and follow up with the contractor who installed them.

RESOLUTION

This item is being addressed by the Commissioner with the Law Department.

**ORDER** 

18. Order

(ID # 11876) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an explanation regarding a patched section of roadway on Hammond Street, which was recently paved.

RESOLUTION

In 2014 a former employee authorized a utility company to make this dig. Contractor and

Engineering Department will connect next week to schedule this repair to the city's

specifications.

19. Order

(ID # 11877) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the asphalt patched sidewalk panel at 3 Beacon

Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

20. Order

(ID # 11888) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 27 Porter Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

22. Order

(ID # 11890) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass in the Craigie Street park.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

63. Order

(ID # 11918) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defective lights along Grand Union Blvd.

behind Home Depot.

RESOLUTION

A majority of these lights have been repaired. We are waiting for parts to complete this

request.

**ORDER** 

64. Order

(ID # 11919) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works water all plants and grass along lower Broadway

regularly.

RESOLUTION

The sprinkler system is now working.

**ORDER** 

68. Order

(ID # 11923) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the utility pole on the corner of Pennsylvania

Avenue and Cross Street East that is crooked and shooting off sparks.

RESOLUTION

The utility company was notified to inspect.

**ORDER** 

69. Order

(ID # 11924) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the tree at 6 Gilman Terrace is a hindrance

for handicapped persons.

RESOLUTION

Meets all ADA requirements.

**ORDER** 

71. Order

(ID # 11926)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken benches in front of the Rent-a-Center

on Broadway and in front of 99 Broadway.

RESOLUTION

NStar had damaged this piece of sidewalk furniture. They have been notified and will be

replacing the bench.

ORDER 75. Order

(ID # 11940) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the metal pole and repair the cracked sidewalk

panel on the corner of Summer and Lowell Streets.

**RESOLUTION** This is scheduled to be completed 6/12.

**ORDER** 76. Order

(ID # 11937) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Sacramento Street pedestrian underpass, set a

regular cleaning schedule, and communicate that schedule to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESOLUTION This underpass is cleaned by the Parks Department three times a week. I have spoken to

the unit A foreman and he has assured me that this schedule is being kept.

**ORDER** 77. Order

(ID # 11938) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sink hole at 62 Marion Street.

**RESOLUTION** The Sewer Department is working on this matter.

From: Stan Koty, DPW Commissioner

Date: September 21, 2015

Re: Board Order Responses

## Somerville Board of Aldermen - Orders for 9/10/15 Meeting

ORDER

4. Order

(ID # 12469) By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the cement curbs and the bench in Kelley that

were put in the skate board area without authorization from the city. (Photos attached)

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

9. Order

(ID # 12474) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works street sweep Harvard Place.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

10. Order

(ID # 12475) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the grass at Prospect Hill Park.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

12. Order

(ID # 12477) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the streetlight at the entrance to

Junction Park at Woodbine and Centre Streets.

RESOLUTION

Will be completed by 9/30/15.

ORDER

15. Order

(ID # 12480) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the decorative bench in Lincoln Park at the end

of Fremont Street.

RESOLUTION

Complete.

**ORDER** 

21. Order

(ID # 12486) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the plan for fall plantings and

flowers for Union Square and Somerville Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Hanging ones are being hung presently and the ground ones are scheduled to arrive on

Monday.

22. Order

(ID # 12487) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins along the entire length of

Somerville Avenue.

RESOLUTION

In progress and should be completed by 9/30.

ORDER

23. Order

(ID # 12488) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works maintain and make needed repairs to all of the tree wells

and traffic islands along Somerville Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Completed.

**ORDER** 

28. Order

(ID # 12493) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board how the city addresses the increase in

trash during late August and early September due to the influx of students.

RESOLUTION

We work with the sanitation contractor to increase pick ups at this time of year.

**ORDER** 

29. Order

(ID # 12494) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional bicycle racks on Washington Street,

from Beacon Street to Union Square.

RESOLUTION

Please refer this item to OSPCD as they are the department that coordinates bicycle rack

locations.

**ORDER** 

32. Order

(ID # 12497) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the median at the corner of

Broadway and McGrath Highway and on Kensington Avenue, close to Broadway.

RESOLUTION

Will be completed by 9/30/15.

**ORDER** 

33. Order

(ID # 12498) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works modify the sidewalk at 69 Pearl Street to make it ADA

accessible.

RESOLUTION

Will inspect the area for feasibility of modifying the sidewalk. Any ADA repairs are

completed by contractors.

**ORDER** 

34. Order

(ID # 12499) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth along McGrath Highway.

RESOLUTION

This request has been forwarded to MassDOT.

**ORDER** 

35. Order

(ID # 12500) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth at 22 Everett Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Completed.

**ORDER** 

36. Order

(ID # 12501) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken lights on Everett Avenue.

RESOLUTION

Will forward request to city contractor.

38. Order

(ID # 12503) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the sidewalk at 43 Cross Street is ADA

compliant.

RESOLUTION

Any ADA repairs need to be referred to a contractor. We will inspect the area to determine

what the next step shall be.