

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 22, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2010.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending Amanda Holm and the organizers of the city's 4th Youth Peace Conference, which was attended by 700 residents.
4. Citation By Ald. White, Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating Carmina Donati on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location, NStar Electric to install 3 feet of conduit in Clyde St. from Pole 74/7 to 56 Clyde St.

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

6. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety invite the Somerville Mental Health Association to testify about imminent State cutbacks that will greatly affect our constituency.
7. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration meet with the Somerville Mental Health Association to understand the imminent cuts in state aid to the Association and its effect on Somerville.
8. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety invite the owner(s) of the Armory to a meeting to discuss their inability to contain noise during performances.

9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place the Armory building on Highland Ave. onto a routine traffic control plan Thursday through Sunday evenings, from 4 PM to midnight, by having traffic control officers enforce all traffic and parking violations.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all cracked sidewalks and inspect all curbing at 47 Partridge Ave.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety investigate the bending telephone pole #296/5 on Richardson St.
12. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that Director of Housing, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, and CAAS update this Board on their foreclosure prevention efforts, and inform this Board of any support it can provide.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police and the Human Rights Commission investigate the incident in Ball Sq. on April 10 that resulted in one person being hospitalized.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the owner of Five Corners Variety in Powderhouse Sq. that sandwich boards must not be placed on the public way without proper permitting by the city.
15. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration launch a voluntary composting program, to save on our trash contract and allow residents to bring their composted materials to the DPW.
16. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Heuston, That this Board, with the Administration, form a task force called the "Green Community and Open Space Initiative" to increase open and green space, reduce storm water runoff, provide incentives for improvements to private property, and reduce our community's impact on the environment.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Communications inform this Board of the feasibility of sending a connect CTY call to residents when there is no trash pickup on a minor holiday and to inform them of a delay in pickup.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the health of the tree and repair the raised sidewalk panel at 22 Quincy St., and determine if the tree roots are causing damage to a retaining wall there.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Assessor inform this Board whether real estate tax bills, water bills, and excise tax bills can all be different colors to reduce confusion to residents.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Open Space) and the Superintendent of Recreation discuss with the Ward 2 Alderman the uses and regulations of the various fields and playgrounds at Lincoln Park.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign at Waldo Ave. and Beacon St. with a sign pole that is the standard length of all city sign poles.
22. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the following areas for rodent control: Hamlet St., Thorpe St., Summit Ave., Pleasant Ave., Grandview Ave., Walnut St. (from Aldersey St. to Highland Ave.) and Highland Ave. (from Walnut St. to Medford St.).
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to remove the double pole at 64 Pinckney St.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 64 Pinckney St.
25. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor, White, Desmond and Connolly, That this Board requests that the Administration develop and implement a campaign to encourage bicyclists to stop riding on the sidewalks in business districts.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the rusted bicycle chained to the parking meter for several months at 17 College Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on College Ave., between Morrison and Francesca Aves.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the deteriorating sidewalk and asphalt panels at 17, 33 and 35-37 Winslow Ave.
29. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the MBTA trim the trees on the busway between Grove St. and College Ave., especially the trees overhanging the fence and abutting parking lot.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the City Clerk notify the MBTA of this Board's request to add additional bike racks outside the College Ave. and Holland St. head houses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. Committee Report of the Committee on Rules, Apr. 12.
Report
32. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Apr.
Report 12.
33. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Apr. 13.
Report
34. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, Apr.
Report 20.
35. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Apr. 21.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Local Historic District Ordinance to create and add properties to the East Somerville, Hinckley-Magoun, Orchard St., Prospect Hill, and Union Sq. Districts, and add 5 properties to the Central-Atherton-Spring-Summer (CASS) District (Group C).
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to hire Kerbey Harrington LLP as outside counsel in cable license renewal negotiations with Comcast, and for the proposed transfer of the RCN license.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the One-Year Action Plan for HUD's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, estimated at \$4,192,339, with \$712,816 in program income.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$749,893 HUD Health Homes Technical Study grant, to study the cardiovascular benefits of in-home air filtration in the Mystic Development.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from the MA Dept. of Agriculture Resources, for the Health Dept. and Shape Up Somerville.

42. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a gift of unknown value (historic railroad artifacts) from KSS Realty Partners, for use in the Community Path project.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare 4 vehicles in the Fire Dept. (1 1988 Ford Explorer and 3 1994 Crown Victorias) as surplus and available for disposition.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of SPCD's Planning Division's Annual Report for 2009.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a permit for Tufts to conduct a carnival from 4/30 to 5/2, as part of its Tuftonia Day.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Edward Nuzzo as Superintendent of Inspectional Services.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alyssa Rosen to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Andrea Ranger to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Eliza Johnson to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Alexander Epstein to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Enid Kumin to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Moore to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James Gallagher to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Newman to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Denison to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Matthew Ring as Constable.

58. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the 2009 Annual Report of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

59. Officer Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #188847, a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinances for allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.
60. Officer Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #'s 188681, 188682, 188683, 188684 and 188685, proposals to amend the zoning ordinances submitted by ten registered voters on Jan. 14.

NEW BUSINESS

61. Public Event Public Event Permit, Community Growing Center events, 22 Vinal Ave. and other locations, various dates and times Apr. through Oct.
62. Public Event Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Design Annex at Somerville Open Studios, Union Sq. Plaza, May 1, 12-3PM.
63. Public Event Public Event Permit, Pinewoods Mom's May Day Dance, Davis Sq. Statue Park, May 1, 1-3PM.
64. Public Event Public Event Permit, Mayor's Shape-Up Somerville Run, High School Concourse and area streets, May 2, 10-Noon.
65. Public Event Public Event Permit, Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, May 8, 11AM-5PM (raindate May 9).
66. Public Event Public Event Permit, High School Senior Class Car Wash, High School Concourse, May 15, 9-1PM (raindate May 16).
67. Public Event Public Event Permit, High School DECA Car Wash, High School Concourse, May 22, 9-1PM (raindate May 23).
68. Public Event Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day & Herbert Sts. Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 26-Nov. 24.
69. Public Event Public Event Permit, Mudflat Pottery Sidewalk Sale, Davis Sq. Plaza, Jun. 12, 9-4PM.
70. Public Event Public Event Permit, Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powder House Park, Jun. 19, 2-9PM (raindate Jun. 20).

71. Public Event Public Event Permit, ArtBeat, Davis Sq., Jul. 16, 4-11PM, Jul. 17, 8-8PM (raindate Jul. 18).
72. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Metro Equipment Corp.
73. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, CJ Doherty Inc.
74. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, C&K Trucking & Excavating.
75. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, E.B. Rotundi & Sons Inc.
76. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, FE French Construction.
77. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline, 182 Washington St., 3,000 gallons.
78. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Chambers Motorcars, 259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 gallons.
79. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 16,000 gallons.
80. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Parkway Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 32,995 gallons.
81. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Petroleum, 1284-1286 Broadway, 23,500 gallons.
82. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 480-490 Columbia St., 1,500 gallons.
83. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood St., 2,280 gallons.
84. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy., 14,000 gallons.
85. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Souza Brothers foreign Cars Service, 35-37 Prospect St., 12,388 gallons.
86. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway, 22,600 gallons.
87. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Elias & Abe Auto Repair, 254-258 Broadway, 27,045 gallons.
88. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Lub-o-Line and Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 8,250 gallons.

89. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Lub-o-Line Industrial Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 9,000 gallons.
90. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Hess #21521, 709 McGrath Hwy., 45,550 gallons.
91. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Cumberland Farms, 212 Broadway, 32,800 gallons.
92. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Coresite Real Estate 70 Innerbelt LLC, 70 Inner Belt Rd., 100,000 gallons.
93. Flammable Renewing 2009 Flammable License, Coresite Real Estate 70 Innerbelt LLC, 70 Inner Belt Rd., 100,000 gallons.
94. Flammable Renewing Flammables License, Beacon Sales Company, 50 Webster Ave., 6,630 gallons.
95. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns, 622 Somerville Ave., Th to 1AM, Fr-Sa to 3 AM.
96. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row, Thu-Sa to 2 AM.
97. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row, Su-Th to 1 AM.
98. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.
99. Junk Dlr Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Prospect Iron & Steel Co., 40 Bennett St., Scrap.
100. Junk Dlr Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Eddie's Furniture, 95A Elm St., furniture.
101. Junk Dlr Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St., furniture.
102. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Fu Shen Spa, 258 Elm St., Sidewalk Sign.
103. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Café, 257 Elm St., 1 bench.
104. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo Café, 7 Holland St., 3 tables, 6 chairs.
105. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St., 6 tables, 24 chairs.

106. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Doms Motor Service, 2 Union Sq., 3 motorcycles.
107. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 9 Davis Sq., 8 tables, 16 chairs.
108. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell & Sons Disposal Inc., 120 McGrath Hwy., 25 spaces.
109. Pool Table Renewing Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, Diesel Café, 257 Elm St., 2 pool tables.
110. Auto Amusemt New Automatic Amusement Device License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 device.
111. Garage Renewing 2009 Garage License, Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 2 autos inside.
112. Garage Renewing Garage License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood St., 10 autos inside, 80 outside.
113. Garage Renewing Garage License, Valvoline, 182 Washington St., 3 autos inside, 3 outside.
114. Garage Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 483 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside.
115. Garage Renewing Garage License, C.J. Doherty Inc., 400 Mystic Ave., 4 autos inside, 8 outside.
116. Garage Renewing Garage License, JR Fennell LP, 92-94 Prospect St., 90 autos inside.
117. Garage Renewing Garage License, Century Tire Co., 263-269 Beacon St., 6 autos inside, 4 outside.
118. Garage Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I93 Inc., 259 McGrath Hwy., 310 autos inside, 40 outside.
119. Garage Renewing Garage License, P. Gioioso & Sons, 628 Somerville Ave., 2 autos outside.
120. Garage Renewing Garage License, Hawkins St. Automotive Co., 3-9 Hawkins St., 4 autos inside, 8 outside.
121. Garage Renewing Garage License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 autos inside, 6 outside.
122. Garage Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos inside, 10 outside.

123. Garage Renewing Garage License, FW Russell & Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy., 4 autos inside, 21 outside.
124. Garage Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 15 North Union St., 40 autos outside.
125. Garage Renewing Garage License, GE&M Auto Service, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 3 autos inside, 14 outside.
126. Garage Renewing Garage License, Barnes & Walsh Co., 224-226 Somerville Ave., 9 autos inside.
127. Garage Renewing Garage License, Souza Brothers Foreign Car Service, 35-37 Prospect St., 10 autos inside.
128. Garage Renewing Garage License, 429 Corp., 109-111 Prospect St., 5 autos inside, 15 outside.
129. Garage Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St., 10 autos inside, 3 outside.
130. Garage Renewing Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St., 252 autos inside.
131. Garage Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., 6 autos inside.
132. Garage Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-a-Car of Boston, 37 Mystic Ave., 1 auto inside, 18 outside.
133. Garage Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53-55 Russell St., 10 autos inside, 8 outside.
134. Garage Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St., 5 autos inside, 3 outside.
135. Garage Renewing Garage License, J & E Auto Body, 9 Hawkins St., 2 autos inside, 4 outside.
136. Garage Renewing Garage License, Nippon Express, 30 Inner Belt Rd., 4 autos inside.
137. Garage Renewing Garage License, U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St., 10 autos outside.
138. Garage Renewing Garage License, Beacon Sales Company, 50 Webster Ave., 8 autos inside.
139. Garage Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St., 6 autos inside, 4 outside.

140. Garage Renewing Garage License, E-Z Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave., 33 autos inside.

LATE ITEMS