

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2010, 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	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #190600 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #190601 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 23, 2010.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #190602 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Michael Cabral, who has served the City with distinction as Acting Chief of Police in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #190603 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Paul Upton and Charles Femino, who have served the City with distinction as Deputy Chiefs of Police in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #190604 Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending David Mangan, who has enabled the City to provide recreational opportunities to our youth as President of the Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation since 2006.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #190605 Resolution By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board That this Board requests that the Mayor work with this Board to establish a sister-city relationship with a city or town in the Republic of Ireland.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #190606 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the large pothole at the Dover and Elm Street crosswalk.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. #189954 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Pasquarello to the position of Chief of Police.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 15

- A. #190607 Committee Report 2010 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, December 15, Committee Report 2010

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190550 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Justin Bonner to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #190551 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Daniel Costa to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #190552 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Brendan Noonan to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #190553 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #190554 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Marc Ardolino to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #190555 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the Fire Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #190556 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Devin Schneider to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #190557 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joseph Teves to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #190558 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Gravin Guillen to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #190559 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Mark Nevin to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. #190560 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Christopher Collette to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. #190561 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Perrone to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #190562 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Ashley Catatao to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- O. #190563 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Jason Costa to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- P. #190564 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Naza Haynes to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Q. #190565 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael McCarey to the Police Reserve List.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 16

- A. #190608 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, December 16, 2010

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190383 Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$9,264 in available funds in the Police Dept. Salaries Account to fund the increase in the rate of pay for the Police Chief position from December 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 13

- A. #190609 Committee Report December 13, 2010 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development,

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #185578 Board Communication By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That This Board Requests that the Mayor and State Delegation Review the Proposed Siting of the Green Line's 11-Acre Maintenance Facility in the Inner Belt/Brickbottom Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #187027 Board Communication By Ald. White Jr., Heuston
That the Director of SPCD Appear Before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to Discuss the Response to the State's Proposal for a Green Line Maintenance Facility in Yard 8.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #188292 Board Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Transportation Appear Before the Housing and Community Development Committee to Discuss the November 18 Public Hearing About the Green Line Extension and Maintenance Facility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #189129 Board Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor Inform This Board Whether it is Legally Permissible to Create a Trust Fund (Similar to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund) that Would Require Big Box Stores Entering Somerville to Contribute to a Fund that Supports Small and Independent Businesses in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. #189602 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development appear Before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to Discuss the Formal Complaint Filed by the Director of the Community Access and Inclusion Project

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. #189610 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Assessor Provide the Committee on Housing and Community Development with the Number of Residential Homeowner Foreclosures Vs. Non-Residential Homeowner Foreclosures

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. #189630 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #189129 on the legality of a Trust
Officer's Fund requiring big box stores to contribute to a fund.
Communication

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. #190610 By Ald. Taylor
Order That the City Clerk inform MASS DOT and the MBTA that this Board has
acknowledged its support for the extension of the community path into
Boston, in conjunction with Red Bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 14

- A. #190611 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, December 14, 2010
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #187978 Requesting Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Weeds, Grass and
Mayor's Overgrowth.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #189286 Ordinance Amending the Local Historic District Map to Create Five (5) New
Mayor's Request Districts (East Somerville, Hinckley-Magoun, Orchard Street, Prospect Hill,
and Union Square) and Add Seventeen (17) Properties to These Districts, and
to Add Five (5) Properties to Central-Atherton-Spring-Summer (CASS)
District (Group C)

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED BY ROLL CALL
[UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

13. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 16

- A. #190612 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, December 16, 2010
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190355 Sign License, Somerville Community Access Television Inc. dba SCATV,
License/Permit 90 Union Sq., 2 signs, 1 banner, 1 awning.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #190394 License/Permit New Junk Dealer License, All Checks Cashed Inc., 12 Union Sq., buying gold.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #190463 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Motobidia LLC, 561 Windsor St., 0 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #190464 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Unlimited Auto Body, 471 Somerville Ave., 10 Autos Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #190465 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, 429 Corp., 109-111 Prospect St., 5 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #190467 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, County Auto Repair, 103 Washington St., 5 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #190468 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License 2010, County Auto Repair, 103 Washington St., 5 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #190474 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #190475 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516-518 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #190498 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Souza Brothers Foreign Car Service, 35-37 Prospect St., 21 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. #190499 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St., 46 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

M. #190500 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Somerville Ave. Motors, 595 Somerville Ave., 18 Autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

N. #190574 License/Permit Sign/Awning License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq., new sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

O. #190575 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son Inc., 517 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

P. #190576 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son Inc., 512 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Q. #190577 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 McGrath Hwy., 75 autos outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

R. #190578 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 cars in, 18 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

S. #190579 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 autos outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

T. #190580 License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

U. #190581
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St., 23 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

V. #190582
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Teele Sq. Auto Sales, 1284 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

W. #190583
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

X. #190584
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

Y. #190585
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave., 5 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

Z. #190586
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

AA. #190587
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

AB. #190588
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 1, Chambers Motorcars of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 290 autos in, 55 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

AC. #190597
License/Permit Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 30 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

AD. #190598 Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St., 13 autos.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

AE. #190599 Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Leins Auto Repair, 65 1/2 Bow St., 17
License/Permit autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

AF. #190613 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the MAPS sign from the
SCATV building and notify MAPS that it is being removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

14. #190614 Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$10,000 from the American Health
Mayor's Request Association/American Stroke Association to the Health Dept. to promote
physical activity and heart-healthy living.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. #190615 Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,000 from the MA Region 4B
Mayor's Request Emergency Preparedness Office to the Health Dept. to support emergency
preparedness.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. #190616 Requesting the appointment of Geovanne Colon as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

17. #190617 Requesting the re-appointment of Jared Falcon as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

18. #190618
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

19. #190619
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

20. #190620
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

21. #190621
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Carneglia as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

22. #190622
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Pasquale DeFeo as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

23. #190623
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

24. #190624
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Willinger as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

25. #190625
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Snider as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

26. #190626
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ronald DiGiorgio as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

27. #190627
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

28. #190628
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Davis as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

29. #190629
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Joseph Figler as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

30. #190630
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frederick Mangone as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. #190631 Chief Assessor responding to this Board's request for additional information regarding the November 23 Classification Hearing.
Officer's Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

32. #190632 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 30 Joy St., 40 cars.
License/Permit

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

33. #190633 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, GE & M Auto Service, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 10 cars outside.
License/Permit

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

34. #190634 By Ald. Taylor
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works reinstall the street signs at the intersection of Aldersey and Walnut Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #190635 Requesting approval to dedicate Dickerman Playground to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

36. #190636 Requesting approval to accept a PARC Grant of \$256,000 from the Division of Conservation Services for Dickerman Playground construction costs.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. #190637 Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 in Capital Funds from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund for Dickerman Playground renovation.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

		FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
38.	#190638 Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to dedicate the Morse-Kelley Playground to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Land Use Committee
39.	#190639 Mayor's Request	Requesting acceptance of a PARC Grant of \$384,000 from the Division of Conservation Services for Morse-Kelley Playground construction costs.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
40.	#190640 Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appropriate \$600,000 in Capital Funds from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund for Morse-Kelley Playground renovation.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
41.	#190641 Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to discontinue the existing Harris Park at 0 Cross Street and replace it with a new Harris Park at 15-25 Cross Street East.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Land Use Committee
42.	#190642 Mayor's Request	Requesting the acceptance of a \$403,200 PARC grant from the Division of Conservation Services for the acquisition of 3 parcels at 15-25 Cross Street East (Map 89, Block K, Parcels 14, 15, and 16).	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
43.	#190643 Mayor's Request	Requesting the appropriation of \$630,000 in Capital Funds from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund for the acquisition of three parcels at 15-25 Cross Street East (Map 89, Block K, Parcels 14, 15, and 16).	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee

44. #190644 Requesting approval of two Grants of Easement for the Fire Dept. at 266
Officer's Request Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

45. #190645 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Inman Motor Sales, 39 Webster
License/Permit Ave., 30 autos outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

46. #190646 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More LLC,
License/Permit 109 Bailey Rd., No autos.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

47. #188306 Requesting approval of an amendment to the Local Historic District
Mayor's Request Ordinance to create and add properties to the Flint St. District (Group A).

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED BY ROLL CALL
[UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters.

48. #190647 Andy Puglia submitting comments re: Sean O'Brien's non-appointment as a
Public Reserve Firefighter.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

49. #190648 Personnel Director submitting a communication from the State's Human
Officer's Resources Division on clarification of Police Reserve Certification.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

50. #190649 Requesting approval to establish the position of Youth & Volunteer
Mayor's Request Coordinator.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

51. #190650
Officer's
Communication
- Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

52. #190651
Citation
- By Ald. The Entire Board
Commending Rebekah Gewirtz for her distinguished service as Vice
President of this Board in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #190652
Citation
- By Ald. The Entire Board
Commending John Connolly for his distinguished service as President of this
Board in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #190653
Citation
- Commending the Clerks of Committee, Robert McWatters, Charles Sillari,
and Peter Forcellese on a job well done clerking 145 Committee meetings in
2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #190654
Citation
- Commending City Cable Producer Alvino Argant for his fine behind-the-
scenes production work in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. #190655
Citation
- Commending City Clerk John Long on a job well done in 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk