

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

February 12, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 11027)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting,  
    (ID # 11028)        January 5, 2015, and the Regular Meeting, January 8,  
                              2015.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 11006)        Commending Zoe Colt, on the happy occasion of her  
                              90th birthday.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of            Submitted by Crown Castle to install 350 feet of fiber  
    Location            optic cable in new conduit from Pole 211/6 at Line Street  
    (ID # 11009)        along Smith Avenue to a point of pickup on the southeast  
                              side of Beacon Street near Smith Avenue.
  
5. Grant of            Submitted by Crown Castle to install 1,533 feet of fiber  
    Location            optic cable in new conduit from Pole 142/29 at Kent  
    (ID # 11010)        Street proceeding northwest to Prentiss Street, then along  
                              Prentiss Street to Pole 161/2.
  
6. Grant of            Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater  
    Location            equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from  
    (ID # 11011)        existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 181-  
                              183 Tremont Street.
  
7. Grant of            Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater  
    Location            equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from  
    (ID # 11012)        existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 281  
                              Beacon Street.
  
8. Grant of            Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater  
    Location            equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from  
    (ID # 11013)        existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at the  
                              corner of Beacon and Park Streets.

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

9. Resolution (ID # 11034) By Ald. Connolly  
Commending the Mayor and his Administration for their professionalism and dedicated efforts during the recent snowstorms.
10. Resolution (ID # 11033) By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Administration, with the Fire and Police Departments, compile a report of the number of "needed assistance" calls made by each tax-exempt facility in the City over the past 2 years.
11. Resolution (ID # 11029) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That this Board supports the Don't Leave Seniors Behind Healthcare Campaign of the MA Senior Action Council.
12. Order (ID # 11039) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police take notice of the fire lane on Pinckney Street, to prevent snow from being dumped there.
13. Order (ID # 11035) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works look into the deployment of plow arm extensions, which can be lowered to clear driveways that have had snow plowed into them, and report to this Board about their potential use here.
14. Order (ID # 11036) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why, after the snowstorm on January 28, snow plows inundated sidewalks on the even side of the street with snow and large ice boulders, causing residents to shovel their sidewalks several times, and what measures are being taken so this doesn't happen again.
15. Order (ID # 11037) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board on the process for issuing citations during snowstorms to private plowing and shoveling contractors who are plowing snow into the street or onto neighbors' sidewalks.
16. Order (ID # 11038) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to this Board on why the Tree Advisory Committee, created under the Tree Preservation Ordinance, appears to be completely inactive, and present a plan for activating it by March 26, 2015.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

17. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11032) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 5, 2015.
- B. Mayor's Request 197413 Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-322 regarding salary ranges.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 197700 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would increase the number of liquor licenses that the Licensing Commission may issue.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Order (ID # 11042) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD give preference to local businesses when submitting recommendations to the Licensing Commission for liquor licenses issued under #197700, a Home Rule Petition to increase the number of licenses in the city.

18. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11031) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 4, 2015.
- B. License/Permit 197913 New Outdoor Seating License, Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row, 46 tables, 184 seats.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. License/Permit 197914 New Outdoor Seating License, Atelier Pilates, 7 Landers Street, 1 A-frame sign.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. License/Permit 198028 Sign/Awning Permit, Gardini Law Office, 24 Dane St., 1 blade sign.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. License/Permit 198261 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Best Cars of MA, 1 Virginia St., no cars on site.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. License/Permit 198262 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Instacar, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos outside.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- G. License/Permit 198339 New Garage License, Car Zone, 486 Columbia St., 3 cars inside, 3 outside.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- H. License/Permit 198340 New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St., 22 cars inside, 20 outside.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. License/Permit 198341 New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 25 cars inside.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. License/Permit 198342 New Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 63 cars.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. License/Permit 198343 New Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave., 1 vehicle.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

**19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11030) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 29, 2015.
- B. Order 196587 By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor truck traffic on and around Powderhouse Boulevard, paying special attention to areas surrounding the Tufts campus.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Officer's Communication 196659 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to #196587 re: truck traffic on Powderhouse Blvd.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 197017 By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Heuston, Niedergang, McWatters  
That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking investigate the reasoning of truck traffic restrictions in our city last being ordered in 2002.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 20. Mayor's Request (ID # 11002) Requesting an appropriation of \$34,779.40 From Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Professional and Technical Services Account to pay an FY2014 training invoice.
- 21. Mayor's Request (ID # 10980) Requesting the acceptance of grant funds totaling \$250,000 from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for the East Broadway Streetscape Project.
- 22. Mayor's Request (ID # 10996) Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,314 grant from the MA Vest-a-Dog program for a cruiser insert for the Police Dept.'s K-9 dog.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

23. License/Permit (ID # 11008) Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Union Square, Apr 25, 8:30AM-5PM (raindate May 2).
24. License/Permit (ID # 11007) Public Event Permit, NStar Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, Assembly Row, Jun 14, 5:30AM-3PM.
25. License/Permit (ID # 11014) Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
26. License/Permit (ID # 11015) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
27. License/Permit (ID # 11040) New Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St., 8 autos inside, 2 outside.
28. License/Permit (ID # 11016) New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos outside, Mo-Th 9AM-8PM, Fr-Sa 9AM-6PM, Su 10AM-5PM.
29. License/Permit (ID # 11017) New Mobile Food Vendor, Pennypackers.
30. License/Permit (ID # 11018) New Mobile Food Vendor, Rhythm n Wraps.
31. License/Permit (ID # 11019) New Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave., 4 residents.
32. Public Communication (ID # 11020) Linda Siraco submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
33. Public Communication (ID # 11021) Kate Wheeler and David Guss submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
34. Public Communication (ID # 11022) Rob Cheyne submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
35. Public Communication (ID # 11023) Karen Molloy submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.

36. Public Communication (ID # 11024) Jennifer Grande submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
37. Public Communication (ID # 11025) Mark Gallagher submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
38. Public Communication (ID # 11026) MaJa Kietzke submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

39. Order (ID # 11041) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Recreation confer with DCR about installing lights in the parking lot adjacent to the Dilboy swimming pool.
40. Resolution (ID # 11043) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Administration appear before this Board to explain the closing of schools and municipal buildings due to safety concerns.
41. Order (ID # 11044) By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the city's trash collector close all barrel lids after collection during inclement weather.
42. Order (ID # 11045) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Sullivan  
That the Land Use Committee, during the upcoming zoning overhaul review, examine whether a provision should be added for universities to obtain a special permit before operating housing outside a University District.
43. Order (ID # 11046) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board whether it is possible to have the Public Schools open when there is a declared snow emergency, and, if it is possible, to also report the plan for teacher and staff parking, since school parking lots are used then for resident parking. (2nd request)

44. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
(ID # 11047) That the Commissioner of Public Works shovel a sidewalk path through the huge mound of snow where the sidewalk should be on the east side of Cedar Street by the Community Path Extension next to the parking lot at 2 Alpine Street.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the  
(ID # 10942) MA Office of Public Safety and Security for Fire Department staffing.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mark Sternman to the  
(ID # 11060) Historical Preservation Commission.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the  
(ID # 11061) Historical Preservation Commission.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Heather Davies as an  
(ID # 11066) Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the  
(ID # 11062) Historical Preservation Commission.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ryan Falvey to the  
(ID # 11063) Historical Preservation Commission.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Snare as an  
(ID # 11064) Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of George Born as an  
(ID # 11065) Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Richard Bauer to the  
(ID # 11067) Historical Preservation Commission.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as  
(ID # 11048) Constable.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James Pero as  
(ID # 11049) Constable.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as  
(ID # 11050) Constable.

57. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Scott Kingsley as  
(ID # 11051) Constable.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Thathyanno Desa as  
(ID # 11052) Constable.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Morrison as  
(ID # 11053) Constable.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Gladynes Brevil as  
(ID # 11054) Constable.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as  
(ID # 11055) Constable.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as  
(ID # 11056) Constable.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Geovanne Colon as  
(ID # 11057) Constable.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**