

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 22, 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	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. #191985 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. #191986 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 11, 2011, and the  
Minutes Regular Meeting, August 25, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. #191987 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 8 feet of conduit in  
Grant of Location College Ave. to provide service to 30 College Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4. #191988 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 51 feet of conduit in  
Grant of Location Windsor Place to provide service to 520 Columbia St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

5. #191989 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 44 feet of conduit in Grant of Location Albion St. to provide service to 152 Albion St.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITION:** That work be performed only between 9 AM and 3 PM.

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

6. #191990 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk on Grove Street, between Elm Street and the Grove Street parking lot.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7. #191991 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway near the intersection of Chandler and William Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. #191992 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate electric utility company to repair the inoperable street lamps at the entrance to the Rite Aide parking lot on Grove Street and that the Commissioner provide this Board with an update on finding a vendor to maintain the city's street lamps.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9. #191993 Order By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Chief of Police enforce the one-way traffic at the intersection of Harvard and Atherton Streets, especially during AM and PM commuting hours.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **10. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

- A. #191994 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on Committee Report September 22, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #191983 Requesting the appointment of Matthew Kane to the position of Permanent Mayor's Request Firefighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #191984 Requesting the appointment of Daniel Donegan to the position of Permanent Mayor's Request Firefighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #191995 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of Committee Report the Whole on September 20, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

12. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. #191996 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 21, Committee Report 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #191866 Renewing Garage License, Somerville Body Works, 42 Dana St., 10 autos in, License/Permit 2 out.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITIONS:**

The license is approved for 60 days only.

The doors at 42 Dana St. are to be kept closed.

No vehicles are to be parked on the street.

No work is to be performed before 8 AM or after 6 PM Monday-Friday, before 8 AM or after 2 PM Saturday, or at any time on Sunday.

- C. #191867 Renewing Garage License, Pearl St. Auto Sales, 56 Bonair St., 8 autos in. License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. #191960 Public Event Permit, Stereo Drive-By Concert, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep License/Permit 24, 4PM (raindate Oct 1).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- E. #191962 New Hawker Peddler License, RCN Becocom, Communications services.  
License/Permit

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITIONS:**

Approved for 90 days only.  
Operation allowed only on the Magoun Sq. Dunkin Donuts' property.  
Operation permitted Fridays and Saturdays, 8AM-4PM only.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #191997 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on  
Committee Report September 15, 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #191481 Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 11-38 regarding rodent control.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- C. #191998 By Ald. Connolly  
Resolution That this Board requests that the Administration, upon the adoption of a  
Rodent Control Ordinance, take immediate action to enlighten the public  
about it.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

14. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #191999 Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on September 12,  
Committee Report 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192000 By Ald. Roche  
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the MA Highway Dept.  
regarding the missing rotary sign on Alewife Brook Parkway near Dilboy  
Stadium, and forward a copy of this request to the State Delegation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. #192001 By Ald. Roche  
Order That the City Clerk notify the Director of the Housing Authority of the  
serious obstacle presented by the sidewalk not being handicap accessible  
outside its newly acquired property on Alewife Brook Parkway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

15. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #192002 Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on September 19, Committee Report 2011.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #192003 By Ald. White Jr.  
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that bus stops near the Somerville Hospital are cleared of snow.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

16. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #192004 Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on September 20, 2011. Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

17. #192005 Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to establish minimum Mayor's Request pervious area requirements on lots in certain zoning districts.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

18. #192006 Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 and authorization to borrow the Mayor's Request same amount in a bond for various repairs to municipal buildings.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

19. #192007 Requesting an appropriation of \$55,000 and authorization to borrow the same Mayor's Request amount in a bond to replace the apron at the Fire Dept. Headquarters.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

20. #192008 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 and authorization to borrow the same amount in a bond to repair the Dept. of Public Works roof.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

21. #192009 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for private way reconstruction work.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

22. #192010 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund the purchase of street benches and barrels.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

23. #192011 Mayor's Request Request to pay prior year invoices in the Department of Public Works from the FY12 appropriation, totalling \$11,031.75.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

24. #192012 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$31,809 from the Office of Justice Programs FY11 Byrne JAG Grant for the use of the Police Dept.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

25. #192013 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an overtime reimbursement from Federal Realty to cover Police expenses associated with the Riverfest Fireworks event on September 17, 2011.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

26. #192014 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an \$800 grant from the MetLife Foundation to support the Arts Council's Art in a Garden program.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

27. #192015  
Mayor's Request
- Requesting to appoint Tanya Paglia to the Design Review Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

28. #192016  
Mayor's Request
- Requesting the reappointment of Elaine Severino as an Aldernate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

29. #192017  
Mayor's Request
- Requesting to reappoint Joseph Favaloro to the Planning Board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

30. #192018  
Officer's  
Communication
- Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revised Rodent Control Ordinance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

31. #192019  
Officer's  
Communication
- Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

#### NEW BUSINESS

32. #192020  
License/Permit
- Public Event Permit, High School Class of 2012 Car Wash Fundraiser, High School Concourse, Sep 17, 9-2PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

33. #192021  
License/Permit
- Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Eat Outside the Square Foodie Crawl, Broadway from McGrath Hwy. to Sullivan Sq., Oct 25, 6-9:30PM (raindate Oct 26).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. #192022 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Run For A Cure Jason Dedrick Road Race, 56 Holland St. and Davis Sq. area, Oct 29, 10:30-1:30PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

35. #192023 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Halloween Howl Concert, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 29, 7:45-10:45PM (raindate Oct 31, 7-10PM).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

36. #192024 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving Inc.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

37. #192025 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, M. S. Walker Inc., 15R Third Ave., 90,000 gallons.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. #192026 License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Ave., 13 residents.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. #192027 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 5 autos in, 1 out.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

40. #192028 License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's Restaurant, 142 Cross St., Sun-Sat till 2AM for deliveries only.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

41. #192029 Public Communication George O'Shea submitting comments re: George Dilboy Post 529, 371 Summer St., operating a commercial parking lot without a permit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee



## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

42. #192030 By Ald. Trane  
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at 45 and 49 Moore Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

43. #192031 Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$8,000 from the Homeland  
Mayor's Request Security Investigations Office for the Police Dept. to purchase a Cellbrite Mobile Forensic and Data Transfer Device.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. #192032 Requesting approval for this Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss  
Mayor's Request the status of the Green Line Extension including litigation strategy.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

**ABSENT:** Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

45. #192033 William Campbell submitting comments re: H1972, An Act Regulating  
Public Election Primaries.  
Communication

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## LATE ITEMS

46. #191959 Requesting approval to accept a \$25,000 MA Emergency Management  
Mayor's Request Performance Grant for the Fire Dept. to purchase equipment.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

47. #192034 By Ald. White Jr., Pero, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond  
Order That the Chief of Police order directed patrols along Shore Drive, including the adjoining water front and wooded area.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

48. #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: APPROVED**

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

49. #192036  
Mayor's Request

Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk