

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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	
Maureen Cuff-Bastardi	Alderman Ward One	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	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #194154 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. #194155 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 20, 2012.  
Minutes

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

3. #194156 Citation  
By the Entire Board  
Commending William A. White, Jr., for his distinguished service as Vice President of this Board in 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4. #194157 Citation By the Entire Board  
Commending Thomas F. Taylor for his distinguished service as President of this Board in 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #194158 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 18, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #193778 Requesting the creation of the Assembly Square District Improvement  
Mayor's Request Financing Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- C. #193918 Requesting that \$5,800,000 of the \$6,500,000 authorized to be borrowed in a  
Mayor's Request bond to pay the costs of renovations to the Powder House Community  
School, on June 24, 2004, be rescinded.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #194079 Requesting an appropriation of \$704,000 and authorization to borrow  
Mayor's Request \$704,000 in a bond for the replacement of City and School Core Network  
Infrastructure.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,  
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Rebekah Gewirtz

- E. #194080 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$177,545 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Insurance Losses to the DPW to repair public damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- F. #194146 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$365,529 from Salary Contingency-Salaries to School Department-Salaries to fund salary increases for non-union School Department employees.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- G. #194159 Resolution By Ald. Connolly That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the status of all city-owned or leased property.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- H. #194160 Order By Ald. White Jr. That the City Solicitor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the methodology to submit claims to insurance companies for damages to city buildings.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

6. #194161 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a reciprocal easement over private property in Assembly Square.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7. #194162 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$15,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to procure a Batting Cage for the Recreation Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,  
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Rebekah Gewirtz

8. #194163 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$27,500 from the MA Emergency Management Agency for radiation detection equipment.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

#### NEW BUSINESS

9. #194164 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10. #194165 Citation By the Entire Board  
Commending William M. Roche for his outstanding service to the people of Ward 1 and the entire City as Alderman, from 1996 through 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

11. #194166 Mayor's Request Requesting that Ordinance 2003-11 be repealed and that the attached proposed Ordinance 2-324 be ordained, in order to update certain board and commission stipends.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,  
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Rebekah Gewirtz

12. #194167 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$67,204 from the Salary Contingency Account to the attached Departmental Accounts to fund salary adjustments for part-time, non-union employees.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

13. #194168 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of Section 34 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011, amending M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 20(6) adjusting the annual stipend paid to the Retirement Board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

14. #194169 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kevin Williams to the position of Fire Fighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

15. #194170 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St. Auto, 182 Pearl St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

16. #194171 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James A. Kiley Co., 15 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**LATE ITEMS**

17. #194082 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of James Piwinski to the position of permanent Fire Fighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

18. #194081 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brendan Hughes to the position of permanent Fire Fighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

19. #194172 By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi  
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the FIRE LANE sign at 14-16 New Hampshire Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk