

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 27, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	Absent	
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	

- #192105 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- #192106 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 22, 2011.  
Minutes

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

- #192107 Citation  
By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
Commending John Leuchter, who is retiring after more than 35 years of  
dedicated service as a Police Officer.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- #192108 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 6 feet of conduit in Cedar  
Grant of Location St., from a pole to a point of pickup at 270 Cedar St, for underground electric  
service.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

5. #192109 Resolution By Ald. Trane, Sullivan  
That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider extending visitor parking from 48 to 72 hours.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

6. #192110 Order By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the pedestrian signal at Weston Avenue and Broadway and suggest safety improvements.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7. #192111 Order By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond  
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Broadway and Weston Avenue for pedestrian crossing enforcement.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. #192112 Resolution By Ald. Trane, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That this Board requests that the Housing Authority review the key control policy at Weston Manor and change the locks if necessary.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9. #192113 Order By Ald. Trane, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the intersection of Curtis Street and Powder House Boulevard, as it is obstructing the traffic signal.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. #192114 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on Walmart's efforts to locate a store in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

11. #192115 Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint pedestrian crosswalk markings at the intersection of College Avenue and Chapel Street/Hall Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

12. #192116  
Order
- By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD research Boston's New Urban Mechanics program, that engages community members in promoting civic innovation, and determine if a similar program is feasible in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Information Technology Committee

13. #192117  
Order
- By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Park Avenue area for rodents, especially at dusk, and bait it accordingly.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

14. #192118  
Order
- By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Public Libraries provide an update on the status of opening the branch libraries on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

15. #192119  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the health of the trees in Perry Park and make recommendations about their care.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Parks and Open Space Special Committee

16. #192120  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about signage and enforcement of off leash dogs in Perry Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Parks and Open Space Special Committee

17. #192121  
Order
- By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Parks and Open Space meet with the Ward 2 Alderman regarding landscape and signage improvements to Perry Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Parks and Open Space Special Committee

18. #192122 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a study of Dane Avenue to determine causes of excessive flooding during rain events.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Flood Forum Special Committee

19. #192123 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the missing bricks in front of Mike's Restaurant in Davis Square.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

20. #192124 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Chief of Police enforce the red light traffic signal at Broadway and Warner Street, especially during rush hour.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

21. #192125 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine what repairs are necessary to repair the clock in the tower of City Hall.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

22. #192126 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear all the plant growth or move the dedication sign for Nunziato Field as the plaque continues to be obstructed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #192127 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 25, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #191842 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the Police Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #191882 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$48,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a replacement breathing air compressor for the Fire Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- D. #191884 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of bullet-proof vests for the Police Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- E. #191886 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$24,700 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a fire prevention vehicle for the Fire Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- F. #191888 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Mobile Audio/Visual Surveillance Equipment for the Police Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- G. #191890 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 5 laptops with language translation software for the Police Dept.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- H. #191957 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 270 Cedar Street LLC to purchase pedestrian safety devices.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero,  
Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- I. #192031 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$8,000 from the Homeland Security Investigations Office for the Police Dept. to purchase a Cellbrite Mobile Forensic and Data Transfer Device.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- J. #192128 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Superintendent of Recreation provide the Committee on Finance with a detailed accounting of the ice rink's Enterprise Fund expenditures to date.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

24. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. #192129 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 26, Committee Report 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192028 License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's Restaurant, 142 Cross St., Sun-Sat till 2AM for deliveries only.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #192094 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic Center, 259 Elm St., sandwich board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #192095 Resolution By Ald. Heuston That the NStar principals involved in the May 17, 2011, Public Utilities and Works Committee meeting appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits on October 26, 2011, at 6 PM, to provide an update on the improvements and upgrades discussed at that meeting.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. #192130 Order By Ald. Sullivan That the City Solicitor confer with the Fire, Planning, and Inspectional Services Depts. and contact representatives of the Dilboy Post to determine the current use of the parking lot and obtain any required permits.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

25. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #192131 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on Committee Report October 24, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192054 Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Roche, Sullivan That the Clerk of Committees request a representative of the Housing Authority to appear at the October 24 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting (7 PM at the Cross Street Center) to address the Authority's ability to deal with tenants who hold Section 8 certificates and create neighborhood problems.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

26. #192132 Mayor's Request Requesting the establishment of a new Stabilization Fund to be known as the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund, under the provisions of MGL c40, s5B.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

27. #192133 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

28. #192134 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of 6 computer kiosks from IKEA, to assist Somerville residents in Workforce Training activities.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

29. #192135 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$42,000 grant from the Office of Emergency Preparedness for security improvements to the Public Safety Building.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

30. #192136 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to extend Contract 08-009 through December 31, 2011, in order to make final payments for sewer and drainage improvements.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

31. #192137 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$9,373.20 from the Salary Contingency - Salaries Acct. to the City Clerk's Office - Salaries Acct. to fund temporary clerical assistance due to an extended medical leave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

32. #192138 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of George Born to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

33. #192139 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

34. #192140 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Snare to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

35. #192141 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Tom DeYoung to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee



**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

36. #192142 Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.  
Officer's  
Communication

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

37. #192143 Public Event Permit, Somerville Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Oct  
License/Permit 29, 9AM-5PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. #192144 Public Event Permit, Somerville Pride Girls Basketball Canning Drive,  
License/Permit Citywide, Nov 5, 8AM-3PM (raindate Nov 12).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. #192145 Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle Schools, selling  
License/Permit Christmas trees and wreaths, Foss Park, Dec 1-23, M-F 4-8PM, Sa-Su  
10AM-8PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

40. #192146 New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Reunion Christian Church, 55  
License/Permit Davis Square, A-Frame Sign.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

41. #192147 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, A/E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 8 autos  
License/Permit in, 4 out.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

42. #192148 New Fortune Teller License, Stacey Mitchell dba Astrology by Nina, 511  
License/Permit Medford St.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

43. #192149 Resolution By Ald. Trane, and the Entire Board  
That this Board stands opposed to the proposed increase in the Medicare eligibility age currently being debated in Congress.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Senior Services Committee

44. #192150 Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree in front of 8 Waterhouse Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

45. #192151 Order By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees away from the power lines and houses at 314 Lowell Street. (2nd request).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

46. #192152 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing GEORGE STREET sign on Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

47. #192153 License/Permit New Drain Layer License, J. Derenzo Co.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

48. #192154 Public Communication The Duhamel Education Initiative, submitting a thank-you to this Board for its volunteer efforts on behalf of the initiative.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**LATE ITEMS**

49. #191970 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.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero,  
Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

50. #192090 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 for additional renovations to the Public Safety Building and authorization to borrow \$200,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Pero,  
Gewirtz, Trane  
**ABSENT:** William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

51. #192155 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at Broadway and Glen Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

52. #192156 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the hot top patch at the driveway at 46 Myrtle Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

53. #192157 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalk panels from 20 to 46 Myrtle Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

54. #192158 Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp on Pole 208-368 on Glen Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

55. #192159 Order By Ald. Roche, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of the Council on Aging update the Senior Services Committee of any personnel changes, programming changes and number of regular attendee changes for each senior center.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Senior Services Committee

56. #192160 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 18-20 Otis Street and take appropriate action.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

57. #192161 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Silva to Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

58. #192162 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the Reserve Fire List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

59. #192163 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the Reserver Fire List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

60. #192164 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Curley to the Fire Reserve List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

61. #192165 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brendan Hughes to the Fire Reserve List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

62. #192166 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of James Piwinski to the Fire Reserve LList.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

63. #192167  
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the appointment of Kevin Williams to the Fire Reserve List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

64. #192168  
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting to the Fire Reserve List.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk