

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 8, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 14, 2011.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by NStar Gas, for 145 feet of plastic gas main extending from an existing gas main near 259 Lowell St.

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

4. Order            By Ald. Roche  
  
                          That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance fining homeowners and contractors who remove a Stop Work order posted by the City on buildings undergoing unauthorized construction work.
  
5. Order            By Ald. Heuston  
  
                          The Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at Mondamin Court and Harrison Street to deter vehicles from entering in the wrong direction.
  
6. Order            By Ald. Heuston  
  
                          The Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Windsor and South Streets, at 111 South Street.
  
7. Order            By Ald. Heuston  
  
                          The Director of Traffic and Parking install a BLIND DRIVEWAY sign at the intersection of Hammond and Dickinson Streets.
  
8. Order            By Ald. Heuston, Pero  
  
                          That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 143 Walnut Street.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 18 and 20 Granite Avenue.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston  
The Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Linwood Street and the Somerville Avenue extension.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 23 Allen Street.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD meet with the Ward 2 Alderman about designating an area of Ward 2 “Duck Village” in keeping with its history.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged CRAIGIE STREET sign at its intersection with Somerville Avenue.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the cause of excessive flooding and water on Tremont Place and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the uneven bricks near the basketball courts at the Cummings School.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston  
The City Engineer and the City Solicitor inform the Ward 2 Alderman whether the Somerville Avenue extension is a City street or the property of another entity, and what rights the city has there.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to this Board on the completion of the Somerville Avenue MA Highway project and the timeframe for accepting the street from the State.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add signage behind the Rite Aid Pharmacy, at the entrance of the community path, indicating that no cars are allowed.

19. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Verizon to remove empty or abandoned telephone booths throughout the city, in particular, the booth in Davis Square on Elm Street.
20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works reinforce and support the trees lining Grove Street at Elm Street.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at 30 Summer Street.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works institute a program to trim all low hanging branches from all public shade trees and remove all overgrown weeds and growth from tree wells.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk at the corner of Cutter and Highland Avenues.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamps on College Avenue at Winter Street and at the crosswalk near the MBTA light shaft.
25. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz  
That Alderman John M. Connolly is hereby appointed to the SomerPromise Board of Trustees as this Board's representative.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

26. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on September 8, 2011.

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 7, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the FY 2012 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$169,732,903.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$17,609,387.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Water Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$12,156,478
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting a permanent easement to MA DOT for land in front of the Gold Star Memorial Library on Broadway to facilitate streetscape improvements.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase a Zamboni machine for the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay multiple prior-year FY11 invoices using FY12 funds in the Dept. of Public Works.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting to declare surplus a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria automobile in the Fire Dept.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$490,333 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Police Dept. Personal Services Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2012.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$46,884 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various E-911 Personal Services Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers, Local 888, for July 1, 2010-June 30, 2013.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$174,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Veteran's Ice Rink Enterprise Fund for locker room renovations.

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 6, 2011.

29. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 7, 2011.
- B. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar, for 57 feet of conduit installed in Warwick St.
- C. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Sigma Phi Epsilon, 114 Curtis St., 10 residents.
- D. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd., 12 residents.
- E. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave., 8 residents.
- F. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave., 11 residents.
- G. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd., 14 residents.
- H. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd., 12 residents.
- I. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row, 16 residents.
- J. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row, 12 residents.
- K. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row, 42 residents.
- L. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row, 84 residents.
- M. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row, 10 residents.
- N. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row, 22 residents.
- O. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St., 49 residents.
- P. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St., 10 residents.
- Q. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St., 19 residents.

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| R.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave., 15 residents.        |
| S.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave., 14 residents.        |
| T.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave., 16 residents.        |
| U.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd., 10 residents.       |
| V.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd., 10 residents.      |
| W.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd., 7 residents.       |
| X.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave., 157 residents.      |
| Y.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave., 7 residents.        |
| Z.  | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave., 49 residents.        |
| AA. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave., 126 residents.    |
| AB. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 17 Latin Way, 6 residents.           |
| AC. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way, 216 residents.      |
| AD. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way, 116 residents.         |
| AE. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way, 156 residents.         |
| AF. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way, 152 residents.        |
| AG. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave., 222 residents.   |
| AH. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave., 12 residents.       |
| AI. | License/Permit | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd., 378 residents. |

- AJ. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd., 11 residents.
- AK. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd., 6 residents.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

30. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of the 270 Cedar Street LLC Stabilization Fund and the acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$1,000 from Cedar Street LLC to purchase pedestrian safety devices.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2012 funds to pay FY 2011 invoices totalling \$7,133.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a \$25,000 MA Emergency Management Performance Grant for the Fire Dept. to purchase equipment.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

33. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Stereo Drive-By Concert, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 24, 4PM (raindate Oct 1).
34. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Kappa Charge Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave., 22 residents.
35. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, RCN Becocom, Communications services.
36. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Painted Burro, 219 Elm St., 2 planters.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

37. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police provide a directed patrol at Conway Park at various times to deter the theft of the aluminum bleachers.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the Rite Aid Pharmacy on Somerville Avenue to remove overhanging branches and vegetation that is blocking the traffic signals.

39. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide signage at Osgood Park instructing dog owners to pick up after their dogs.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police provide a directed patrol at Osgood Park during the late evening and overnight hours to monitor activity in the park.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional lighting in Osgood Park to illuminate park activity while not adversely affecting neighbors.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Osgood Park and provide the Ward Two Alderman with the regular cleaning schedule of the park.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$750,000 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,000 in a bond to meet the appropriation.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Ford 14-passenger van for the Police Dept.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 License Plate Reader system for the Police Dept.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Laptop for the Police Dept.'s License Plate Reader System.
47. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders.
48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Prospect Hill Park, Sep 17, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 18) (amending #191850, approved for 4-8PM).
49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, 29 Miller St. Pig Roast with Live Music, 29 Miller St., Sep 17, Noon-8PM.
50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Chandler St. Block Party, Chandler St. from Park Ave. to Chapel St., Sep 24, 4-7PM (raindate Sep 25).
51. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, APCA Third Avenue LLC, 48 Third Ave., 42 autos inside.



52. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class II, PJ's Auto Sales, 161 Broadway, 67 autos in, 4 out.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk