

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2013, 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	
Maureen Cuff-Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	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. #194399 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #194400 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 14, 2013.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #194401 By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Somerville's Greek Community on the happy occasion of
Greek Independence Day, celebrated on March 23, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #194402 By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending the High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team for being 2013
Greater Boston League Tri-Champions.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #194403 Citation By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Indira Evora, Captain of the High School's Girls' Basketball team, on an outstanding High School career, as a 4-time GBL All-Star and the 6th Highlander ever to score 1,000 points.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #194404 Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine the proper placement of the traffic signs at Broadway (heading west) and the McGrath Highway and communicate the results to DCR.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #194405 Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi That the Commissioner of Public Works implement a pothole patrol in Ward One along the entirety of Broadway and all other primary roadways.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #194406 Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi That the Commissioner of Public Works replace and/or install the NO DUMPING signs damaged during the recent blizzard at the attached list of locations.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #194407 Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Lombardi Way, under I-93, is regularly swept.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #194408 Resolution By Ald. White Jr. That this Board requests that representatives of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health study and SPCD's Housing Division appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the recent \$675,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to address health risks to residents from I-93.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

11. #194409
Order

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a breakdown of all tickets and other types of citations, such as criminal complaints, issued by building inspectors and health inspectors, including the types of violations, the face amounts of the fines, and the amounts collected.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

12. #194410
Resolution

By Ald. Sullivan

That this Board requests that the Administration consider a program to allow dog owners and dogs to enjoy off-leash play and exercise time in certain city parks at designated times.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: That the Police Dept., the Animal Control Office, and Som|Dog all be invited to contribute to the design of the program.

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

13. #194411
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the attached list of street lights in Ward Four.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #194412
Order

By Ald. Connolly, Cuff-Bastardi, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD create and maintain space on the city website detailing the two residential development proposals in Ward One (Otis Street/McGrath Highway and Garfield/Cross Streets).

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: That the Director of SPCD also create and maintain space on the city website for other development proposals whenever requested by an Alderman.

15. #194413
Order

By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works institute the pothole patrol and maintain it as long as necessary, city-wide throughout the spring.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #194414 By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all out of service street lamps
on Grove Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. #194348 By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending the High School Varsity Boys Hockey Team for winning the
Greater Boston League Championship.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #194415 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 6, 2013.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193480 Requesting an appropriation of \$15,000 from the Capital Projects
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the Somerville STEAM Academy.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #194313 Requesting an increase in the Council on Aging Revolving Fund
Mayor's Request Expenditure Cap for FY2013 of \$30,000.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #194416 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 13,
Committee Report 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #194417 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on Committee Report March 13, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #194059 By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect all properties on Melvin Street for signs of rodent infestation and issue citations accordingly.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

21. #194418 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$304,000 in a bond
Mayor's Request for Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. #194419 Requesting a transfer of \$1,904,538.03 from the Salary Contingency
Mayor's Request Account to the attached list of Departmental Salary Accounts to fund the retroactive component of the SMEA Collective Bargaining Settlement.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Sullivan recused.

23. #194420 Requesting the transfer of \$103,587.35 from the Salary Contingency
Mayor's Request Account to Departmental Other Lump Sum Payments Accounts as listed to fund a Memorandum of Understanding with the SMEA.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Sullivan recused.

24. #194421 Requesting a transfer of \$33,918.20 from the Salary Contingency Account
Mayor's Request to the referenced Departmental Salary Accounts to fund a Memorandum of Understanding with the SMEA.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Sullivan recused.

25. #194422 Requesting a transfer of \$1,265 from the Salary Contingency Account to the
Mayor's Request Personnel Dept. Salaries Account to implement a salary adjustment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #194423 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay prior fiscal year invoices totaling \$18,833.37 using FY13 appropriations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #194424 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a lumber donation totaling \$12,000 from the Eastman Chemical Company, for the Quincy Park Boardwalk.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #194425 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. #194426 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese Jr. as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #194427 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #194428 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

32. #194429 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #194349 re: Vinal St., and #194350 re: Beacon Terrace.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

33. #194430 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Kickass Cupcakes Miniature Golfing, Davis Sq. Plaza, Mar 9, 11AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. #194431 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Candlelight Vigil for Richard McCann, High School Rear Parking Lot, Mar 20, 5-8:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #194432 License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Passion Re-enactment, St. Benedict area, Mar 29, 5-6:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #194433 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, High School Concourse and area roads, Apr 7, 10AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. #194434 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Nave Gallery Yarn Storm, Trees citywide, Apr 20-Dec 15.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #194435 License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Marion Procession, St. Benedict area, May 12, 11-11:45AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #194436 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day and Herbert Streets, May 22-Nov 27, 12-7PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #194437 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, Banner, and Ceremony, Davis Square and area roads, Oct 5, 6:30AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #194438 Dart Container Corp. submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on
Public polystyrene.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

42. #194439 Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a
Mayor's Request Statement of Interest to the MA School Building Authority for the High
School.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #194440 Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a
Mayor's Request Statement of Interest to the MA School Building Authority for the Benjamin
G. Brown School.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #194441 Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a
Mayor's Request Statement of Interest to the MA School Building Authority for the Winter
Hill Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #194442 Public Event Permit, Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kick Off, HS Atrium and
License/Permit Field House, Apr 13, 8-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #194443 Public Event Permit, Somerville Spring Clean Up, Citywide with BBQ at
License/Permit Blessing of the Bay Boat House, Apr 27, 8-5PM (raindate Apr 28).

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #194444 Public Event Permit, 2013 SomerStreets Series, Jun 2 at East Broadway
License/Permit (McGrath to Franklin), Jul 28 at Highland Ave. (Walnut to Cedar), Aug 18
at Shore Dr. (Entirety), Sep 8 at Alewife Brook Pkwy. (Dilboy to
Broadway), Oct 20 at Somerville Ave. (Union Sq to Beacon), all 10-6PM--
events 12-4PM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

48. #194445 Public Event Permit, Summertime in Somerville, Trum Field, Fireworks Jun
License/Permit 27, 5-10:30PM (raindate Jun 28), Family Fun Day, June 29, 12-5PM
(raindate Jun 30).

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #194446 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Benny's Auto Sales, 508
License/Permit Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #194447 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diva Indian Bistro, 246 Elm St.
License/Permit

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

51. #194448 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Director of Communications add to the online city calendar a
listing for a neighborhood meeting whenever requested by an Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #194449 Requesting an appropriation of \$12,965 from the Capital Projects
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for a Scoreboard.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Taylor,
Lafuente, Gewirtz, Trane

ABSENT: Maureen Cuff-Bastardi, Sean T. O'Donovan

53. #194345 Sign/Awning Permit, Stanhope Framers, 55 Bow St., new awnings.
License/Permit

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits, then referred
back to the Committee.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

54. #194450 Public Event Permit, Friends of Deanna Cremin Walk, Winter Hill
License/Permit Community School to Jaques St., Mar 30, 5-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk