

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 10, 2011, 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	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #192169 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. #192170 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 13, 2011.  
Minutes

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

3. #192171 Commending Captain John Keane, Lt. Steven Ortolani, and Firefighters  
Citation Michael Powers, Christopher Clark, Francis Sharpe, and John Donovan, each given the Thomas Chetham Award as Firefighter of the Year by American Legion Post 19.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

4. #192172 Commending Officers Alan Monaco and Steve St. Hilaire, each given the  
Citation Alexander McQuestion Award as Police Officer of the Year by American Legion Post 19.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

5. #192173 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane  
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the Water Works building at the corner of Capen Court and Mystic Valley Parkway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6. #192174 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane  
That the Director of SPCD investigate complaints that the lighting at the Capen Court VNA is shining into surrounding homes.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7. #192175 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot top sidewalk panels at 509 Mystic Valley Parkway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. #192176 Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence gate behind the Edgerly School.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #192177 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on Committee Report November 9, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192161 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Silva to Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #192162 Requesting the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the Reserve Fire List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #192163 Requesting the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the Reserver Fire List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- E. #192164 Requesting the appointment of John Curley to the Fire Reserve List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- F. #192165 Requesting the appointment of Brendan Hughes to the Fire Reserve List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- G. #192166 Requesting the appointment of James Piwinski to the Fire Reserve LList.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- H. #192167 Requesting the appointment of Kevin Williams to the Fire Reserve List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- I. #192168 Requesting the appointmernt of Francis Otting to the Fire Reserve List.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #192178 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on  
Committee Report November 3, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #190999 By Ald. O'Donovan  
Order That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety once again  
address the safety of the abandoned building at 82 Pearson Avenue, which  
remains in disrepair.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. #191733 Order  
By Ald. Trane  
That the Director of Communications update this Board regarding the July 7 phone outage that affected the Fire Dept. and explain what steps have been taken to ensure it will not happen again.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. #192035 Order  
By Ald. Trane  
That the City Solicitor and the Administration explore the legality and feasibility of banning HAZMAT trucks from driving through the City.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. #192179 Order  
By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to present a plan to enforce bicycling regulations for Spring, 2012.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

- F. #192180 Resolution  
By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Administration inform the Committee on Public Health and Safety when the parking plan for the skating rink is ready.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

- G. #192181 Order  
By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a lighting plan for the skating rink to the Committee on Public Health and Safety.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

11. #192182 Mayor's Request  
Requesting an appropriation of \$46,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond to complete the planned replacement of DPW vehicles.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

12. #192183 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the old Union Square Firehouse.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

13. #192184 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$76,923.02 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Insurance Losses Acct. to pay expenses related to the July 10, 2010, flood.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

14. #192185 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Other Lump Sum Payments Acct. to fund relocation expenses for the Police Chief per an Employment Agreement.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

15. #192186 Mayor's Request Requesting the use of available funds of \$11,348.80 to create a new Part-Time Data Entry Clerk for a School Nurse Unit at the Public Health Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

16. #192187 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$9,350 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Animal Control Salaries Acct. to fund additional staff services during the maternity leave of the Animal Control Officer.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

17. #192188 Mayor's Request Requesting to pay prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$15,067.40.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

18. #192189 Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$25,000 MA Public Health Grant for the SCAP Social Norms/Marketing/Media Project to support several youth initiatives.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

19. #192190 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$2,856.87 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Fire Dept. to cover overtime associated with the Riverfest Fireworks.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

20. #192191 Officer's Request Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board for the classification hearing on November 22, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

21. #192192 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

22. #192193 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

23. #192194 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., 1 A-frame sign.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

24. #192195 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

25. #192196 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, SSG Development LLC, 50 Middlesex Ave., planters and display windows.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

26. #192197 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq., 4 tables, 8 chairs.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

27. #192198 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St., 2 benches.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

28. #192199 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, SoundBites, 704 Broadway, 4 tables, 16 chairs.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

29. #192200 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Joshua Tree, 256 Elm St., A-Frame sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

30. #192201 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 290 autos in, 55 out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

31. #192202 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos in.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

32. #192203 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales Inc., 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 autos in, 30 out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

33. #192204 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos in.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. #192205 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 MdGrath Hwy., 75 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

35. #192206 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 13 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

36. #192207 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motobidia LLC, 561 Windsor St., Suite A205, 0 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

37. #192208 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. #192209 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Avenue Motors Inc., 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. #192210 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

40. #192211 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

41. #192212 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave., 5 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

42. #192213 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales and Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

43. #192214 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

44. #192215 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Unlimited Auto Body, 471 Somerville Ave., 10 autos.



**RESULT: APPROVED**

45. #192216 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq. Auto, 1284 Broadway, 2 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

46. #192217 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 autos out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

47. #192218 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos in, 4 out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

48. #192219 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

49. #192220 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

50. #192221 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516-518 Columbia St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

51. #192222 License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Target Corp., 180 Somerville Ave., Opening "Black Friday," Nov 25, from 12 AM to 11 PM.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**LATE ITEMS**

52. #192223 Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Taylor, O'Donovan, Connolly  
That this Board requests that the Administration ensure that any person covered as a survivor, while insured through the City, maintains a level of coverage equal to or better than the coverage received while insured through the City.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

53. #192224 Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor, O'Donovan, Connolly  
That the City Solicitor and Director of Personnel report back to this Board as to why the few Somerville residents previously covered as survivors through their parent's policies will not receive coverage from the GIC.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

54. #192225 Citation By Ald. Trane, and the Entire Board  
Congratulating Mary Bocella on the happy occasion of her 100th birthday.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk