

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

1. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Congratulating the Community Baptist Church on the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Baptist Church community here in Somerville.
2. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending William Shea on his leadership of Ames Envelope, and his involvement in the community, from 1988 through 2002.
3. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing trash receptacle at the corner of North St. and Broadway.
4. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services perform follow up visits, within 48 hours after issuing a citation, to properties receiving citations for failure to remove snow, and issue a second and third citation when necessary.
5. Order By Ald. Trane, That the City Solicitor issue an opinion on using Auxiliary Police to issue snow removal citations.
6. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services forward to this Board a monthly activity report on the number of inspections, permits and citations issued by building inspectors.
7. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board of Alderman requests that the Administration establish a committee to review all building and health ordinances, in order to update them, with specific attention being paid to enforcement language, including but not limited to, fines and penalties for violations, and that the Mayor report back to this Board on the make-up of such committee within 30 days.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Broadway at Franklin St.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor and enforce the No Right Turn restriction on Aldrich St. coming from the Pearl St. Auto Sales property.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking continue to monitor and ticket, as needed, commercial vehicles parking overnight on Dana, Bonair and Wigglesworth Sts.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works paint the faded stop line on Washington St. at Myrtle St.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Superintendent of Lights and Lines coordinate the repair of the utility pole at Autumn and Bonair Sts. that has gaping holes around the base and poses a potential safety hazard.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines coordinate the replacement of bulbs on streetlamps opposite the entrance of 75 Myrtle St.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify this Board of the permitted uses at 51 Clyde St., formerly the Charter School location.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the Ward Five Alderman regarding the requested 30-MINUTE PARKING signs in front of 278B and 233-239 Highland Ave.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place Order #172690 back on the Traffic Commission agenda and notify the Ward Five Alderman of the hearing via e-mail, one week prior to the meeting.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of any developments regarding the re-construction of the Lowell St. Bridge.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect pipes under Gussie Terrace which affect water pressure at 10 Gussie Terrace.

19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking e-mail the Traffic Commission schedule and agenda to all aldermen one week prior to each Commission meeting.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the garages located on Warwick St. behind Royal White Laundry, for commercial business activity.
21. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration contact Tufts University to discuss an annual payment plan in lieu of taxes similar to the model currently in place with the City of Cambridge and its universities.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Highways close the curb at 15-19 Leonard St., weather and season permitting, as per the Planning Board decision of July, 2002.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services notify the owner of the property at 1 Powderhouse Square to remove the graffiti from the wall on College Ave. ASAP.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing brick sidewalk pavers in front of the Singer Sewing Center on Elm St. near the corner of Day St.
25. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Kidder Ave. between College and Liberty Aves., Grove St. near Winslow Ave., and College Ave. opposite #27.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Public Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 49-51 College Ave. for any and all zoning and /or building code violations and take all necessary enforcement action.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Highways inspect the premises at 54 Burnside Ave. for a possible curb cut to allow access for a driveway for the resident homeowner, and consult with the City Arborist, if necessary, to ensure the safety of the tree in the proximate area of the curb cut.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the fallen tree branch from the front of 103 Orchard St. and instruct the City Arborist to inspect the tree for possible removal.

29. Order By Ald. McCallum, Roche and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the contractors performing the work at the intersection of Pearl and Walnut Sts. that the area has to be re-graded.
30. Resolution By Ald. McCallum and the Entire Board, That this Board of Aldermen recommends that the new CVS in Magoun Sq. be built using Somerville union contractors and labor.
31. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor Meacham and Moreland Sts. for commercial vehicles parking overnight.
32. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at the corner of Puritan Rd. and Shore Dr.
33. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 76 Moreland St. for all code violations, especially those concerning illegal rooming houses.
34. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the STOP sign at the corner of Main and Fremont Sts.
35. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the feasibility of changing Heath St. to a one way, from Edgar Ave. to Temple St.
36. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police increase patrols around the Evergreen Ave. and Dartmouth St. area as there are several vehicles stopping to drop off and pick up people at that corner.
37. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 86 Fellsway West, 15 Taylor St., 147 Walnut St., and the intersection of Moreland and Meacham Sts.
38. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Chief of Police and the Director of Housing and Community Development address the continuing issues at Nunziato Field, specifically, locking and unlocking the field at posted times, dog feces, and the lack of a dog run, and report back to this Board within 30 days. This is one of many past requests to resolve these problems.

39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street lights at 59 Elm St. and at the top of the hill on Washington St. at the Lincoln Park School. (2nd request.)
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines add the utility pole at 30 Prospect St. to the list submitted to Verizon for replacement and possible relocation due to the hazardous situation it poses for pedestrians.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the MBTA to replace the signage for the bus stop at 30 Prospect St.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor review, and report back to this Board, the necessary steps for the City to charge a fee for responses by the Fire Dept. to large organizations, businesses and buildings for false alarms.
43. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Housing and Community Development advise this Board as to the likely completion date of the Assembly Square Traffic Study, prepared by Rizzo Associates, and provide each Board member with a copy of the plan once it is completed.
44. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor advise this Board of the status of the following lawsuits, filed in the Middlesex Superior Court: L'Herisse v. Somerville, Civil Docket MICV2001-05504, Allen Street R.T. v. Somerville, C.A. 01-5477, Somerville v. Pet Companions, C.A. 01-03935, and Tsourianis v. Somerville, C.A. 99-6187.
45. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Housing and Community Development advise this Board as to the likely completion date of the revised Open Space Plan, prepared by McGregor and McGregor, and provide each Board member with a copy of the plan once it is completed.
46. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Clerk send a letter to the MDC asking them to advise this Board of the status of the Dilboy Stadium renovations, and the promised renovations to Foss Park.
47. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the State Highway Dept. about the large potholes that are exposing the expansion plates on the railroad bridge on the McGrath & O'Brien Highway near the intersection of Medford St.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the potholes near 85 and 138 College Ave.

49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the potholes in the area of 381 Somerville Ave.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the potholes around the manholes in the area of the Ball Sq. bridge on Broadway heading west.
51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify and inform the owner of the property located at the corner of Lincoln St. and Broadway, regarding the graffiti on the building and the city's removal policy.
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify and inform the owner of the property located at 352 Washington St., regarding the graffiti on the building and the city's removal policy.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the potholes on Central St. heading south, around the gate box at the intersection of Summer St.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing sign and pole in front of 82 Central St. or remove the "breakaway" sticking out of the sidewalk.
55. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the dead tree branches on the tree located in front of 122 Powderhouse Blvd.
56. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Chief of Police remove all skateboarders from the High School and Concourse grounds forthwith and report back to this Board within 7 days.
57. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the High School and Concourse grounds.
58. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate 19 and 19-Rear Prospect Hill Ave. for any code violations.
59. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Chief of Police instruct the Traffic Division to enforce the Stop signal requirement at the intersection of Prospect Hill Ave. and Munroe St.
60. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Boston and Walnut Sts.

61. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a written policy and procedure for Snow Emergency enforcement, and respond to this Board within 7 days.
62. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Director of Purchasing submit a list of all contractors for City construction projects of \$100,000 and over and subcontractors for City construction projects of \$25,000 and over to the Committee on Legislative Matters, and respond within 7 days.
63. Resolution By Ald. Curtatone, That the Administration and the Chief of Police submit all data pertaining to the issuance of citations via traffic enforcement, and revenues received from the same during the present fiscal year, to the Committee on Finance, and respond within 7 days.
64. Resolution By Ald. Curtatone, That the Administration and Chief of Police analyze the potential benefits that would be gained via the installation of surveillance cameras at strategic locations for the purpose of traffic enforcement.
65. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Connolly, That the Chief of Police instruct the Traffic Division to conduct speed surveillance along College Ave.
66. Order By Ald. Curtatone and Trane, That the Chief of Police instruct the Traffic Division to conduct speed surveillance along Holland St.
67. Order By Ald. Curtatone and McCallum, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO-RIGHT TURN EXCEPT RESIDENTS FROM 7-9AM sign at the intersection of Mystic Ave. and Temple St.
68. Resolution By Ald. Curtatone, That the Administration and Chief of Police examine the feasibility of allowing any laid-off Police Officer or retiree to perform traffic and parking surveillance duties for the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

69. Resolution That the City's Emergency Response Team, and the concerned citizens who stopped to offer aid, be commended for their assistance during the recent emergency on Vinal Ave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

70. Requesting the funds available in FY2003 Police Dept. Maintenance Account to pay \$505.58 in prior year invoices.

- 71. Requesting confirmation to appoint Joan Lastovica of 106 Summer St. to the position of City Engineer.
- 72. Requesting confirmation to appoint Jennifer Kaminsky to the Bicycle Committee.
- 73. Requesting confirmation to appoint Jade Moran of 257 Highland Ave. to the Arts Council.
- 74. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Sally Hoyt of 221 West St., Reading, as Constable.
- 75. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Albert Darling of 66 Fayette St., Cambridge, as Constable.
- 76. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Erik Darling of 66 Fayette St., Cambridge, as Constable.
- 77. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint John Hoyt of 221 West St., Reading, as Constable.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 78. Report of the Committee on Youth, Jan. 28.
- 79. Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Jan. 28.
- 80. Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Feb. 12.
- 81. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Jan. 30.
- 82. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 5.
- 83. Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Matters & Finance, Feb. 5.
- 84. Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 11.
- 85. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Feb. 11.
- 86. Report of the Committee on Conf. of Appointments, Feb. 11.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 87. City Solicitor responding to #173152 re: Home Rule Petition to lease the Bow St. Police Station.

88. City Solicitor responding to #173148 re: Authorizing overtime in the Law Office.
89. City Solicitor responding to #172300 re: Potential claim against W. R. Grace.
90. Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #172892 re: Parking along McGrath Highway frontage road.
91. Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173051 re: Traffic mitigation in Prospect Hill.
92. Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173155 re: Registration of vehicles in Somerville by residents.
93. Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173122 re: Ticketing at Mystic Ave. and Moreland St.
94. Traffic Commission conveying revisions to the criteria for the dedication of a square.
95. Historic Preservation Commission proposing amendments to the City's Historic Districts Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

96. Bond **Public Official's Bond**
John J. Long, City Clerk
97. Bond John J. McGinn, Treasurer
98. Bond John J. McGinn, Tax Collector
99. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Tufts University Cycling Team, Bicycle Race, March 29 all day.
100. Public Occ. Somerville Open Studios, hanging banners on SCAT Building,
April 18 to May 5.
101. Public Occ. M.O.M.'s Run, Cancer Road Race starting at Davis Square, May
11 at 10AM.
102. Public Occ. Somerville Track PAC, Ras Na h-Eirann Road Race, Finish line
staging behind Davis Sq. Brooks Pharmacy, Mar. 16, 6AM-1PM.

103. Petition **Temporary Use of Public Property**
CAAS requesting to use the vacant lot at 34 Allen St. as a staging area for the construction at 29-33 Allen St.
104. Awning **Awning over Public Way**
Imperial Jewelry Inc., 499 Medford St.
105. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto License, Class 2**
G.E.M.I. Car Inc., d/b/a Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.
106. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 2**
Somerville Auto Brokers, 583 Broadway.
107. Used Car Lic Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St.
108. Used Car Lic Domenic Fabrizio d/b/a Fabrizio Auto Sales, 290R Somerville Ave.
109. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 3**
Ed's Used Auto Parts, 416-418 Columbia St.
110. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver**
Charles Shepherd.
111. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Thomas C. O'Keefe.
112. Claim Notice Elizabeth Teixeira.
113. Claim Notice Maria Corricelli.
114. Comm. **Communication**
State Senator Shannon notifying the Board that he has re-filed legislation to ban the use of wood treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate in park and playground equipment.
115. Comm. Brenda Lawson-Velez communicating a complaint against Joseph and Jean Auto Repair and Body.
116. Comm. State Department of Housing and Community Development conveying the appointment of Iwona Bonney to the State's seat on the Redevelopment Authority.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM