

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

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

August 16, 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	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
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. #193565 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**CITATIONS**

2. #193566 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
Citation Commending Anne Thomas, who is retiring after 19 years of dedicated service as Special Counsel to SPCD.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. #193567 Grant of Location submitted by Comcast to install 53 feet of conduit from a  
Grant of Location pole on Meacham Road to 55 Davis Sq.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4. #193568 Grant of Location submitted by Comcast to install 10 feet of conduit from a Grant of Location manhole on Holland Street to 20-40 Holland St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

5. #193569 Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking study truck traffic into Davis Square and devise a plan to limit delivery times that impact the surrounding neighborhoods.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

6. #193570 Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of bicycle regulations in the city's business districts.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

7. #193571 Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD provide all Aldermen with the latest version of the Urban Renewal Plan for Union Square and Assembly Square.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. #193572 Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the final agreement with FRIT pertaining to the disposition of Yard 21 and inform this Board whether any covenants with IKEA or FRIT apply to future purchasers of the IKEA site at Assembly Square.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

9. #193573  
Order
- By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalk at Winslow and Grove Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. #193574  
Order
- By Ald. Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk at 23-25 Cutter Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

11. #193575  
Order
- By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the traffic lanes at Cutter and Summer Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

12. #193576  
Resolution
- By Ald. Connolly  
That this Board requests that the Licensing Commission hold a hearing to accept a proposed change requiring that applications to change the ownership of businesses serving alcoholic beverages be posted in the business's window as a public notice.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

13. #193577  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a 3-way STOP sign on Stone Avenue, approaching Warren Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

14. #193578  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of Bow Street and Warren Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

15. #193579  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the owner of 45 Union Square to request that dumpsters not be emptied before 7 AM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**16. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- A. #193580 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on August 9, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #193216 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,125,000 and authorization to borrow that  
Mayor's Request amount in a bond for a replacement Ladder Truck in the Fire Dept.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

Ald. White exercised his right to table the item under Charter Section 15.

- C. #193281 Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the  
Mayor's Request Libraries.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #193282 Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the  
Mayor's Request Library Teen Services programming.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- E. #193426 Requesting the acceptance of a \$272,327 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter  
Mayor's Request Grant to install Opticom Pre-emption systems at 22 intersections citywide.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- F. #193481 Requesting acceptance of a \$22,000 grant from the MA Emergency  
Mayor's Request Management Agency for Fire Dept. Emergency Management Preparedness.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193581 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on August 13, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192694 Requesting approval of a Purchase and Sales Agreement with NStar  
Mayor's Request Electric, for the purchase of NStar-owned street lights.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

- C. #193392 Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects  
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for a Nexxus Study on Inclusionary Housing Linkage and  
20B Trust.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,  
O'Donovan, Trane

**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

**AMENDED:** Strike the words "inclusionary housing" from the item.

- D. #193417 Requesting appropriation of \$160,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund  
Mayor's Request for Appraisals and Relocation Services related to planning activities for the  
revitalization of Union Square.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,  
O'Donovan, Trane

**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- E. #193420 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund  
Mayor's Request to fund house doctor services to produce construction documents associated  
with the in-house design of Kenny Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,  
O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- F. #193421 Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from the Assembly Square  
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the construction of a new park on Quincy St.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,  
O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- G. #193478 Requesting approval of an Amended Economic Development Proposal for  
Mayor's Request Phase 1 of the I-Cubed funding approved by the Commonwealth.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Trane recused.

- H. #193482 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of up to \$15,000 from NStar for the  
Mayor's Request Residential Energy Efficiency Program.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Ald. Roche recused.

18. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #193582 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on August 8, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #193583 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on August 15, 2012.  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

#192922 was replaced by Agenda #72 (#193636), an amended and corrected version of the Ordinance.

- B. #192922 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture by adding definitions and amending the table of uses and its footnotes to allow farms as accessory residential uses, and to allow community gardens, community farms and farming on municipal land.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

Replaced by Agenda #72 (#193636), an amended and corrected version of the Ordinance.

- C. #193388 Public Communication League of Urban Cannors submitting comments re: #192922, the Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. #193485 Officer's Communication Planning Board submitting a recommendation re: #192922, a proposed Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

20. #193584 Mayor's Request Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane, and White, that this Board vote to place the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (MGL c44B ss3-7) onto the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

21. #193585 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Union Square Revitalization Plan, per MGL c121B s48 and 760 CMR 12.00 et seq.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

22. #193586 Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board declare the Day Street/Herbert Street parking lot available for disposition as a hotel use.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

23. #193587 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

24. #193588 Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$130,000 to the Engineering Dept.'s Professional and Technical Services Account to prepare a citywide ADA transition plan.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

25. #193589 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 to fund a new Disabilities Coordinator position.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

26. #193590 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay prior fiscal year invoices totaling \$19,017.19 using FY13 appropriations.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

27. #193591 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay prior fiscal year invoices, totaling \$9,496.28, using FY13 appropriations.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

28. #193592 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 donation from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

29. #193593 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department's Pedestrian Safety Initiatives.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

30. #193594 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Charles Breen to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

31. #193595 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Norton to the position of District Fire Chief.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

32. #193596 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

33. #193597 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Anzalone to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

34. #193598 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Gorman to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

35. #193599 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Donovan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

36. #193600 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Derek Nolan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

37. #193601 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Marc Levey as Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. #193602 Mayor's Communication Conveying a response to #190766 and #192594 re: SPCD staff study of regulations for RA and RB Zoning Districts.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

39. #193603 School Superintendent commenting on a Medford City Council Resolution seeking supplemental State funding for students' out-of-district transportation.  
Public Communication

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

40. #193604 Public Event Permit, Training Room Fitness on the Avenue Event, Elm St.-Somerville Ave. Connector, Aug 25, 8AM-4PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

41. #193605 Public Event Permit, Memphis Soul Run Burren Afterparty, Grove St. Parking Lot, Aug 26, 9AM-6PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

42. #193606 Public Event Permit, Tufts "Discover Davis" event, Davis Square Statue Park, Sep 2, 11:45AM-5:30PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

43. #193607 Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Square Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 5,12,19,26, 4-5:10PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

44. #193608 Public Event Permit, 29 Miller St. Pig Roast, 29 Miller St., Sep 8, 7AM-10PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

45. #193609 Public Event Permit, Olde Magoun Saloon Paulaner Biergarten Tour, Sep 15, 9AM-9PM.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

46. #193610 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Irving St. Block Party, Irving St., Sep 15, 12-8PM (raindate Sep 16).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

47. #193611 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Festival, Trum Field, Sep 16, 6AM-5PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

48. #193612 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Brian Higgins Road Race, Ball Square and area streets, Sep 16, 9AM-1PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

49. #193613 License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Broadway sidewalks from Sullivan Square to McGrath Hwy., Sep 18, 4:30-10:30PM (raindate Sep 25).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

50. #193614 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bull McCabe's Outdoor MusicFest, Parking Lot adjacent to 366 Somerville Ave., Sep 22, 12-10PM (raindate Sep 23).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

51. #193615 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Prospect Hill Park and Munroe Street from Prospect Hill Parkway to Bigelow Street, Sep 22, 4-8:30PM (raindate Sep 23).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

52. #193616 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester Street from Elm to Herbert Sts., Sep 30, 7AM-6PM (raindate Oct 7).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

53. #193617 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Reunion Church Picnic, Hodgkins-Curtin Park, Sep 30, 12-4PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

54. #193618 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Honk Festival Preview, Union Sq. Plaza, Oct 4, 7-10PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

55. #193619 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Marchese and Sons.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

56. #193620 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. P. Vara Co.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

57. #193621 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

58. #193622 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM Corp.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

59. #193623 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

60. #193624 License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, GMR Marketing/Comcast, Vending Cable Service at Davis Sq. Statue Park and Powderhouse Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

61. #193625 License/Permit Amending Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., seeking to open Sundays 9AM-4PM.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

62. #193626 Public Communication MA DOT responding to #193325 re: trimming the tree growth along the Davis Sq. Busway.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

63. #193627 Public Communication Verizon responding to this Board's concerns re: double poles.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

64. #193628 Public Communication Medford City Council submitting a Resolution seeking supplemental State funding for students' out-of-district transportation.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

65. #193629 Resolution By Ald. Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond, Trane, Lafuente, White Jr.  
That this Board requests that the Administration consider hiring a full time rodent control manager whose primary responsibility will be to deal with the city's various rodent issues.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

66. #193630 Order By Ald. Connolly That the Director of Traffic and Parking mark the Park Avenue and College Avenue intersection to prevent it from being blocked by backed-up traffic, especially during rush hours.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

67. #193631 Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance Section 15 re: Ethics.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

68. #193632 Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 pursuant to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board recommendations.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

69. #193633 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a MassDevelopment Brownfield Grant totaling \$950,000 for the remediation of the Kiley Barrel Brownfield Site.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

70. #193634 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Melissa McWhinney to the Affordable Housing Trust.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

71. #193635 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Nancy Busnach to the Redevelopment Authority.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**LATE ITEMS**

72. #193636 Officer's Communication Director of Planning submitting for approval an updated and corrected version of #192922, a Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture by adding definitions and amending the table of uses and its footnotes to allow farms as accessory residential uses, and to allow community gardens, community farms and farming on municipal land.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Trane  
**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

73. #193637 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a multi-year lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1114 Broadway.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk