Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, January 2, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Hodgkins, presiding.

Aldermen Gilbert, Wiley, Whitney, Sparrow, Chandler, Rich, Jones and Downe present.

Resignation Inspector of Animals & Provisions

Received the following communication from His Honor the Mayor,

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To the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen,

I hereby accept the resignation of Captain Thomas Cunningham, as Inspector of Animals kept for slaughter, and of Provisions, the same to take effect at the close of the Municipal year. The duties of the office, of late have become very onerous, and for a part of the time have been performed by an official designated by the State Board of Cattle Commissioners, and, as the Commissioners have the authority to remove an official appointed by the city and designate one to act in his place, I recommend that this course be conducted in the appointment of a new Inspector. In accepting this resignation I bear willing testimony to the faithful service of Captain Cunningham during the many years he has been called to occupy varied offices and to express the honor and high esteem in which he is held by the Citizens of Somerville, and my best wishes for his future welfare

Respectfully
Wm. H. Hodgkins, Mayor

Accompanying the foregoing communication was the resignation therein referred to.

Resignation accepted on the part of this board.

Report of Mayor conference with gas companies

His Honor, the Mayor, upon an order dated April 11, requesting him to confer with the two gas companies supplying gas in this city with a view to securing a reduction of the price to $1.00 per thousand cubic ft. reported orally that he had held such conference and the price of gas was reduced July 1, by the Cambridge Gas Light Co to $1.25 per thousand cubic feet, and the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co made the same reduction from the first

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of the present month; also that both companies had under consideration the subject of reducing the price to One dollar per thousand.

Accepted.

Received the following communication from His Honor the Mayor — Report of Mayor

Mayor's Office, Jan. 2, 1896. — conference with

To the Honorable City Council, — Cambridge & Arlington

Gentlemen, — Contagious Disease Hospital

In accordance with an order of the City Council dated Oct. 15, 1895, and in pursuance thereof, a conference was held in the office of the Mayor of Cambridge on Thursday evening Dec. 12, at which were present the president of the board of aldermen of Somerville, two members of the board of selectmen of Arlington, one of whom is also a member of the board of health of that town, the chairman and one other member of the board of health of Cambridge and the Mayor of Cambridge. The expediency of the establishment of a hospital for contagious diseases to be used jointly by the three municipalities represented at the conference was discussed at length, but as neither the representative of the city of Somerville, nor the representatives of the town of Arlington was empowered to act, no action was taken. It was understood, however, that a report of the conference would be made to the constituted authorities for each municipality and that these reports might lead to subsequent action. In view of the fact that the proposed hospital is to be an expensive one, the first outlay being about $75,000 with prospect of much additional expense, I respectfully recommend that the subject be referred to the next City Council, to await any further proposition that may be made.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Kidder,

Mayor

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the months of November. — Report. ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Read for information.

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Petitions — Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors.

William S. Mooney, 1 Harrison St. aged 11.
Robert H. Starratt, 2 Elm St. 13.
both approved by the Chief of Police,
Licenses granted.

Petition — Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from
Hirc Goldstein, 15 Seward St.
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted.

Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from
Hirc Goldstein, 15 Seward St.
George F. Jewett, 27 Joseph St.
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Petitions — Received petitions for permits to move buildings, from
Sylvester Richards, through Konan, Dana and Otis streets, and
Otis S. M. Hackell, through Broadway, Glen, Tufts, Cross, Medford and Washington streets, each certified by the Superintendent of Streets and Electric Lines, that the statements as to measurements (which are repeated in the accompanying order) are substantially correct, and that, in their judgment the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.
Placed on file.

Orders — Aldermen Whitney and Gilbert, respectively, offered orders granting permits to move buildings to
Sylvester Richards, through Konan, Dana and Otis streets, and
Otis S. M. Hackell, through Broadway, Glen, Tufts, Cross, Medford and Washington streets, as recorded respectively, on pages 486 and 487, of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, — Reports ✓

on the petition of Mrs Helen M. Cheney, for a licence as a common victualler at No 109 A Broadway, reported an order.

on the petitions for licences to play on hand organs in the streets, from Vincenzo Amarena and Domenico Negro, reported an order.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That a common victualler's licence be, and is hereby granted to Mrs Helen M. Cheney, of No 109 A Broadway street, under provisions of chapter 102 of the Public Statutes, said licence to remain in force until the first day of May next, unless sooner forfeited or rendered void.

Ordered,

That a licence be, and is hereby granted to Vincenzo Amarena and Domenico Negro to play hand organs in the streets of the city, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, when they each shall have paid for the use of the city, the sum of One Dollar for such licence, — said licences to expire May 1st 1896 unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, — Reports ✓

on the petition of John J. Sullivan, for a drain layer's licence reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Susan P. Gladwell and others, for a sewer in Broadway at North Somerville, reported that sewer accommodations are now being provided.

on the petition of Norman H. Bingham and others, for the construction of sewers in Fremont, Meacham and Moreland streets, reported that sewers are now under construction in said streets.

on the petition of Martha B. Bass and others, that the sewer in Summer Street between Row and Church streets be made larger and deeper reported that extensive repairs have been made upon said sewer.

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on the petitions of D. B. Spaulding and others, for the examination of the present sewer and the construction of a new sewer in Springfield street, reported that a manhole in the sewer has been ordered at the Cambridge end of Springfield street.

on the petition of Seoretta F. O'Neil and others, for temporary as well as permanent relief from inadequate sewerage and surface drainage facilities in Oak street from the angle in said street to the Cambridge line,- which temporary relief it was thought might be afforded by flushing the present sewer,- reported that the sewer complained of is a private drain and, it being inadequate, the abutters should petition for a common sewer.

on the petition of the West Somerville Associates, that sewerage be provided for the vicinity of Jay, Thorndike, Howard and the lower end of Elmwood streets,- reported that arrangements are being made for the construction of a sewer for the drainage of said district.

on the petition of C. C. Souther and others, that the sewer in Preston street be extended about 60 feet,- reported that in the judgment of said committee it is inexpedient to take any action on said petition, as proper drainage has been provided for the estates of the abutters.

on an order dated April 13, 1892, for the rebuilding of that portion of the small sewer in Elm street, which extends about 300 feet southeastwardly from Cherry street, reported recommending no action under said order.

on an order of March 13, 1889, to investigate and to report to this board as to the advisability of building a sewer in the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad,- reported inexpedient to take any action.

on an order of July 10, authorizing the purchase of 450 feet of leather hose, reported that hose has been purchased, as authorized, at a cost of $182.50.

on an order of June 12, authorizing a contract with D. W. Lewis for the furnishing of such drain pipe as may be required during the year, reported that a contract has been made as authorized.

on an order of Nov. 7, to cooperate with the City of Cambridge in removing the de-

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posits at the mouth of the Hridge street sewer, reported that such deposits have been removed at a cost, to this city, of $ 1145.86.

on petitions for catch-basins, from James W. Bonner, for one at the N.W. corner of Bean and Dickinson streets, - J. V. Foster and others, for one in Campbell Park E, - and Thomas Walsh and others, for one on the easterly side of Harrison st, about 200 feet from Kent street, - reported that catch-basins have been constructed as prayed for.

on orders of October 9 to construct and make contract for the construction of a common sewer in Dryden Circle, - reported that Thomas B. Bonner, who petitioned for such sewer has constructed, on his own responsibility and in violation of the city ordinance, a sewer in said Dryden Circle, and recommended that he be not allowed to enter ~~with~~ the main sewer until he complies with the ordinance.

on petitions of Gilbert H. Aymar, for a sewer in Roseland street, from the sewer in Heath street northeasterly about 260 feet, - D. L. Bradeley and others, for sewers in Austin street, Raymond Ave, Professors Row, Mt. Pleasant Ave, and Boswell Ave, - and F. P. Winter and others, for a catch-basin on the westerly side of Elm street, between Beach and Russell streets, - reported leave to withdraw.

on orders of May 26, and June 12, for the construction of a common sewer in Pearl street, from the sewer already laid in Franklin street westerly about 75 feet and to make a contract with Charles A. Morgan for the construction of said sewer, - reported the sewer has been constructed, as authorized, and at the expense of the petitioner.

on an order of Aug. 27, 1894, to cause a common sewer to be constructed in land of the Boston and Maine Railroad, from the manhole in North Union street, near the outlet of the sewer built in 1879, westerly to the outlet of the sewer in Mystic Ave, near Austin street, on an order of Nov. 14, 1894, authorizing a contract with Maurice Kuttner for construction of such sewer, - reported that the sewer has been constructed as authorized.

on an order of Oct. 24, 1894, to make a contract with Dennis O'Donnell for the

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construction of the North Union street sewer extension, from the manhole at the end of the North Union street sewer built in 1879, across the lands of the Boston and Maine and the Boston and Albany Railroads, to the high water mark of the Mystic River, reported that a contract has been made as authorized

on an order of July 11, 1894, to make such changes in and extensions of the outlets of the sewers in North Union street and Mystic Ave, as may be necessary to provide for the proposed changes in grade of land owned by the Boston and Maine Railroad, the expense so incurred to be charged to Sewers (construction) Account, - reported that changes and extensions have been made as authorized.

on orders of Oct 23, Nov 1, Nov 14, and Nov 27, for the construction of sewers in Broadway, from Cedar St. to Winchester St, - in Wilson Ave, from Broadway to the Boston and Maine Railroad, - in Cedar street, from the middle of Broadway southwesterly about 375 feet, - in Mystic Ave. and Moreland, East Albion, Fremont and Meacham streets, and in Willow Ave and Foskett st, - and authorizing contracts with Christopher Burke for the construction of sewers in Winchester st and Broadway, Wilson Ave, and Cedar st and Willow Ave and Foskett st, and with R. A. Hanscom & Co. for the construction of a common sewer in Mystic Ave, and Moreland, East Albion, Fremont and Meacham streets, - reported that such contracts have been made and all of said sewers are in process of construction.

on petitions of F. G. Reed for the removal of the open sewer through his land nearly opposite Winthrop Ave. - John H. Hall and others, for a common sewer in Broadway and Boston Ave from Liberty Ave to the Medford line, - E. F. Shaffer and others, for immediate action to remedy the inadequacy of the sewer in Broad st, and of Mr Thomas A. Devine for a catch-basin in Beacon St, at the corner of Washington St, recommended their reference to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

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The Committee on Highways, on the petition of G. H. Stern, that the pole of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, standing on the N.W. side of School Street, in front of the estate No. 242, be removed some fifteen feet northerly from its present location, - reported an order

Accepted.

Report. ✓

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered, -

That the location of the post erected by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and now standing on the northwesterly side of School street, in front of the premises numbered 242 on said street, be changed and altered by removing said post to a point on the northwesterly side of said School street, fourteen and five feet distant northeasterly from its present location, such change of location being, in the judgment of this board necessary and the same to be done by said company at its expense and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Telephone and Telegraph Lines, provided that if the said post be not in a proper condition to be again erected, the said company may substitute another which shall conform to the conditions of the order under which said first-named post was erected.

Accepted.

Order ✓

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of, -

Philip Highley, for removal of the middle one of three trees, Spring st, in front of the estate No. 144 Summer street.

Jeremiah Barrington, for removal of tree corner Hilton and Dowell streets.

W. J. Edwards, for removal of tree Beacon st near Museum st.

Frank H. Hanson, for re-location of pole, Highland Ave.

Richard T. Snow and others, for gravel sidewalks with edgestones both sides Robinson st.

H. D. Wiggood and others, for brick sidewalk southerly side Highland Ave from Medford st. to Walnut st, or from Hamlet st, to Thorpe Place.

Amos Keyes and others, for brick sidewalks east side Adams st.

Catherine Purcell and others, for brick sidewalks both sides Rosemore st.

R. N. Wakefield and others, for brick sidewalks Highland Ave, between Brooker and Tower streets.

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Nathaniel W. Lillie and others, for brick sidewalks southerly side of Medford st, from Central st, to Bartlett st.

First Baptist Society and others for brick sidewalks with edgestones easterly side Belmont st, from Summer st to the estate owned by Joseph K. James.

Wilber P. Rice and others, for gravel sidewalks, with edgestones northerly side of Highland Ave from Grove st to West st.

Wm. H. S. Jarvis and others, for brick sidewalks Pearl st, from James st to Medford st.

recommended their reference to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

Report

The Committee on Highways on the petition of J. O. Hayden for a street crossing across Highland Ave at Central st reported that a crossing has been laid as prayed for.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 2, Accepted in concurrence.

Report

The Committee on Highways on the petitions of the Mayor of Malden, that Willington bridge be put in proper condition for public travel.

Joseph A. White and others, that Hudson street, from Lowell st to Cedar st, be graded and macadamized.

John S. Hill and others, for a street crossing across Highland Ave in line with east side of Cherry street.

Joseph J. Giles and others, for the acceptance of Burnside Ave.

S. J. Rand and others, for the acceptance of Wigglesworth st.

Mrs. S. Sweetser and others, for the acceptance of Lee st.

R. F. Godfrey and others, for the acceptance of Avon st.

Charles H. Lowell and others, for the acceptance of Kidder Ave &c.

William N. Young for edgestones on the southerly side of Pinckney street, from Wheeler st, northerly at his estate, he to pay for the edgestones,

recommended their reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

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The Committee on Public Property, on an order of Nov. 27, to make a contract with F. Bryant & Co. for the electric wiring in the Wm. H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland street for the sum of $ 597.50, reported that such contract has been made.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence.

Report ✓

The Committee on Gas and Street Lights, on an order of Aug 14, to locate two incandescent lights to take the place of three oil lamps on Boston Ave between the Medford line and Alewife Brook, recommended reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence.

Report ✓

The Committee on Fire Department on an order of May 24, 1893, to consider the advisability of placing fire alarm bells and strikers on the Lincoln School, Broadway, and the petition of John Medina and others that a fire alarm bell be placed on the Lincoln School or on the schoolhouse on Holland st, - reported inexpedient to take any action at the present time.

on an order dated Dec. 11, to purchase two hose and to sell two now in the department, at a cost not to exceed $ 250.00

recommended, reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence.

Reports ✓

The Committee on Finance on the request of the Somerville Water Board, for a transfer of five thousand dollars, from Water Maintenance to Water Works Extension account, - reported that such transfer has been made by the City Council.

on a communication from the Committee on Water, stating that its appropriation was nearly exhausted and should the streets be watered until November 1, an additional appropriation would be necessary, - reported that said Committee on Water was advised to continue watering if necessary, and did so until November 9, inclusive.

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on petition of Overseers of the Poor that an Almshouse be furnished, - request of Committee on Sewers, for an additional appropriation for current Maintenance, - order of July 25, 1894, for an appropriation for paving Somerville Ave. from Park st. to Spring st. - order of Sept 12, 1894, for an appropriation for an additional steam road roller, - order of June 30 to consider expediency of purchasing some 120114 square feet of land, adjacent to the Waterhouse Tufts Park, - order of Feb. 13 to consider the expediency of taking the Sanborn Field, so called, near to and south of Washington st. for the purpose of a public park, - order of Aug. 12, to consider the advisability of increasing the salary of the Mayor, - order of May 25, to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of seven thousand dollars for the purchase of land in East Somerville for a schoolhouse, - order of June 25, to provide for an appropriation of Two thousand dollars for Public Grounds, to defray the expense of grading Central Hill in front of the English High School, - and order of Sept. 11, to provide for an additional appropriation of Three thousand dollars for Street Lights account, - reported inexpedient to take action at present.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence.

Order

Alderman Whitney offered the following order.

Ordered, -

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to transfer from Overlay and Abatement account to Excess and Deficiency account, a sum sufficient to provide for a deficiency, should any exist in the final adjustment of the last named account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 2. 1896.

Reports

The Committee on Claims, -

on the notice of claims of Ellen O'Neill for compensation for injuries received by falling on sidewalk of Linden st. Jan. 26 1895, and George

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E. Elliott, for damages sustained to horse, wagon and harness caused by a defect in Grant St. June 28, 1895, reported and order on notice of claims from several parties on account of injuries sustained by falling on sidewalks, recommended reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Jan. 2. Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Accounts, be and is hereby instructed to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous a bill in favor of Ellen O'Neill amounting to seventy-five dollars, for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Linwood Street, January 26th 1895, and also a bill in favor of George E. Elliott amounting to one hundred and twenty-five dollars for injuries to horses, wagon and harness, caused by a defect in the highways in Grant Street, June 28th 1895.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Jan. 2 Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 2, 1896.

Alderman Sparrow offered the following order Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Accounts, be and is hereby instructed to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous, the bill of L. Roger Wentworth, Attorney, for the family of the late City Engineer, Horace L. Eaton, during the investigation of the affairs of his department, - said investigation having been ordered by the City Council assembled November 27th & 29th.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Jan. 2 Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 2, 1896.

Agreement between City and Abby P. Simpson Agreement ✓

The City of Somerville and Abby P. Simpson Promise and Agree to and with each other as follows,

1. It is desirable to definitely fix the dividing line as shown on the plan herein-

after referred to between the premises in Somerville in Middlesex County of said Abby P. Simpson and of the City of Somerville, and therefore, the dividing line between said premises is hereby fixed, determined, and agreed on by said parties, which dividing line is as shown, laid down, and delineated upon the plan hereinafter referred to, and is the line as marked on said plan by the letters A, B, C, and is the line shown on said plan as commencing at a stone bound on Holland Street at the point marked A, and thence running northeasterly two hundred seventy and forty hundredths feet to a stone bound at the point on said plan marked B, and thence running northeasterly four hundred ten and forty-three hundredths feet to a stone bound on Broadway at the point on said plan marked C. Said plan is to be recorded herewith and is designated as Plan showing Division Line between Estates of Miss Abby P. Simpson and the City of Somerville. December 20, 1895. Charles S. Elliot, Engineer.

2. The City of Somerville does hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said Abby P. Simpson and her heirs and assigns forever any right, title, and interest which it has in and to the premises located on the southeasterly side of said line or southeasterly of said line, which premises are shown on said plan as of Miss Abby P. Simpson.

3. Said Abby P. Simpson does hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the City of Somerville and its successors and assigns forever any right, title, and interest which she has in and to the premises, located on the northwesterly side of said line or northwesterly of said line, which premises are shown on said plan as of the City of Somerville.

In Witness Whereof, the said City of Somerville has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by William H. Hodgkins, its Mayor, and the said Abby P. Simpson has hereto set her hand and seal this Second day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

City of Somerville, by

(Seal) Wm. H. Hodgkins, Mayor

Abby P. Simpson, (Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. January 2, 1896. Then personally appeared the above named William H. Hodgkins and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of Somerville before me.

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George D. Vincent,
Justice of the Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss. January 2, 1896 Then personally appeared the above named Abby P. Simpson and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me,

H. Irving Heald,
Notary Public.

Alderman Gilbert offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to seal with the corporate seal, sign, execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville the agreement which has just been read, being an agreement between the City of Somerville and Abby P. Simpson to establish between the premises of said City of Somerville and said Simpson a dividing line as shown upon a Plan showing Division Line between the Estates of Miss Abby P. Simpson and the City of Somerville. December 20, 1895. Charles D. Elliot, Engineer, and which plan is to be recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan 2, 1896

Alderman Sparrow Chairman of the Committee on Sewers, submitted an ordinance, which had been drafted by the City Solicitor, Numbered 59, and entitled, An Ordinance in regard to Sewers in Certain Districts, as recorded on pages 450 to 453, inclusive, of the Book of Enrolled Ordinances in the city clerk's office, and action thereon was taken as follows,- Ordinance ✓

In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 2. 1896, Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence. George D. Vincent, Clerk.

In Common Council, Jan. 2, 1896.

Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence.

William P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

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Enrolled.

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William P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council Jan. 2, 1896. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

Herbert L. Clark,
Geo. E. Whitehead, } Committee.
Elmer A. Stevens,

In Common Council Jan. 2, 1896. Rules suspended and ordinance passed to be ordained. L. Herbert Huntley, President.

Attest. William P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 2, 1896. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

H. D. Jones,
S. H. Riley } Committee.

In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 2, 1896. Rules suspended and ordinance passed to be ordained. Wm. H. Hodgkins, Mayor.

Attest. George F. Vincent, Clerk.

Approved Jan. 2, 1896. Wm. H. Hodgkins, Mayor.

Reports. The Committee appointed to investigate the department of City Engineering, presented Majority and Minority reports, as follows:-

City of Somerville.

To the Mayor
and Members of the City Council:-

Your committee appointed to investigate the office of the City Engineer have attended to their duties, and beg leave to present the following report.

The order for the appointment of this joint committee, which passed the City Council November 27, 1895, is as follows;

City of Somerville.

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, November 27, 1895

Ordered;

That a committee, to consist of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three members of the Common Council, be and hereby is appointed to investigate the condition and affairs of the office of the City Engineer and the trans-

ation of the business thereof, and any and all matters connected therewith, which to the Committee shall seem advisable, and in general, to investigate the administration of the affairs of said office by the late City Engineer and that the investigation may cover such period of time, as said Committee shall deem advisable for the proper discharge of the duties committed to them; that said Committee may send for books and papers, and summon witnesses, and incur such expenses as they shall deem necessary for the performance of their duties and may employ a stenographic reporter to report the evidence, if they shall deem it advisable, all such expenses to be charged to Miscellaneous Account; that the City Solicitor be and he hereby is instructed to attend the hearings before said Committee and assist in the said investigation."

Your Committee carefully considered the interests of the City, as well as the peculiar circumstances under which they were working and decided that neither the welfare of the City nor the reputation of the late City Engineer demanded the investigation of the question of his incompetency, but that, owing in part to the brevity of the time allotted to us, we would confine our inquiries to such matters as should throw light on the honesty and integrity with which the office has been managed during the term of the late incumbent.

In the opinion of your Committee, it seemed advisable to hold public hearings and this was done for seven evenings from December 9 to December 24, inclusive, during the course of which opportunity was given by public announcement at the hearings, as well as by advertisement in the Somerville papers, for all persons who knew aught on the subject under investigation to testify before the Committee. Some few availed themselves of this invitation and the Committee caused to be summoned all witnesses whose names were handed to them, so that there were thirty-nine persons who testified before the Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of the order, the City Solicitor has been present at all the hearings and has aided both with his counsel and in the examination of witnesses, at the request of the Committee.

Your Committee also deemed it advisable to employ a stenographic reporter, and a copy of the evidence covering 457 typewritten pages is in the custody of the Clerk of Committees.

It was shown by several witnesses, whose testimony was undisputed, that Mr. Eaton had made acceptance-plans for several streets and received money for so doing. It was also testified to by one witness that he, while in the employ of the city, had done work in the city's time under the direction of Mr. Eaton, which

he considered was private work. Another witness stated a case where the City Engineer allowed a water-pipe and sewer pipe to be laid in the same trench, contrary to the custom and best interests of those departments. Your Committee also inspected the records of the City Engineer's office concerning eight streets whose names were given as being streets upon which private work had been done during hours belonging to the City. Many of these streets were those concerning which testimony had already been offered in connection with the acceptance-plans.

On the other hand, it was shown by the testimony of two of the employees of the City Engineer's office, men whose work kept them in the office, that no private work was done in the office in city hours. It was acknowledged that plans for private parties had been made in the office outside of office hours, but it was shown that generally Mr. Eaton did such work at his own house, and that at times he employed outside parties, as well as city employees in their private time. Testimony was given showing that all such surveying as had been testified to was necessary for the city to have done either to make the City District Map, sewer plans, numbering plans or to make the customary corrections, corrections and additions to the acceptance-plans, and was work which legitimately belonged to the city to do. In refutation of the testimony concerning the unusual way of laying a sewer, witnesses showed that the trench was wide enough to permit of the water-pipe and sewer-pipe being each on the solid earth and not the one over the other, and that when the trench reached public land it was divided and the two pipes laid in separate trenches. As the questionable portion was done four years ago on private land, your Committee fail to see where the City Engineer had any jurisdiction, even if the method was wrong. It was further shown by the records of the Committee on City Engineering that in February, 1894, a motion was passed forbidding the City Engineer, either men, to do work for private parties. Your Committee considered from this and other testimony offered that it was known to the previous committee on City Engineering that the City Engineer did work for private parties in his own time and that these previous committees had raised no objection to such action. Furthermore, the evidence, as presented concerning private work was for work done previous to the passage of this vote, and your Committee have failed to find any proof of any work done by the City Engineer after 1893 contrary to the vote of the Committee as so expressed.

However, evidence has been presented showing that Mr. Eaton was accustomed to work a great deal over time for the city in the city office for which no-

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extra remuneration was paid.

Your Committee cannot agree to the validity of the claim that the City Engineer had no right to use his own time to make plans for private parties, if he so desired, unless by so doing it interfered with the affairs of his office; and no testimony was introduced to show that it did in his case. That he did private work to any great extent is not proved, as the evidence brought before us mentioned but a few plans ranging over about three years in time. Summing up then the testimony presented, your Committee have been unable to find any proof of corruption or dishonesty or unfaithfulness in the conduct of the late City Engineer or his department during the years under investigation, nor any testimony bearing upon this except that of witnesses who were uncorroborated and were in the minds of the Committee so biased and prejudiced as to be unworthy of credence. We are unable to find proof of any work wrongfully done for private parties during city hours at city expense. We find that such surveying, as has been testified to as done for private work, was necessary for completing the records of the City Engineer's department and was obtained in a proper manner by the City Engineer. We find, moreover, that much work has been done outside of city office hours that has accrued to the benefit of the city and the completion of the records of the engineering department.

Before completing their report, your Committee deem it their duty to enter a word of protest against the too prevalent freedom with which many citizens are wont to make imputations of corruption against those who are in office, — especially if it so happens that the office may be one which would prove acceptable to the person making the charge, or those in sympathy with him. This investigation with the sad event which just preceded, but was doubtless aggravated if not caused by it, should be a lesson to all fair minded and thoughtful people that it is but the right and just due of every man that he be considered innocent of wrong-doing until proved guilty. He who carelessly or wilfully hurls charges of corruption or dishonesty against an official in public life without first having a thorough knowledge of what he speaks, should receive the condemnation of all. All men, especially those who are placed in honorable positions by their fellows, should be guarded in their public statements, and their words, whether of praise or blame, should be the result of careful deliberation and of certain knowledge.

Wilfred S. Rich.

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George E Whitaker,
James G Hinckley,

Minority Report

To the City Council of the City of Somerville,

The Committee appointed under a joint order of November 27, 1895, to investigate the affairs of the office of the City Engineer have attended to their duties and respectfully submit the following report,

The order under which the Committee acted was as follows,

"City of Somerville"

"In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, November 27, 1895"

"Ordered,

That a committee, to consist of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three members of the Common Council, be and hereby is appointed to investigate the condition and affairs of the office of the City Engineer and the transaction of the business thereof and any and all matters connected therewith, which to the Committee shall seem advisable, and in general to investigate the administration of the affairs of said office by the late City Engineer, and that the investigation may cover such period of time, as such Committee shall deem advisable for the proper discharge of the duties committed to them, that such Committee may send for books and papers and summon witnesses, and incur such expense as they shall deem necessary for the performance of their duties, and may employ a stenographic reporter to report the evidence, if they shall deem it advisable, all such expenses to be charged to Miscellaneous Account, - that the City Solicitor be and hereby is instructed to attend the hearings before such Committee and assist in the said investigation

In pursuance of their duties under the foregoing order the Committee decided that the scope of the investigation should be restricted to the question of the honesty and integrity of the late City Engineer in conducting the affairs of his office; that in view of the lamented death of Mr Eaton no good could possibly accrue to the city by enquiring into the question of his competency or incompetency, nor would it be just to do so when the party accused could not be present to answer his accusers or explain or defend his action. Another object was to determine, in the interest of the City, whether its fair fame had been unjustly traduced, or there was any just cause for injury which had been inflicted upon it by the wide circulation of sensational state-

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ments. As the order provided that the City Solicitor should attend the hearings and assist in the investigation the Committee decided that it would be inexpedient and unnecessary for any other attorney to appear in behalf of the City, and quite unbecoming for an attorney to appear in behalf of witnesses. Mr. Eaton's family and friends were represented by Mr. Royal Wentworth Esq. The hearings were public, and occupied seven evenings, beginning December 9th and ending December 24th. There were no specific charges filed in the foregoing order, but a review of the facts and circumstances which led up to the investigation will show that a member of the Board of Aldermen publicly declared on the floor of the Aldermanic Chamber that the City was being robbed of thousands of dollars by the methods adopted in certain departments, and when forced to be more specific, he openly accused the City Engineer of malfeasance in office, and of acts not only dishonest but criminal. The Alderman was called upon by the Committee to produce the witnesses and evidence to substantiate his charges, and all the witnesses whose names he gave to the Committee were summoned, and notice was also published in the Press urging all persons who had any evidence in support of the accusations to appear before the Committee and testify. In the course of the hearings thirty-nine witnesses testified six of whom were called by counsel for Mr. Eaton. With but few exceptions the witnesses claimed to know nothing impeaching the honesty and integrity of Mr. Eaton in the conduct of his office. Some were emphatic in their belief in his honesty, others were ready to testify to what seemed to them acts of incompetency, but in all such instances it appeared that the witnesses had some personal grievance, either concerning their own property or in relation to city contracts, and many of these alleged grievances had before been investigated by committees of the city government, and Mr. Eaton exonerated. And others Mr. Eaton was in no way responsible for.

The most damaging charges were that Mr. Eaton had done work for private individuals in city hours, and with city help, for which he had received money. Mr. Wentworth counsel for the defence, admitted that Mr. Eaton had done work for private individuals and received pay for the same but denied that it had been done in city hours or by city help. The chief witness who testified in support of these charges was Dana E. Perkins, who for several years was employed by Mr. Eaton in the Engineering Department, and was forced to resign his position by the Committee on Engineering because of insubordination, and whose evidence and actions before the Committee clearly showed an unreasonable enmity toward Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Perkins claimed that while in the employ of the city, under Mr. Eaton, he was on March 29, 1893 sent by Mr. Eaton to make surveys on Bellingham street to be used in making acceptance plans for the abutters on the street, and that Mr. Eaton was paid $25. for each acceptance plan by Arthur A. Shaw. With the assistance of the time book Mr. Perkins showed that he worked four hours on Bellingham street on that date.

In answer to this charge it was shown by documentary evidence that the petition for the acceptance of Bellingham street is dated April 25, 1893, the plan is dated May 1, 1893; the street was accepted and laid out September 18, 1893. Mr. Shaw testified that Mr. Downs (then Councilman) arranged with Mr. Eaton for the acceptance plan, and Mr. Downs' evidence corroborated that statement. Now, Mr. Downs' first term in the Common Council commenced in January 1893, so that the evidence is indisputable that the work Mr. Perkins did on that street March 29, 1893 could not have been for the acceptance plan, for it was done nearly a year before Mr. Downs was a member of the Council and all of a year before Mr. Shaw applied to Mr. Downs about the plans.

Similar evidence was given by Mr. Perkins regarding Dickinson street and Albion street. His remembrances in all these matters was vague, and his evidence uncertain and uncorroborated.

On the other hand Assistant City Engineer Bailey disputed emphatically the evidence of Mr. Perkins, and showed by means of dates, surveys, plans and charts on file in the City Engineer's office that Mr. Perkins was mistaken in many of his statements, and that the work Mr. Perkins did on those streets was in the regular course of the city's business and a part of the records of the City Engineer's office.

Frederick E. Jones, who had been an employee of the City Engineer's office for eight years, testified that to his absolute knowledge neither Mr. Eaton nor any of the employees of the office ever did any private work in city houses. Mr. Jones further testified that he did a good part of the work on the acceptance plans of Bellingham and other streets, and that it was done in the evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sundays."

Several other witnesses testified that they paid Mr. Eaton money for making acceptance plans of streets, but in no instance did they know or claim that the work was done in city time, or by city employees. On the other hand, it was testified to, and shown by documentary evidence, that Mr. Eaton employed, and paid money to engineers outside of the city department for work on these

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acceptance plans. In one instance there was evidence of Mr. Eaton's paying out more money than he received from abutters. In other instances Mr. Eaton refused to make the plans required because his time was wholly occupied with city work. It was not disputed that Mr. Eaton did private work outside of City hours both at home and in the Engineer's office, and there was no question about his having a perfect right to do so up to February 1, 1894, when the Committee on Engineering passed a strange and meaningless order, viz. "That no member of the City Engineer's Department shall be allowed to do any work outside of the office." The binding effect of such an order is at least questionable; but it is not claimed that Mr. Eaton did any private work after the passage of that order. The fact that such an order was passed clearly implies that the Committee on Engineering knew of the customs, and evidence clearly showed that such had been the practice since the organization of the Engineer's department. A very significant fact disclosed by evidence already referred to was that Arthur T. Shaw, who paid for the Bellingham street acceptance plans in 1893, procured the same of Mr. Eaton through Alderman (then Councilman) Downs, who said that Mr. Eaton would make it cheaper than anybody else; and that William T. Snow, who procured and paid for the Francesca Avenue acceptance plans in 1892, was directed to Mr Eaton by Alderman Winther, who told him the price would be $25, thus indicating that the members of the City Government, at that time, were well aware of the customs.

Mr. Eaton was wholly wrapped up in the business of his office. Although the office hours of his department were from eight in the forenoon to five in the afternoon, it was testified to by numerous witnesses, and was the common knowledge of every member of the city government, and every official and employee at City Hall, that he worked regardless of office hours, from early in the morning, far into the night.

After a most searching investigation, and after listening to evidence that covered the widest latitude, regardless of legal rules, and from all parties who could be induced to tell to throw light on the subject, your committee find no evidence of irregularity, dishonesty or malefeasance in the conduct of his office on the part of Mr. Eaton; but rather that he was a conscientious, hard-working official, that he was scandalously treated and unmercifully abused by a few dissatisfied persons, and a jealous employee.

The Committee deem it to be their duty, in the hope that it may be of

future benefit to the city, to express in the most emphatic terms their condemnation of public officers of the City, the chosen guardians of its honor and interests, who without adequate cause and without the most careful inquiry into the facts, publicly make attacks upon the honesty and integrity of officials and of the management of public affairs. Such attacks are not to be lightly and carelessly made, either in justice to their victim or to the interests of the City. A public official speaks with a certain authority, he is supposed to have knowledge of that whereof he speaks, his utterances, especially if sensational, are eagerly seized by the press and spread broadcast throughout the land, defaming the fair fame of the City and the reputation of its officials. Damaging charges against public officials should not be made public upon mere hearsay evidence, rumors, statements of irresponsible and malicious persons, and enemies of the person accused, but only after the person making the charges has satisfied himself by a rigid and unprejudiced investigation that they are true. No words of condemnation can be too strong, no denunciation too severe, of men who without adequate cause strive to ruin the reputation of another, or to blacken the name of a city in which they reside, or of which they are trusted officials.

These lessons are impressed upon us with startling force when we consider the tragical result in the case under investigation by the Committee.

A hitherto trusted official who had devoted nine of the best years of his life to the interests of this City, and been one of its hardest-working and hardest-worked employees, whose mental and nervous strength had been taxed to the utmost because of his devotion to duty, when the additional burden was thrust upon him of being held up before the community as a wrong-doer he was unable to endure even the suspicions, to which the wildest publicity was given through the newspapers, and succumbed under the burden placed upon him.

Even if Mr. Eaton had committed some technical infringement of the rules, or some technical wrong, the City was not the loser through him, for he had given it far more than he had ever received, or than he was obliged, or could have been expected to give to it. He should not have been publicly accused of grave offences, unless upon reasonable assurance, and being convinced after due examination, that he had committed such offences.

It is evident to the Committee that the designs had long been cherished by certain persons, to cause Mr. Eaton to be ejected from his office as City

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Engineer, and that this was the controlling animus of the case.

Melville D. Jones,

Howard D. Moore.

In Board of Aldermen, January 2, 1896.

Majority and Minority reports received. Minority report substituted for Majority and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, January 2, 1896.

Majority and Minority reports received. Majority report substituted for Minority and accepted by a yea and nay vote. Councilmen Hinckley, Wright, Whitaker, Irving, Seamont, Ball, Stevens and the President Huntley 8, voting in the affirmative and Councilmen Berry, Seaphom, Andrews, Parker, Moore and Clark 6, voting in the negative. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 2, 1896.

Adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

In Common Council January 3, 1896.

Adhered to former action. Reconsideration refused. Sent up for information.

In Board of Aldermen, January 2, 1896.

Voted to ask for a Committee on Conference, Aldermen Gilbert, Wiley and Sparrow appointed as such committee on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, January 2, 1896.

Request for Committee on Conference granted and Councilmen Seamont, Ball and Irving appointed as such committee on the part of the Common Council.

Alderman Downs retired after action on the foregoing reports of the Committee on investigation.

The Committee on Conference, on the majority and minority reports of the committee appointed to investigate the department of city engineering reported that they were unable to agree. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 2, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Sparrow offered the following order — Order ✓

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Ordered,

That such committees as desire to present annual reports be and they are hereby authorized to file the same with the city clerk for presentation to the next City council to be printed with the Annual Reports for the year 1895.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jany 2. Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 2.

Order

Alderman Sparrow offered the following order.

Ordered,

That all unfinished business of this city government be and it is referred to the next city government.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 2. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan 2.

Resolution complimentary to Mayor

Alderman Gilbert offered the following resolution.

Resolved,

That this Board hereby expresses its appreciation of the ability, impartiality and courtesy with which the Mayor has discharged his duties as presiding officer of this branch of the city council, and congratulates him on his honorable record of four years of faithful and able service as chief magistrate of the city. He has the satisfaction of knowing that he retires from office with the respect and good will of the people as well as of the members of the city government who have been more intimately associated with him in the management of municipal affairs. He carries with him as he retires from public office, the best wishes of this board for his happiness and prosperity.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Resolution complimentary to President of Board

Alderman Whitney offered the following resolution.

Resolved,

That the thanks of this Board are presented to its President, Alderman Sparrow, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. He retires from public service after two

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years of hard, self-sacrificing and efficient work for the city. He has been in all respects a faithful public officer and his retirement from office will be a loss to the city. This board extends to him its best wishes that he may enjoy that rest from public cares to which his labors have so well entitled him.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

City of Somerville,
Eberle Hall, Union Square,
January 6, 1896

The members-elect of the City Council of 1896, in pursuance of notices issued by the City Clerk as directed by the Board of Aldermen by an order passed December 26, 1895, and in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter assembled, as above, at 10 O'clock A.M. inaugurate the City Government of Somerville for the municipal year beginning this day.

Inauguration City Government 1896

His Honor, Mayor Hodgkins, presiding

Present, - Aldermen-elect Huntley, Pratt, Jones, Wright, Chandler, Andrews, Berry and Moore, and Councilmen-elect Lapham, Barrows, Hannewell, Timson, Irving, Whitaker, Russell, Tarbox, Lamont, Berry, Lowell, Raymond, Hall, Carr, Cummings and Reed.

Alderman-elect Chandler offered the following motion

Voted, -

That a committee, to consist of one alderman-elect and two councilmen-elect be appointed by the chair, to wait upon the Mayor-elect and inform him that the members-elect of the City Council are prepared to receive him for the purpose of organizing the city government for the ensuing municipal year.

Adopted, and Alderman-elect Chandler and Councilmen-elect Irving and Hall appointed as the committee named in the order.

Vote
Committee to inform Mayor-elect City Council-elect ready for inauguration.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Mayor-elect having performed its duty, reported that the Mayor-elect awaited the pleasure of the members-elect of the City Council.

Committee report.

Alderman-elect Jones offered the following motion

Voted, -

That a committee, to consist of one alderman-elect and two councilmen-elect be appointed by the chair, to conduct the Mayor-elect to the platform.

Vote
Committee to conduct Mayor-elect to platform.

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Adopted and Aldermen-elect Jones and Councilmen-elect Lapham and Lamont appointed as the committee named in the order.

Mayor-elect conducted to platform

The committee last-named retired and returned with the Mayor-elect Albion A Perry Esq. whom they escorted to the platform.

Prayer

Prayer was then offered by Rev Wm H Pierson, pastor of the First Congregational (Unitarian) Church.

Record of elections of Common Councilmen

The City Clerk read from the records of the Board of Aldermen of date of December 11, 1895, that at the election held December 3, 1895 common councilmen of the city for the ensuing municipal year were elected as follows,

From Ward One

Frank DeWitt Lapham, John Hunnewell,
Frank H. Burrows, L. Edgar Timson,

From Ward Two

William M Irving, Richard A Russell,
George E Whitaker, French O J Tarbox

From Ward Three

Andrew A Lamont, Howard Lowell,
Arthur W Berry, Marcus M Raymond,

From Ward Four

John A Hall, Fred M Carr,
Silas L Cummings, Albert L Reed

Common Councilmen sworn

The oaths of office were then administered to the Common Councilmen elect by Hon Isaac Story, Justice of the Somerville Police Court, and said oaths were subscribed to by the Common Councilmen-elect and certificate thereof made by the said Justice as shown in Book of Oaths volume 3, page 1, in the City Clerk's office.

Record of election of Aldermen

The City Clerk then read from the same records that at the said election Aldermen of the city for the ensuing municipal year were elected as follows.

From Ward One

L. Herbert Huntley, Josiah N. Pratt,

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From Ward Two

Melville D. Jones — Robert S. Wright

From Ward Three

Leonard B. Chandler — James H. Andrews

From Ward Four

William H. Berry — Howard D. Moore

The oaths of office were then administered to the Aldermen-elect by Judge Story, and the said oaths were subscribed to by the Aldermen-elect and certificates thereof made by the officiating Justice, as shown in Book of Oaths, volume 3, page 1, in the City Clerk's office.

Aldermen sworn.

The City Clerk read from the same record, that, at the said election, Albion A. Perry was elected Mayor of the city for the ensuing municipal year.

Record of election of Mayor

Judge Story then administered the oaths of office to the Mayor-elect, and the said oaths were duly subscribed and certified as shown on page 1 of the Book of Oaths, hereinbefore referred to.

Mayor sworn.

His Honor the Mayor, then delivered his inaugural address.

Mayor's Address

The Common Council then retired to its room to organize by the choice of a president and a clerk.

Common Council retires

In Board of Aldermen

Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen all present

Received the following message from the Common Council.

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To His Honor the Mayor

and Board of Aldermen,

Message from Common Council

Organization

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Gentlemen—

I have the honor to inform you that the Common Council has perfected its organization for the year 1896 by the choice of Councilman George E. Whitaker for President and Mr. Charles S. Robertson for Clerk.

Respectfully,

Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

Placed on file.

Order adopting Rules & Orders of Board of Aldermen

Alderman Kory offered the following order

Ordered:

That the standing rules and orders of the last Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby adopted for the government of this board until otherwise ordered.

Adopted

Order requesting convention for election of City Clerk and Treasurer & Collector of Taxes &c.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the common council requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, for the purpose of electing a city clerk and a treasurer and collector of taxes, and to act upon such other matters as may properly come before the convention.

Adopted and Alderman Pratt appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council, January 6, Request granted and Councilman Irving appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen and Councilmen all present.

Election City Clerk

In pursuance of an order passed this day the convention proceeded to the election of a City Clerk for the ensuing municipal year.

Alderman Huntley and Councilmen Russell and Barr were appoint-

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ed as committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and after attending to that duty they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots 24

Necessary for choice 13

George F. Vincent has 24

and George F. Vincent was declared elected.

In pursuance of the same order the convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Alderman Moore and Councilmen Timson and Lowell were appointed a committee to receive assort and count the votes, and having performed that duty they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots 24

Necessary for choice 13

John H. Bole, has 24

and John H. Bole was declared elected.

The City Clerk-elect, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes-elect, and Clerk elect of the Common Council were severally sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, the oaths being administered by his honor, the Mayor, Albion A. Perry, Justice of the Peace, and the said oaths were duly subscribed and certificates thereof made as shown on pages 33 of the book of oaths in this record before referred to.

Alderman Wright offered the following resolution

Resolved,-

That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to furnish the Committee on Printing with a copy of his Inaugural Address for publication.

Read twice and adopted.

Alderman Andrews offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the joint rules and orders of the last City Council be and they are hereby adopted for the government of the present City Council until otherwise ordered.

Elections

Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

City Clerk ✓

Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

Clerk of Common Council

sworn

Resolution ✓

printing of

Mayor's Address

Order ✓

adopting

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Adopted

Convention dissolved

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Common Council returned to its room

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen all present

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Jones it was voted that when the board adjourns it adjourn until Wednesday next the 8th inst. at 8 O'clock, P.M.

Adjourned

Attest

George F. Vincent

City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville, January 8, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Huntley, Pratt, Jones, Wright, Chandler, Andrews, Berry and Moore present.

Seats were drawn and taken as follows, — Drawing of Seats

No 1, by Alderman Moore
" 2, " " Wright
" 3, " " Jones
" 4, " " Pratt
" 5, " " Chandler
" 6, " " Huntley
" 7, " " Berry
" 8, " " Andrews

Records read and approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, read the following communication — Communication of Mayor

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen,

To each and all of you I extend a cordial, heartfelt greeting. The excitement of a heated municipal campaign is over, the pleasant ceremonies attendant upon our induction into office have passed, and to-night we enter upon the serious and onerous work which will call for the exercise of our best abilities during the next twelve months. I shall not delay the business of our first meeting in this chamber by making any extended remarks. There are just two questions to which I desire to make brief allusion and offer a few words of friendly counsel. — duties of committee

The first relates to the performance of your work on the several committees to which you will be assigned. I fear a practice is prevalent in some municipal boards of delegating too many powers and too great responsibility to the chairmen of committees. This I believe to be a mistake. The chairman of a committee ought not to be clothed with any higher authority in the practical management of his department than any other

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member, namely the presiding officer at committee meetings, and the mouthpiece of his associates in the formal presentation to the Board of Aldermen of the papers coming from the committee - The real work of the committee should be apportioned among the members on the theory that they all stand on a plane of absolute equality, and each is responsible, to the full measure of his abilities, for the successful management of his department. Every important item of business transacted should be authorized in advance by a vote of the committee. In making up the list of committees, on behalf of this board, I have been governed by the principle which I have just announced, and no member whose name fails to appear first on any committee ought to feel that his duties are, for that reason, less important or exacting.

Secondly, I earnestly request you, in your committee disbursements, to keep within the appropriations authorized by the City Council. It will not be the fault of any committee of this department, with the management of which it is interested, does not receive as large an appropriation as it really requires. You will have done your full duty when you have judiciously expended the sum allotted to you. It will be a source of great pride to us all, at the completion of our year's work, to be able to say that not a single appropriation has been overdrawn.

I shall do all in my power to render the year's intercourse pleasant and profitable to you all, and I feel sure you will co-operate with me in all measures which your good judgment commends. I thank you sincerely for the many kind assurances which you have already extended to me, and without further words I will ask you to take up the order of business for this, our first evening's meeting.

Placed on file.

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order.

Ordered,

That section 1 of Article I, of the joint rules and orders of the city council be and it is hereby amended by inserting between the items numbered respectively 7 & 8, in the list of committees therein provided for, an item as follows,-

"8. Legislative Matters, - to consist of the Mayor, one alderman, and the president and two members of the common council"

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And it is also Ordered,-

That the said section be and it is hereby further amended by changing the numbers of all of the items, in said list of committees, that will follow the item to be inserted under the foregoing order, so that all of the items in said list as hereby amended will be numbered consecutively.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Jan. 8 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 10, 1896.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following committees, on the part of the Board of Aldermen

Committees

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council

Accounts, Aldermen Chandler and Wright.

City Engineering, Aldermen Berry and Jones,

Claims, Mayor ex-officio, Aldermen Moore,

Finance, Mayor ex-officio, Aldermen Moore and Jones.

Fire Department, Aldermen Huntley and Wright.

Fuel and Street Lights, Aldermen Wright and Chandler.

Highways, Aldermen Berry and Andrews,

Legislative Matters, Mayor, ex-officio, Alderman Moore,

Ordinances, Aldermen Wright and Chandler.

Printing, Aldermen Andrews and Moore,

Public Grounds, Aldermen Pratt, and Jones,

Public Property, Aldermen Chandler and Pratt,

Soldiers Relief, Aldermen Jones and Andrews,

Water, Aldermen Huntley and Wright,

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

Elections and Returns, Aldermen Pratt, Andrews and Berry,

Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions, Aldermen Chandler, Berry and Pratt.

Licenses, Aldermen Moore, Huntley and Jones,

Police, Mayor ex-officio, Aldermen Andrews and Huntley,

Sewers, Aldermen Jones, Moore and Pratt,

Special Building Permits, Aldermen Berry and Huntley.

State Aid, Aldermen Berry, Chandler, Wright and Pratt

Sent down for information.

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In Common Council, June 8. 1896. Read for information.

Committees

Received from the Common Council notice of the appointment of committees on the part of that branch as follows;

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council

Accounts, Councilmen Ball, Burrows and Raymond

City Engineering, Councilmen Timson, Berry and Cummings.

Claims, President of the Common Council, Councilmen Lapham and Lamont.

Finance, President of the Common Council, Councilmen Hunnewell, Barr, Lowell and Russell.

Fire Department, Councilmen Lamont, Irving & Reed

Fuel & Street Lights, Councilmen Barr, Raymond and Timson,

Highways, Councilmen Lapham, Ball and Tarbox.

Legislative Matters, President of the Common Council, Councilmen Lowell & Timson.

Ordinances, Councilmen Burrows, Barr and Tarbox.

Printing, Councilmen Irving, Lamont and Hunnewell.

Public Property, Councilmen Cummings, Berry and Russell,

Public Grounds, Councilmen Lowell, Lapham and Reed.

Soldiers Relief, Councilmen Tarbox, Burrows and Ball.

Water, President of the Common Council, Councilmen Reed and Raymond.

Standing Committees of the Common Council.

Elections & Returns, Councilmen Russell, Cummings and Lowell.

Enrolled Ordinances & Resolutions, Councilmen Berry, Hunnewell & Irving.

Read for information

Appointments

His Honor the Mayor made the following appointments

City Messenger. James H. Linn

Constables.

Melville B. Parkhurst,	Charles L. Ellis,
James Mann,	Edward McGarr,
William D. Hayden,	Joseph J. Giles,
Clarence Tucker,	Dennis Kelley,
Charles B. Folsom,	Christopher B. Cavanagh,
Robert K. Perry,	Eugene A. Carter,

George H. Carleton,

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Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

Received the reports of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Telephone and Telegraph Lines, for the month of December 1895. — Reports ✓
Placed on file.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of December 1895. — Report ✓
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council Jany 8, Read for information.

Received from the School Committee a request that hereafter bills for water and light for schoolhouses be paid from Schoolhouse Incidentals Account, as the items of expense seem more properly chargeable to that account than to School Contingent Account, from which they have heretofore been paid. — Request ✓
Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan 8, Reference concurred in.

Received the official bond of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the current year, in the sum of Forty thousand Dollars, in form approved by the City Solicitor, and signed by John F. Cole as principal, and George A. Bruce, Mark F. Burns, Edward Glines, Charles S. Lincoln, William Taylor, Charles Williams Jr, Jaazaniah Gross and Edwin S. Conant, each in the sum of Five thousand Dollars, as sureties. — Bond ✓
Approved and accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan 8, Approved and accepted in concurrence.

Received Constable's bonds, each in the sum of Three thousand dollars and in due form, from — Constable's Bonds ✓
Jairus Mann, with Wilber P. Rice and Frank G. Williams as sureties,
Charles L. Ellis, with William A. Bell and Anthony Haderbolete as sureties,
William D. Hayden, with Ralph M. Sturtevant and Joseph W. Hayden as sureties,
Clarence Tucker, with William J. McCarthy and Frank E. Dickerman as sureties,
Approved and accepted.

Received a petition from William A. Flaherty, for the appointment of — Petition ✓

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Henry Mattock and Hiram P. McDonald as Special Police (without pay) to do duty on the McLean Asylum Grounds.

Referred to the Mayor

Petitions

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors,

Fred W. Blaisdell,	25 Quincy St	Aged	10
Walter F. Blaisdell,	25 "	"	12
Americo Bapitello,	6 Dane St.	"	14
Frederick Bapitello,	6 "	"	13
William F. Butler,	8 Lincoln St.	"	16
Walter H. Duncan,	50 Prescott St.	"	10
J. Lawrence Ellis,	2 Cottage Pl	"	12
William H. Ellis,	2 "	"	13
Austin J. Fitzpatrick,	88 A Kansas St	"	15
Frank Fitzpatrick,	88 A "	"	12
Edward L. Glidden,	48 Ware St.	"	13
Wm. H. Landfear, Jr.	264 Somerville Ave.	"	13
Albert E. Lowden,	47 Glen St	"	13
Edward A. Mahoney,	299 Highland Ave	"	14
James L. Manning,	154 Bedford St.	"	15
Charles A. Perry,	17 Oxford St.	"	11
Walter H. Perry,	17 "	"	14
H. Lawrence Robbins,	8 Lincoln St.	"	12
Jerry J. Sizel,	12 Warren Ave.	"	13

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Petition

Received a petition from Michael H. Tattan, for a license to keep one billiard and two pool tables at 460 1/2 Somerville Avenue

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petition

Received a petition from Sumner Robinson and others for a sewer in Raymond Ave.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

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Received petitions for permits to blast rock, from — Petitions ✓

Owen Cunningham and Son, in excavating for eight cellars, on a block of land bounded by Willow Ave. Fosket St. Kidder Ave. and Lowden Ave.

Ezers & Heggie, to remove a rock from a cellar they are excavating on Spring Hill Terrace.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

A. Hager and others, that Edmands street be extended eighty-six feet to Bonair street.

Francis H. Brown & others, that the name of the street extending from Central Street to Harvard Street and known at its easterly end as York Terrace and at its westerly end as Harvard Place, be changed to Monmouth Street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan 8, References concurred in.

Received a petition from John Haigh and others, that a fire-alarm box be placed at the corner of Central and Summer streets. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 8. Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from N. H. Harwood and others, for an Arc light at the corner of Willow Avenue and Fosket street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 8, Reference concurred in.

Received notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of February next and show cause if any, why the said court should not grant the petition of Catherine and Mary C. Downey for a jury to assess the damages sustained by them by reason of the taking of a portion of their land for the laying out of Lowell street, September 12, 1894 (filed with City Clerk Jan 4) — Notice ✓

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Placed in hands of City Solicitor, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 8. Placed in hands of City Solicitor, in concurrence.

Notice

Received notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of February next, and answer unto Esther E. Bailey in an action of Tort, to the damage of said Esther E. Bailey, as she saith, in the sum of Two thousand Dollars.

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 8 Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Order

Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That when any petition for a license for a theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement, or exhibition of any description, to be held before the then next succeeding meeting of this Board, if the granting of such petition have been recommended by the Chief of Police, the City Clerk may, with the approval of the Mayor, issue such license, the petition therefor to be presented to this Board at its next succeeding meeting for its ratification or such other action in the premises as the Board shall deem proper.

Adopted.

Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the regular meetings of this board be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 o'clock P.M. until otherwise ordered.

Adopted.

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That all unfinished business referred to this city government by the city government of 1895 be and the same is hereby referred to

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the appropriate committee

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 8. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 10. 1896.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the recommendations contained in his honor, the mayor's inaugural address in regard to repairs upon Engine House No 4, and the purchase of a lot of land on Clarendon Hill for the site of a Fire Department station to be erected at some future time, be and they are hereby referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Jan 8, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 8, 1896.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the recommendations contained in his honor, the mayor's inaugural address, in regard to providing increased accommodations at the city hall by enlarging the present building, be and the same is referred to the Committee on Public Property.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 8. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan 10, 1896.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the city clerk be and he is hereby directed to make publication of Ordinance No 59, entitled An Ordinance in regard to Sewers in certain Districts, in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, agreeably with the requirements of section 3 of Chapter One of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 8. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and is hereby instructed to keep the ice on the pond on the Broadway Park clean from snow when the ice shall be fit for skating, the expense so incurred to be charged to Public Grounds Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Jan. 8. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 10. 1896.

Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Printing be and is hereby authorized and instructed, to solicit proposals to print thirteen hundred copies of the Annual Reports of the city, for the year 1895, in form similar to that in which the reports for previous years have been printed. One hundred copies to be bound in full morocco, two hundred and forty copies to be bound in cloth and sixty copies for presentation to other cities and towns in full morocco, the proposals to be so much per page, also additional copies of certain reports, as hereinafter stated at prices based on the same reports for the year 1894, with a pro-rata increase or decrease according as their reports for the year 1895, shall contain more or less pages than for the year 1894, viz.-

300 copies of the report of the Board of Health,
300 " " " City Engineer,
200 " " " Overseers of the Poor (with City Physicians report)
500 copies of the report of the School Board,
300 " " " Trustees of the Public Library,
150 " " " Water Board

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 8. Received its first reading. Amended by inserting in the sixth line of the order, after the word "one", the word "thousand" instead of the word "hundred". As amended received its second reading and adoption and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan 9. Amendment of Common Council concurred in, As amended adopted

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Approved by the Mayor Jan. 8. 1896.

Alderman Andrews offered the following order — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Printing be and is hereby authorized and instructed to have printed for public use six hundred copies of the address delivered by his honor the Mayor at the inauguration of the present City Government, the expense so incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Printing, be and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to have printed for the use of the City Government, five hundred copies of a pocket register, to contain lists of the members of the City Council and of the various committees, boards and officers, of the city, the rules and orders of the City Council, the rules and orders of the Board of Aldermen and the rules and orders of the Common Council, also a list of the fire alarm boxes and a calender for the year 1896, the expense so incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 8, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the Common Council requesting a convention of the two branches of the City Council in the Common Council chamber this evening, for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Streets for one year and three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Adopted and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council Jan. 8, Request granted and Councilman Lapham appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention ✓

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His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Hartley, Berry, Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Tomson, Irving, Barrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Bafham, Lowell, Carr, Cummings, Hall and Lamont present.

Election

In pursuance of an order passed this evening the convention proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent of Streets.

Alderman Chandler and Councilmen Tomson and Carr were appointed a committee to receive ballots and count the votes and having performed that duty, they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots		24
Necessary for choice		13
Thomas H. Eames	has	7
John P. Prichard	has	17

and John P. Prichard was declared elected.

Election

In pursuance of the same order the convention proceeded to ballot for three trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Aldermen Jones and Councilmen Hunnewell and Lamont were appointed a committee to receive ballots and count the votes and having performed that duty they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots		24
Necessary for choice		13
Charles W. Sawyer	has	24
John K. Viall		24
J. Frank Wellington		22

and Charles W. Sawyer, John K. Viall and J. Frank Wellington were declared elected.

Convention dissolved

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

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In Board of Mayor and Aldermen. — Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Howe, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

The Board proceeded to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years. — Election ✓

First Ballot.

Committee appointed to receive, assort, and count the votes, Aldermen Chandler and Huntley, who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Edgar J. Mayhew	have	4
Benjamin F. Thompson	"	4

and there was no choice.

Second Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count the votes, Aldermen Huntley and Berry, who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Benjamin F. Thompson	have	4
Edgar J. Mayhew	"	4

and there was no choice.

Third Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count the votes, Aldermen Jones and Wright, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Benjamin F. Thompson	have	4
Edgar J. Mayhew	"	4

and there was no choice.

Fourth Ballot.

Committee to receive, assort and count the votes, Aldermen Berry and Andrews, who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8

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Necessary for choice, ... 5
Benjamin F. Thompson, has ... 5
Edgar J. Mayhew, ... 3

and Benjamin F. Thompson was declared elected, on the part of this Board and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that, on ballot, Edgar J. Mayhew was elected on the part of that branch, Assessor of Taxes for three years in non-concurrence with this Board.

Election

Voted to proceed to ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward One.

Aldermen Huntley and Andrews were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having performed that duty, they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots ... 8
Necessary for choice, ... 5
Fred B. Bluff ... has ... 8

and Fred B. Bluff was duly elected on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that, on ballot, Fred B. Bluff, was this day elected, on the part of that branch, Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward One, in concurrence with this Board.

Election

Voted to proceed to ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Two.

Aldermen Howard and Rowe were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and having performed that duty, they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots ... 8
Necessary for choice ... 5
Charles B. Farrington ... has ... 8

and Charles B. Farrington was declared elected on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that Charles B. Farrington was this day by ballot, elected on the part of that branch Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Two in concurrence with this Board.

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On motion of Alderman Chandler it was voted that the election of an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Three be postponed until the next regular meeting. Election ✓

Voted to proceed to ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Four. Election ✓

Aldermen Brow and Pratt were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and having performed that duty, they reported as follows;

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
Harry A. True, has 8

and Harry A. True was declared elected on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that, on ballot, Harry A. True was this day elected, on the part of that Board, Assistant Assessor from Ward Four in concurrence with this Board

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Voted to proceed to ballot for a City Solicitor. Election ✓

Aldermen Chandler and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having performed that duty, they reported as follows;-

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
Selwyn J. Bowman has 8

and Selwyn J. Bowman was declared elected, on the part of this Board, and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received from the Common Council information of the election this day on the part of that Board, of Selwyn J. Bowman as City Solicitor, in concurrence with this Board

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Voted to proceed to ballot for a City Auditor. Election ✓

Aldermen Moore and Berry were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having performed that duty, they reported as follows;-

Whole number of ballots 8

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Necessary for choice, 5.
Charles S. Robertson, had 8
and Charles S. Robertson was declared elected, on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council, that on ballot, Charles S. Robertson was this day elected, on the part of that branch, City Auditor, in concurrence with this Board.

Election

Voted to proceed to ballot for a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

Aldermen Chandler and Huntley were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and having performed that duty they reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
Samuel T. Littlefield had 8
and Samuel T. Littlefield was declared elected, on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to the Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that, on ballot, Samuel T. Littlefield was this day elected, on the part of that branch, Measurer of Wood and Bark, in concurrence with this Board.

Election

Voted to proceed to ballot for two Fence Viewers.

Aldermen Huntley and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and having performed that duty, they reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
Lambert H. Maynard, had 8
Ammiel Colman had 8
and Lambert H. Maynard and Ammiel Colman were declared elected, on the part of this Board and information of such election sent to Common Council.

Received information from the Common Council that, on ballot, Lambert H. Maynard and Ammiel Colman were this day elected, on the part of that branch, Fence Viewers, in concurrence with this Board.

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Voted to proceed to ballot for a President of the Board of Aldermen. Aldermen Chandler and Pratt were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and having performed that duty, they reported as follows.

Whole number of ballots	8
Necessary for choice	5
Leonard S. Chandler has	1
Melville D. Jones	7

and Alderman Melville D. Jones was declared elected and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Adjourned

Attest.

George F. Vincent Clerk

Election ✓

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, January 23, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Perry and Andrews present.

Records read and approved.

Appointments

The Mayor made the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the board,

Clerk of Committee,	William P. Mitchell
Clerk of the Board of Assessors,	Albert B. Hale
Member of the Water Board (for three years)	William Franklin Hall
Members of the Board of Health, - for three years,	Alvano T. Nickerson
two	Alvah K. Dearborn, M.D.
one year,	Allen F. Carpenter

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

Appointments

The Mayor made the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the board,

Janitor of the City Hall and Public Library Building,		Charles A. Smithwick,
Janitor of Police Building,		Henry S. Braden,
Constable,		Patrick J. Garvin,
Measurers of Grain,	John Craig,	Albert B. Lyman,
Weighers of Beef,		
D. Warren Danforth,	Charles H. Tucker,	Frederick A. Geiling,
Clarence Edwards,	Thaddeus Harrington,	George K. Hilcott,
George E. Black,	Clinton E. Somes,	Thomas K. Martin
Weighers of Coal,		
John Craig,	Thaddeus Harrington,	George K. Hilcott,
Sidney E. Bryden,	D. Warren Danforth,	Charles H. Tucker,
George E. Black,	Clinton E. Somes,	Robert A. Yorga,
Thomas K. Martin,	Frank S. Tule,	Sumner M. Tule,
Charles P. Brown,	Snow L. Smith,	

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Action by the Board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting

The Mayor appointed subject to confirmation by the board the following named persons as: Appointments ✓

Special Police, without compensation

William Armstrong,	Charles E. Gould,	Jacob W. Reed,
Charles H. Atwood,	Sidney E. Hayden,	Edward W. King,
Nathaniel C. Barker,	Wilbur M. Hazen,	Daniel H. Rinn,
William J. Blaisdell,	James F. Henderson,	David Russell,
Davis P. Bucknam,	George W. Holden,	Charles F. Sargent
William E. Bucknam,	James R. Hopkins,	Peter Savage,
Frederick A. Burt,	Joseph M. Howe,	Peter J. Savage,
William Butler,	William H. Kelley,	Milo P. Shattuck,
Alfred Clark,	Thomas F. Leahey,	Bernard F. Sheridan,
Cyrus D. Clark,	Nicholas Leonard,	Alfred M. Sibley,
Ammiel Colman,	Augustus A. Lewis,	Wm W. Smith,
E. Parker Cook,	Charles A. MacDonald,	Lemuel H. Snow,
Thomas Cunningham,	Albert A. Marshall,	Charles A. Southwick,
Frederick L. Cutter,	David G. Marston,	Daniel L. Spike,
Thomas H. Duley,	Harry Mattacks,	Samuel H. Stevens,
Michael F. Davis,	Lambert M. Maynard,	Homer A. Stratton,
Gideon E. Dean,	Hiram P. McDonald,	Lewis L. Stuart,
Geo H. Dearborn,	John J. McGonagle,	William H. Symonds,
Nathaniel Dennett,	Daniel Jos. McIsaac,	S. Arthur Thompson,
Jerome P. Donovan,	Jeremiah J. Meaney,	Alonzo H. Trafton,
Reuben Doucett,	Wesley L. Merrill,	Louis L. Tucker,
Albert Doty,	William Meyer,	Albion W. Waining,
John Duney,	John F. Murray,	George L. Walcott,
Nicholas Dwyer,	Caleb A. Page,	John H. Walker,
Albert Fick,	Nathan L. Pennock,	Frederick W. Walsh, Jr.
Michael J. Fitzpatrick,	Edward T. Peterson,	Harry H. Waugh,
Philip J. Fitzpatrick,	Joseph S. Pike,	James L. Whitaker,
Ripley C. Gilman,	Charles H. Pratt,	Clifford F. White,
Elmer E. Gosgine,	John P. Prichard,	John A. Whitney,
Andrew Gilkey,	Philip Quinlan,	Irvin E. Wilson,
Jabez H. Gott,	Edward F. Reed,	Fred S. Young

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Lionel P. Young Joseph Young William H. Young

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

Appointments

The Mayor made the following appointments

Keeper of Lock-up (P.S. ch. 28, Sec. 27) Melville C. Parkhurst

Persons to cause to be interred the bodies of indigent soldiers, sailors and marines dying in this city (chap. 395, Acts of 1889) James F. Davlin

John H. Duessault

Bond

Received the official bond of the City Clerk, in the sum of Two thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor, signed by George L. Vincent, as principal, and Reuben P. Benton and Joseph H. Clark as sureties.

Approved and accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Approved and accepted in concurrence.

Constable Bond

Received a constable bond in the sum of Three thousand Dollars and in form approved by the City Solicitor, signed by Joseph J. Giles, as principal and Albion M. Prescott and Philip Eberle as sureties.

Approved and accepted.

Annual Reports

Received the annual reports for the year 1895, of the

School Committee

Board of Health

Committee on Fuel and Street Lights

City Clerk

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar and

Inspector of Animals and Provisions

Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, References concurred in.

Annual Report

Received the annual report of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the year 1895.

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 22, Reference concurred in.

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Received a communication from the Inspector of Buildings and the Inspector of Buildings and the Inspector of Plumbing, stating that, in their judgment, certain changes are desirable in Ordinance No. 45, entitled An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing. — Communication ✓

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licence — that licences to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors, — Petitions ✓

Charles F. Ames,	14 Pearl Street	Aged 15
Matthew Carter,	20 Mystic Ave	" 16
Henry Cavanagh,	7 Olive Square	" 14
Chester G. Doten,	67 Central St	" 15
Harry Folan,	7 Morrison St	" 13
John F. Furdon,	155 Sinwood St	" 13
Eugene J. Gormley,	60½ Fitchburg St	" 14
James Hines,	109 Beacon St	" 11
J. Charles Holland,	31 Knowlton St	" 14
Amos A. McLaughlin	427 Somerville Ave	" 16
George L. McLeod,	48 Lucks St	" 13
James C. Murphy,	96 Somerville Ave	" 16
Albert Phillips,	62 Franklin St	" 13
Chas. T. Phillips,	62 "	" 19
Edward Phillips,	62 "	" 15
Jacob A. Phillips,	62 "	" 18
Albert G. Preston	12 Palmer Ave	" 11
John H. Preston,	12 "	" 15
Alfred J. Saunders,	16 Summer St	" 15
Ernest A. Saunders,	16 "	" 17
Wm. H. Schultz,	1 Leonard Place	" 12
Grant Shearer,	35 Belmont St	" 14
George M. Stevens,	40 Cedar St	" 12
John C. Thompson,	42 Montrose St	" 14
Gaitano Valente	9 Hancock Ave	" 14
Joseph F. Wilber,	69 Franklin St	" 11

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All approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Petitions. Received a petition for a licence to cry his goods in the streets, from John Kluke, 22 Columbia St
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted.

Petition Received a petition from Oscar H. Steele, for a licence for a Magic and Punch and Judy show on Bacon Hall, Union Square, Thursday afternoon, Jan 23.
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted.

Petition Received a petition from Patrick J. Gannon, for an appointment as Constable. (appointment made this evening, as hereinbefore recorded.)
Placed on file.

Appointment Received an application from the Keith Packing and Provision Co for the appointment as Special Police without pay, of the following men in the employ of said company.
Elmer E. Goggins, Clifford F. White, Andrew Gilkey, Albert Doty, Milo P. Shattuck (appointments made this evening, as hereinbefore recorded)
approved by the Chief of Police
Placed on file.

Petitions Received petitions from
Edward Courtney for a licence as an Auctioneer,
William Armstrong and others that the application of Michael H. Tattan for a licence to keep pool and billiard tables at 464 1/2 Somerville Avenue be refused.
S. K. Hollis and others, that a licence be granted to Wm F. Mills to run a pool table at 524 Medford St.
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition Received a petition from Nathaniel Bary and others that the sewer in Somerset street between Church and Row streets be made of greater capacity, thus

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relaying portion between said points of back flowage to allow.
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from

Fred H. Dudley, for permission to stretch an electric wire from his store No. 29 Central street across Berkeley street to the house of Gresham T. Burnham, the wire thence to extend to the house of Benjamin F. Dexter, No. 67 Central street, where the petitioner resides. — Petitions ✓

J. H. Wescott and others, for brick sidewalks on both sides of Sargent Avenue, from Broadway to Mills street.

Frank Rafelli, for permission to set a shoeing post in front of his house No. 25 Clarendon St.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from Edward H. Fox, for edgestones in front of his premises Nos. 375 and 379 Elm street, he to pay for the edgestones. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from George Patterson and others, for an Arc light at the corner of Bagnell and Granite streets. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 22, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from the call members of the Fire Department for an increase of pay. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Finance, Reference reconsidered. Referred to Committee on Fire Department and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 22, Referred to Committee on Fire Department concurred in.

Received a petition from Francisco Frangosa, for compensation for injuries received by reason of a horse carriage of the city running into and against his barber shop at No. 2 South St, in the door of which he was standing, breaking down a barber's pole, which struck and injured the petitioner. — Petition ✓

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Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan 22, Reference concurred in.

Notices

Received notices to appear before the County Commissioners at Cambridge on the eleventh day of February next, and show cause, if any, why said commissioners should not grant the petitions of
Franklin O Reed; and
Franklin O Reed, Franklin O Reed - Trustee, Caroline E Sawin and Charles L. Sawin, for abatements of the taxes assessed for the year 1895, on certain parcels of real estate on Mystic Avenue and other streets.
Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan 22, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Communication

Received a communication from John P. Hart of Cambridge reflecting personally upon a member of the board of assessors.
Voted that the reading of the paper be omitted and that it be laid upon the table.

Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order.
In pursuance of a regulation passed by the board of Aldermen February 8, 1893, prohibiting coasting in any street or public ground of the city except in accordance with an order of the board of Aldermen, it is hereby
Ordered;
That coasting be and is hereby permitted in the following-named streets:-
Broadway, from the top of Winter Hill northwesterly - Flint street - Glen street - Heath and Sewall streets - Irving street - Prescott street - Summer Street - from Sewall street northwesterly - Stone avenue - and, in the evening only, Evergreen Avenue, such permission to terminate at the end of the current year unless sooner revoked by this board.
Adopted.

Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order.
Ordered;
That the sum of Three and 60/100 dollars from an assess-

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ment of Twenty-one and Two dollars, assessed to Georgianna Jones as a benefit accruing to her estate on Beacon Street by the construction of a sidewalk in said street, be and the same is hereby abated to her and re-assessed to Emma R. Read.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for permission to blast rock from Owen Cunningham and Son, in excavating for cellars in Willow Avenue, Fosket street, Kidder Avenue and Gowden Avenue, and Eyers + Reggie, in excavating cellar Spring Hill Terrace, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, — Order ✓

Ordered;-

That permission be and is hereby granted to Owen Cunningham & Son to blast rock in excavating for cellars in Willow Avenue, Fosket St. Kidder Avenue and Gowden Avenue, - and to Eyers + Reggie to blast rock in excavating cellar in Spring Hill Terrace.

Adopted.

Alderman Kerry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered;-

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of such quantities of edgestones, and paving stock, as may be required by the city, and to submit said proposals when received to the City Council.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered;-

That such number of this branch, be appointed by his honor the Mayor, together with such number of the Common Council, as they may deem

proper, be appointed to wait upon the officials of the West End Street Railway Company, in relation to the extension of the Franklin street line of cars on Broadway, to the top of Winter Hill.

Accepted and Aldermen Chandler and Huntley appointed to the Committee on the part of this branch. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22. Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Swing Jenness and Carr appointed to the Committee on the part of that branch.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 25.

Report

The Committee on Fire Department, on the order of December 11, 1895, authorizing the purchase of two horses for the department and the sale of one, recommended no action under said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase two new horses and dispose of one horse now in the department, at an expense not to exceed three hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Fire Department Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase such hose as may be required from time to time throughout the year, the amount so expended to be charged to Fire Department Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Report

The Committee on Public Property, on the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor that increased accommodations at the City Hall be provided by enlarging the present building, reported an order.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 22, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized to procure plans for increased accommodations at the City hall, at an expense not to exceed One hundred and fifty dollars, and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 22. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property, in connection with its consideration of the recommendation, made by His Honor, the Mayor, in his inaugural address, in regard to an enlargement of the city hall, be and it is hereby requested to consider also the suggestion, contained in the same address, of transferring some of the minor departments from the city hall to the recent engine house at the corner of Highland Avenue and Walnut street, and to report thereon to the city council.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 22. Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Grounds be and it is hereby requested to take into consideration the recommendation made by His Honor the Mayor, in his inaugural address, that an appropriation of not less than ten thousand dollars be made the present year, as the first contribution to a fund to be known as a soldiers memorial fund, to which contributions can be added, each succeeding year, as further appropriations, until the sum thus set apart shall be sufficient for the erection of a suitable soldiers monument in the Central Hill Park. And the said committee further requested to consider the probable cost of such a

monument and the matter of a suitable design for the same, and to report to this city council at an early day.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to petition the General Court for such additional legislation in regard to the sewerage of the Tannery Brook District as he shall think advisable and for the interest of the city.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Orders

Alderman Berry offered the following orders:

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in conjunction with the City of Medford, if he shall deem advisable, to petition the General Court for legislation requiring the County Commissioners to rebuild the Wellington Bridge, the expense thereof to be assessed upon the County and upon the different cities and towns benefited thereby.

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to petition the General Court, if he shall think it advisable, for legislation giving to the City Council exclusive jurisdiction of the laying out and maintenance of streets and highways in the city.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Order

Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to petition the General Court for such additional legislation as he shall deem advisable

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in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes and of sewer and sidewalk assessments.

Ordered,

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to petition the General Court for a repeal of the law restricting the rate of interest which cities and towns may pay for loans made to them and the law restricting the prices at which bonds and notes of cities and towns may be sold.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Mayor be authorized to appoint a suitable person to serve during the present year as consulting engineer, such appointment to be subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen, and the compensation of such Engineer shall be at the rate not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars per annum and shall be fixed by the Committee on Engineering.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 22.

The Mayor made the following appointments subject to confirmation by the board. — Appointments ✓

City Engineer — Ernest D. Bailey.

Consulting Engineer — George A. Kimball.

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

The board proceeded to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years, with the following results; — Election ✓

Fifth Ballot.

Committee to receive, assort and count votes, Aldermen Chandler and Jones, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,	8
Necessary for choice,	5
Benjamin F. Thompson has	4

Edgar T. Mayhew has 4.

and there was no choice.

Sixth Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count votes, Aldermen Huntley and Berry, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Edgar T. Mayhew	has	4
Benj. F. Thompson	"	4

and there was no choice.

Seventh Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count votes, Aldermen Moore and Wright, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Edgar T. Mayhew,	has	4
Benjamin F. Thompson	"	4

and there was no choice.

Eighth Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count votes, Aldermen Huntley and Andrews, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Edgar T. Mayhew,	has	4
Benj. F. Thompson,	"	4

and there was no choice.

Ninth Ballot

Committee to receive, assort and count votes, Aldermen Berry and Pratt, who reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Benjamin F. Thompson,	has	4
Edgar T. Mayhew	"	4

and there was no choice.

Tenth Ballot

Committee to receive assort and count votes, Aldermen Moore and Jones,

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who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice		5
Edgar J. Mayhew	has	4
Benjamin F. Thompson	"	4

and there was no choice.

Eleventh Ballot

Committee to receive assort and count the votes, Aldermen Berry and Andrews who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots, 9.

being one more than the whole number of members of the board.

The ballot was accordingly declared by the chair null and void.

Twelfth Ballot.

Committee to receive, assort and count the votes, Aldermen Chandler and Huntley, who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Benjamin F. Thompson,	has	4
Edgar J. Mayhew,	"	4

and there was no choice.

Thirteenth Ballot.

Committee to receive, assort and count the votes, Aldermen Huntley and Chandler, who reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots,		8
Necessary for choice,		5
Edgar J. Mayhew	has	4
Benj. F. Thompson	"	4

and there was no choice.

Adjourned

Attest.

George F. Vincent Clerk.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to draw jurors, and to transact any other business that might come before the Board, all of the members having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, January 30, 1896. 8 P. M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry, and Andrews present.

Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of one good and lawful man to serve as a Grand Juror at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the second Monday of February next, the person so drawn to appear and attend said court on the first day of its session, namely, Monday, February 10th 1896, at 10 O'clock, A. M.

By direction of the Mayor the city messenger passed the box to Alderman Jones, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Granville A. Walker. The messenger passed the slip bearing the said name to the Mayor, who verified the name, by reading it aloud, and handed the slip to the City Clerk, by whom the said name was again read aloud and the slip, properly endorsed, was returned to the proper compartment of the box.

Petition

Received from the Common Council, a petition from J. D. Dunbar and others, for a crossing across Mystic Avenue, at the head of North Union street.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan. 30. Referred to Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Order

Received from the Common Council, an order requesting the Mayor to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the person who committed the assault on Minnie Barney and Emily Wilkinson, Thursday January 16th provided that the person convicted

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ed be annulled within six months from the date of this order and that the claim for the amount be made within three months after such conviction and be substantiated by documentary proof, satisfactory to the Mayor.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Read twice and adopted and sent ~~down~~ up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan. 30, Read once and laid on the table.

Received the annual report of the Committee on Public Property for the year 1895. — Annual Report ✓

Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13 Reference concurred in.

Received the resignation of Charles Trull as a Captain and Driver in the Fire Department, - Hose Co. No. 3 endorsed with the Mayor's acceptance. — Resignation ✓

Resignation accepted on the part of this board.

Received a notice, (unsigned) to the City of Somerville, stating that ~~that~~ on Sunday Jan. 25, 1896, between 8 and 9 O'clock, A.M., Mrs. Michael Carroll, residing at 38 Murdock street, fell upon the sidewalk on the northerly side of Medford street between Sycamore and Thurston streets, and as a result sustained a fracture of her left forearm, for compensation for which she prays the consideration of the city. — Notice ✓

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 13 Reference concurred in.

Received notice of a hearing by the County Commissioners, ~~at the County Commissioners~~ at the Union Square Station of the Fitchburg Railroad, Thursday, February 27, at 9.30 O'clock A.M. on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, for permission to lengthen its bridge at Washington street, so that four tracks may be laid upon the railroad location under the same, (filed with the City Clerk, January 28.) — Notice of Hearing ✓

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Placed in hands of the City Solicitor in concurrence.

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Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That the sum of thirty-three 00/100 dollars assessed Dec. 26, 1895, to Mary A. Prindle and James Dwight Prindle, as a benefit accruing to their estate, being lot numbered 11, on Lowell street, by the construction of a common sewer in said street, be and the same is hereby abated to them and re-assessed to George R. Howard.

Adopted.

Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on City Engineering be and is hereby authorized to purchase a team for the use of the City Engineer at an amount not to exceed $300.00 and to maintain the same, the amount so expended to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor Feb. 14. (see subsequent record.)

Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested, in making the appropriations for the current year, to consider the advisability of making appropriation for an almshouse.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Mayor be and is hereby requested and authorized for and in behalf of the City of Somerville to petition the Legislature at its present session for such legislation as will relieve cities and towns from any and all liability for any injury or damages alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by snow or ice, one or both, on the streets and highways.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council Feb. 13, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 15.

On motion of Alderman Chandler the board proceeded to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years

Election ✓

14th Ballot.

Alderman Chandler and Moore were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and reported,-

Whole number of ballots,	8
Necessary for choice,	5
Benjamin F. Thompson has	4
Edgar J. Mayhew, "	4

and there was no choice.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen duly called by the Mayor to draw jurors and to transact any other business that might come before the board, - all the members having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Lowell, Feb. 3, 1896. - P. P. K.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Bourgeard and Andrews present.

Jurors. Received a venire, for the drawing, out of the box, of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Lowell on the second Monday of February current, the jurors so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday, February 17, 1896, at ten o'clock A. M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box, - first to Alderman Moore, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Charles Keating, - then to Alderman Wright, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Daniel W. McDermott, and then to Alderman Jones, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Thomas Spellman. The City Messenger stated that it was without his knowledge that Thomas Spellman was in California, where he was to remain throughout the winter. The said Spellman being beyond the reach of a summons, the Mayor directed the City Messenger to again pass the box to Alderman Jones, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Albert L. Treadwell.

The slips so drawn, bearing the names of

Charles Keating,

Daniel W. McDermott,

and

Albert L. Treadwell,

were passed by the Messenger to the Mayor, who verified the said names by reading them aloud, and then passed the slips to the City Clerk who also read therefrom the said names, aloud, and after endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box, to which compartment the

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slip bearing the name of Thomas Spellman, properly endorsed, was also returned.

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Joseph A. Bribly be appointed Driver of Hose No. 3, to fill a vacancy.

Appointment, as recommended, made by the Mayor and action by the board referred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting; the appointment being, under the law, for the probationary term of six months.

Recommendation ✓
Appointment

Received the report Chief of Police for the month of January.
Placed on file.

Report ✓

Received from the Commissioners appointed by the Court upon the petition of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners under section 14 of Chapter 459 of the Acts of the year 1889, as amended by Chapter 307 of the Acts of the year 1894, to determine the proportion in which the several cities and towns named in said act shall annually pay to the Commonwealth for the term of five years, embracing the calendar years of 1896 to 1901, both inclusive, for the purposes therein set forth, - notice that said first-named commissioners will meet the parties in interest at Room 136 Extension, at the State House, Saturday February 8, at Ten O'clock A.M. to assign the time and place to hear the parties in the premises.

Referred to the Mayor and City Solicitor

Notice ✓
meeting to assign hearing on apportionment for five years cost of Metropolitan sewerage system

Received a request, to which were signed the names and addresses of twenty-six registered qualified voters of the city, and the surnames and addresses, with the initials of the christian names, of twenty-seven other registered qualified voters of the city, that a general meeting of citizens be called in accordance with section 26 of the City Charter, to act upon the following questions,

1. To see what action the meeting will take with reference to the proposed constitutional amendment now before the General Court, providing for an extension of the terms of office of State Executive officers and members of the General Court, and known as the biennial resolve.

2. To see what action the meeting will take with reference to the regulation of the West End Street Railway Company in this City, in regard to the better accommodation of its patrons, and the establishment

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of free transfer.

3. To see what action the meeting will take in reference to building a new city hall.

4. To see what action the meeting will take in reference to the establishment of free public baths in Somerville.

5. To see what action action the meeting will take in regard to the management of the public schools.

Referred to Committee on Elections.

Notice — Received a notice from Mrs Bridget Carroll, that on January 26 1896, at about 8.45 A.M. she was caused to fall and sustained severe injuries, including a broken left wrist, by slipping on ice and snow which had been negligently allowed to gather on the sidewalk on Medford St, adjoining the property of Mrs Elizabeth Royle, on said Medford street and near the corner of Sycamore street.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Reference concurred in.

Order — Aldermen Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That His Honor the Mayor, be and he hereby is authorized in behalf of the City to take such steps as to him shall seem necessary, by petition to the General Court for appropriate legislation, or otherwise, to collect from the County of Middlesex a suitable rental for the rooms in the Police Station occupied by the Police Court, also to collect from said County all sums paid by the City for the proper care and repair of the said rooms.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 13 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Feb 17.

Elections — The board proceed to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years.

15th ballot

Aldermen Chandler and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having attended to that duty they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots 8

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Necessary for choice	5
Benjamin F. Thompson has	4
Edgar T. Mayhew	4

and there were no choice.

Adjourned

Attest.

George F. Vincent Clerk

Communication from Mayor Collection of Ashes & Offal Street Railway Accommodations

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, February 13, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received the following communication from His Honor, the Mayor.

To the City Council,

Under the authority conferred by section eleven of the City Charter, I would respectfully submit to your Honorable Body the following recommendations,-

First. Collection of Ashes.

I would recommend that the collection of ashes be transferred from the health department to the highway department. By such a change I believe a considerable saving to the city could be made without impairment of the service. Under the present system it is necessary for the board of health to maintain horses and carts, during the entire year, for the collection of ashes; to keep a separate force of employees for the work; and to employ a superintendent, who draws a salary of $900. per year. If the health department was not required to collect ashes, it could, doubtless, dispense with the services of its superintendent intrusting the supervision of house offal collections to its regular agent, who also draws an annual salary of $1200. The horses used on the offal carts should, in my opinion, be housed and cared for in the new city stable, thus doing away with the expense of maintaining two separate stables.

I am convinced that the superintendent of streets, under the direction of the highway committee, can make profitable use of a large part of the ashes collected, in filling and grading, and upon some of the unpaved sidewalks of the city. In former years some of the best unpaved walks in our streets were made of ashes, with a coating of fine rock screenings.

If your Honorable Body should decide to make the change which I have suggested, I would further recommend that it be made a part of the duty of the agent of the board of health to superintend the collection of house offal, two cal-

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and offices in the health department being, in my judgment, uncalled for.

The expense of maintaining the health department has increased with unparalleled rapidity during the last few years, as will be seen by the following table of appropriations and expenditures.

Year	Appropriation	Expenditure
1890	6000.00	5971.81
1891	7000.00	7352.23
1892	8000.00	11,816.76
1893	12,000.00	14,925.45
1894	12,000.00	17,917.73
1895	21,000.00	28,828.47

It is only fair to state that nearly $6000 of the expenditures for 1895 was for horses, wagons, carts, pungs and other equipments for the collection of ashes and swill. It is also a well known fact that it costs more to collect ashes and house offal under the present system than by the old contract plan - a plan which was unsatisfactory to our citizens and should never again be resorted to. Making full allowance for all necessary increases of expense, incident to the growth of the city and improvements in the methods of conducting the affairs of the health department, I am, nevertheless, satisfied that the business of the department should be carried on during the present year for a much smaller sum than was expended in 1895. This desirable result can, I believe, be accomplished in the manner above suggested without impairing the efficiency of the service in the slightest degree.

2. Street Railway Accommodations.

I would recommend that a joint special committee be appointed (to act either alone or in conjunction with a committee of private citizens) to consider the subject of street railway accommodations in this city, and to take such steps as to them may seem proper and desirable to improve and increase existing accommodations.

I make the foregoing recommendation because I believe our citizens are not at present receiving from the West End Street Railway Company such service as they are fairly entitled to. The corporation is in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and has been able, for many years past, to pay dividends amounting annually to 8 per cent on its preferred stock and from 7½ to 10 per cent on its common stock. Its bonded securities, as is well known, stand very high in the market. It should also be remembered that the earnings of the

road are based upon a largely inflated capitalization. Notwithstanding the vast resources of the corporation, and its immense revenue, hundreds of our people are obliged to ride to and from their work or business each day without the privilege of a seat, and frequently wedged in so closely that, were they cattle in a freight car, an earnest protest against such cruelty would be sent forth by our humane societies. The man or woman who has toiled all day in Boston, and pays a full fare for a ride to the suburban home, is, I submit, entitled to a seat, but during those hours when the return trip is made the tired workman or exhausted shopgirl must stand, clinging to an overhead strap for support. While in this position the alternate starting and stopping of an electric car is slightly suggestive of the tortures of an inquisitorial rack.

A great corporation which deals thus with its patrons, from month to month and year after year is fast proving either its incompetency or unworthiness to rightly discharge its obligations to the public which has granted it a monopolistic franchise valued at millions of dollars. I know it is not possible, during the hours of greatest travel, to send enough cars through the narrow, congested streets of the business center of Boston to fully accommodate suburban traffic; but it would be perfectly feasible, at such hours, to start a considerable number of extra cars from points like Haymarket and Park Square. It would merely make additional expense for the corporation, and this it is well able to bear.

Some arrangement ought also to be made for a belt line or for inter-sectional transfers, by which our people could be carried from one part of Somerville to another without the exaction of an extra fare.

A free check system should be adopted by the West End Road, giving all our citizens a five cent fare to any point on its various lines.

Many other changes and improvements, which I will not take your time to enumerate, might be made if properly presented to the corporation and zealously urged by the people.

I have no desire to criticise the management of the West End Road in any unfair or intemperate manner. It has done many commendable things and on occasion, shown considerable enterprise. I do feel, however, that it is doing less than its full duty in the way of furnishing accommodations to its Somerville patrons — very much less than its resources and abilities require.

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The City Council ought to be zealous in guarding the interests of its constituents, especially in the matter of street railway accommodations. Street railway corporations are granted extraordinary privileges in the use and obstruction of highways, and they should be held to strict accountability for the manner in which they serve the public. In the carrying of passengers they necessarily have a practical monopoly, and monopolies are prone to abuse their powers when not regulated and restrained by state or municipal authority. In the use of these great public franchises it is of paramount importance that the people who create them should receive the amplest accommodations, and the holders of the corporation securities ought to be content with a moderate income from their investment - an income reckoned on an inflated, watered capital.

I am firmly of the opinion that the street railway question in Somerville should receive early and careful consideration from the present City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison A. Perry

Mayor

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Feb. 14 Read for information.

The Mayor presented a letter to him from the Chief of Police in which the Chief stated that William A. Flaherty wanted the two men, - Harry Mattaker or Mattocks and Hiram P. McDonald, whom he asked to have appointed police officers, discharged for unfaithfulness and neglect of duty; and that he the Chief approved of such action, as the men were appointed at Flaherty's request to protect his property.

Removals Special Police ✓

The Mayor accordingly removed Harry Mattaker or Mattocks and Hiram P. McDonald as Special Police without compensation, and the removals were confirmed by the board of aldermen.

On request of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, approved by the Chief of Police, the Mayor appointed Edward M. Wheeler, who is in the employ of said company, a Hugher of Beef.

Appointment ✓

Action by this Board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

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Annual Reports

Received the Annual Reports for the year 1895, of the
Trustees of the Public Library,
Water Board,
Overseers of the Poor,
City Physician,
Committee on Highways,
Committee on Fire Department,
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports, sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13, References concurred in.

Report

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of January.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Feb. 13 Read for information.

Report

Received the report of the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights for the month of January.

Placed on file.

Request

Received a request from the School Committee that appropriations for the current year be made as follows,-

for School Teachers' salaries,	$160,000.00
for School Contingent expenses,-	25,000.00
or, if expenditures for water and light be not included,	23,500.00

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13, Reference concurred in.

Communication

Received a communication from the School Committee, representing that the state law of 1895, making Manual Training in High Schools obligatory, requires that the course be satisfactory to the State Board of Education which board suggests that the course cover a period of four years, and demands that it be made progressive. The School Committee therefore recommends that the two westerly basement rooms of the English High School be fitted up with lathes and other apparatus for wood-turning and with appliances

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for pattern making and foundry work, according to plans prepared by the Superintendent of Manual Training and approved by the committee on Industrial Education, and that a special appropriation of Six thousand Dollars be made for the same.

Received, also, a communication from the School Committee, recommending additional school accommodations, as follows,-

1. A six-room building to be erected in Ward One, either on the site of the present hose-house on Webster street, or on Franklin street immediately north of the Congregational Church.

2. A twelve-room building to be erected either on the Beach street lot enlarged or at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Central street, this with a view to abandoning the objectionable Beach street and Franklin Buildings as well as furnishing needed accommodations in that part of the city.

3. The immediate purchase of a lot of land either on Central street, between Willoughby Street and Highland Avenue, or on Hudson Street, between Bowell street and Benton Avenue, with a view to the erection of a school building another year.

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb. 13, References concurred in.

The following appointments made by the Mayor, January 22d inst. namely:- Appointments

of Patrick J. Gavin, as a constable,
of Charles A. Southwick, as Janitor of the City Hall and the Public Library Building,
of Henry S. Hroden, as Janitor of the Police Building,
of John Craig and Albert C. Lyman as Measurers of Grain,
of D. Warren Danforth and eight others, as named in the records of Jan. 22, as Weighers of Beef,
of John Craig and thirteen others, as named in the records of Jan. 22, as Weighers of Coal,

were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

The appointment, made by the Mayor February 3, of Joseph A. Cribby as a Driver, in Hose Company No. 3, of the Fire Department, for the probationary term of six months was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. Appointment

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Constable Bond

Received a constable's bond in the sum of Three thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor, signed by Patrick J. Garvin, as principal, and Ellen Garvin and John H. Ponce, both of Cambridge as sureties.

Approved and accepted.

Petitions

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licence - that licences to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors;

Harry E. Blaisdell,	25 Quincy St.	Aged	14
Harold J. Bryant,	28 Cutter Ave	"	11
George Doherty,	44 Joy St.	"	12
George L. Grover,	10 Belmont Pl	"	13
Henry M. Murphy,	12 Church St.	"	17
Ralph S. Patrick,	29 Winslow Ave.	"	12
Frank S. Robinson,	97 Washington St.	"	18
Herbert J. Smalley,	21 Cook St.	"	12
C. Raymond Spinney	31 Appleton St.	"	11
Irving W. Young	9 Rush St.	"	16

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licences granted.

Petitions

Received petitions for licences to collect junk, from

John Fuller, 4 South St.

Joseph Hall, 15 "

both approved by the Chief of Police

Referred to Committee on Licences.

Petitions

Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets, from

John Fuller, 4 South St. (junk)

" " 4 " (Fruit, fish + vegetables)

Joseph Hall 15 "

John F. O'Neil, 135 Linwood St

all approved by the Chief of Police

Referred to Committee on Licences

Petitions

Received petitions for licences as Undertakers, from

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Thomas J. Barker, Charles F. Bryant, John J. Crimmings, William A. Flaherty, William A. Frink, Alfred E. Mann, Edward R. & G. Roscoe Marsh, George F. McKenna, Patrick Rafferty, Patrick H. Rafferty and Francis M. Wilson.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received petitions for licenses to keep pool tables for hire from — Petitions ✓

John Gagan two tables, at 145 Somerville Ave.

Rafael Estela one table, at 61 Elm St.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from Annie L. Bond, 17 Auburn St., Charlestown, for a licence to keep, or let stalls for, thirty horses in a stable to be placed on her land on the southerly side of Washington Street, near the Boston line. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for a double track in Medford street and Highland Ave. from Somerville Avenue to Davis Square, with all necessary curves, switches, crossovers and connections, connecting with existing tracks in Somerville Avenue, Washington street, Cross street, and Davis Square, all as shown by red lines on plan by A. S. Plimpton, C. E. dated Feb. 1 1896 and filed with the petition; also for leave to operate the line by means of the single trolley electric system of motive power.

William H. Holmes, for edgestones on the remaining side of Heath street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received the written objection of O. H. Gracey and others, residents of East Somerville, to the proposition now before the City Council for the changing of the starting place of the Franklin street ~~of the~~ line of cars, from Franklin street to Winter Hill, for the reason that the accommodations afforded the East Somerville people would be much inferior to those which they now have. — Objection ✓

Referred to a joint special committee to consist of two aldermen with such number of Common Councilmen as may be joined; Aldermen Chandler and Huntley appointed on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council Feb 13, Referred to joint special committee in concurrence, and Councilmen Simson, Irving and Barr appointed on the part of this branch.

Petition

Received a petition from E. S. Sparrow and others, that the West End Street Railway Company be requested to remove its tracks from Dover street and to put the street and sidewalk in safe condition for public travel.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Feb 13; Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions for street lights from

Ernest J. Cambridge and others, an arc light on Snow street near Central street,

A. A. Shaw and others, an Arc light on Broadway at the foot of Billingham St

G. H. Bailey and others, an electric light at the corner of Cross street and Cross street Place.

Walter H. Snow and others, an arc light at the corner of Grant and Derby streets.

Philip J. Fitzpatrick and others, an Arc light on Houghton street opposite Bolton street, instead of the incandescent light now there.

Albert Keefe and others, an electric light on Kensington Avenue

Frank R. Bailey and others a street light at the foot of Pinckney Street,

Peter J. Smith and others, an arc light on Prospect street near Houghton street, instead of the incandescent now there.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Feb 13; References concurred in

Petitions

Received petitions from

James J. Eagan & Co. for a license to carry on the business of melting and rendering upon premises owned by G. Barry, on South street,

William L. Henry, for the written consent of the Mayor and Aldermen and the Common Council, to occupy and use the premises on Melrose street, now owned by him, for the purpose of rendering lard and tallow

Referred to a joint special committee to consist of two aldermen with such number of councilmen as may be joined, Aldermen Chandler and Huntley appointed on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, Feb 10, Referred to joint special committee, in concurrence, and Councilmen Raymond, Tarbox and Cummings appointed on the part of that branch.

Received a petition from J. H. Richards & others, that the ringing of the bell recently placed on the building of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Avenue, be stopped, and representing that the said bell is rung several times each day, to wit, at about 5.30, and 6.15, O'clock P.M., again at noon, and again between 6 and 7 O'clock P.M., that it is injurious and even dangerous to the health of aged people, invalids and young children, is annoying to those troubled with nervous disorders, that it tends to depreciate the value of property in the vicinity and is an intolerable nuisance. — Petition

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 10, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from William Bryant, for permission to move a wooden building 28 feet long, 15 feet wide and 25 feet high, from land of said Bryant, on the westerly side of Webster Avenue, near Norfolk street, through Norfolk street and Webster Avenue, to land of said Bryant, on the westerly side of Webster Avenue near Norfolk street, — Petition

certified by the Superintendent of Streets and the Superintendent of Electric Lines that the said statement as to measurements is substantially correct and that the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Wright offered an order granting permission to William Bryant to move a wooden building through Norfolk street and Webster Avenue, as recorded on page 489 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order

Adopted.

The Committee on Elections, on the petition of Thomas B. Brophy and others, for the calling of a general meeting of citizens to act upon sundry questions, submitted a warrant and order. — Report

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Accepted.

Warrant

See Officers Return on page 670.

The warrant and order submitted with the foregoing report are as follows.

Warrant.

City of Somerville.

To any constable of the City of Somerville,
greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the citizens of Somerville, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble in general meeting at Union Hall in the Connor Building on Row street, on Monday, the second day of March, A.D. 1896, at eight O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following questions;

1. To see what action the meeting will take with reference to the proposed constitutional amendment now before the General Court, providing for an extension of the terms of office of State Executive officers and members of the General Court, and known as the biennial resolve.

2. To see what action the meeting will take with reference to the regulation of the West End Street Railway Company in this City, in regard to the better accommodation of its patrons, and the establishment of free transfers.

3. To see what action the meeting will take in reference to building a new city Hall.

4. To see what action the meeting will take in reference to the establishment of free public baths in Somerville.

5. To see what action the meeting will take in regard to the management of the public schools.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

(Seal) Witness, Albro A. Perry, Mayor of our said City of Somerville, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

By order of the Mayor and Aldermen,

George S. Vincent,
City Clerk.

Order

Order

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Ordered,- | calling general meeting of citizens

That the accompanying warrant for the calling of a general meeting of the citizens, to be held on the 2nd day of March next, be and the same is hereby adopted; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to commit the said warrant to any constable of the City of Somerville for service and return as provided by law; the publication required by section 4, of Chapter III of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, to be made in the Somerville Journal.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 14, 1896.

The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Michael H. Tattan, for a licence for billiard and pool tables at 468½ Somerville Avenue and the petition of William Armstrong, and others, that such licence be refused to said Tattan, reported recommending that no licence be granted. | Report ✓

Accepted.

The Committee on Sewers on the petition of Chas. P. Philbrick and others for the laying of a common sewer in Vilcom Avenue, a private way, submitted a favorable report for the taking of land for the purposes of such sewer as recorded on page 329 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. | Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, Accepted in concurrence.

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice for a hearing on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Vilcom Avenue, as recorded on pages 330 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to construct sewers of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. | Order of Notice ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14.

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Reports — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Frank Rafelli, for permission to set a hitching post in front of his estate, No. 25 Claremon street, reported an order; on the petition of Fred H. Dudley, for permission to stretch an electric bell wire across Berkeley street, from his store No. 59 Central street corner of Berkeley street, to the house of Gershom T. Burnham, on the opposite corner of Berkeley street, the wire thence to continue to the house of Benjamin F. Doten, 67 Central street, reported an order.

Accepted.

Orders — The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted to Frank Rafelli, to set a hitching post in front of his estate No. 25 Claremon street.

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted, to Fred H. Dudley, to stretch an electric bell wire from his store No. 59 Central street, across Berkeley street, to the house on the corner of Central and Berkeley streets owned by Gershom T. Burnham, the wire continuing therefrom to the house No. 67 Central street, owned by Benjamin F. Doten; the construction of such line of wire to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights, and such permission to terminate at the pleasure of this board, and the wire to be then removed.

Adopted.

Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Charles A. Sewell and others, for the laying out of Kidder avenue, submitted a favorable report as recorded on page 249 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Accepted. Acceptance reconsidered. Amended by striking out the word Willow before the word 'avenue', and substituting the word Liberty. As thus amended accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, Accepted as amended in concurrence.

Order of Notice — Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice for a hearing on the laying out of Kidder Avenue, as recorded on page 250 of volume 2 of the

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Received ito. first reading and recommitted to the Committee on Highways. Recommitted reconsidered. Amended by striking out the word "Willow" before the word "avenue", and substituting the word "Liberty". As thus amended received ito second reading and adoption. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13. As amended read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Francis H. Brown and others for the changing of the names of York Terrace and Harvard Place, extending from Central Street to Harvard Street, reported an order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report, and three orders offered by Alderman Henry, are as follows. — Orders ✓

Ordered,-

That the name of the street now known as York Terrace, lying between Central Street and Harvard Place, be and is hereby changed to Monmouth Street, and that Harvard Place, a private way extending from said York Terrace to Harvard Street, be hereafter known as Monmouth Street.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized, to sell the manure accumulating at the City Stable during the year, to Mr. J. W. Russell of Winchester, at the rate of three dollars per horse, the amount received from said sale to be credited to the appropriation for Highways.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to purchase such quantities of field and ledge stone and sand, as may be required by the department during the current year, the amount expended to be charged to Highways Account.

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Ordered,

That Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to have the Steam Road Roller put in thorough repair, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Report — The Committee on Fire Department, on an order of Jan. 22, to purchase two hoses and a hose reel, reported the same have been done at an expense of $300.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, accepted in concurrence.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized to place such number of Welsbach lamps in the Police Building as the committee shall deem expedient, the expense so incurred to be charged to Police Station Incidentals Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be and is hereby authorized to remove any street gas-lamp posts now standing on the streets or ways of the city — the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be and is hereby authorized to sell such old iron gas-lamp posts as may now be in the

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possession of the city, the amount so received to be credited to Street Lights Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

The Committee on Printing, in pursuance of an order of January 8, submitted the following list of proposals received to print the Annual Reports of the city for the year 1895, as specified in said order. — Report ✓

Names of Bidder	Per Page	Additional Copies of certain reports. Aggregate
Samuel Usher	$ 2.00	$ 103.75
John Bachman & Co.	1.70	97.25
Rich & Small	1.70	96.00
A. L. Winchip & Co.	1.64	61.00
Robinson Press	1.60	—
Somerville Printing Co.	1.54	74.00
Somerville Journal Co.	1.54	73.00
American Printing & Engraving Co.	1.53	57.75

and reported herewith

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13. Accepted in concurrence.

The order presented with the foregoing report is as follows, — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Printing be and is hereby authorized and instructed to make a contract with the American Printing and Engraving Company for the printing of the annual reports for the year 1895, together with additional copies of the Board of Health, City Engineer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and the Water Board, at the prices named in said Company's proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date, the amount so expended to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account, said American Printing and Engraving Company to furnish a bond in the sum of $ 500.00 satisfactory to the Committee on Printing and the City Solicitor.

Read twice and adopted, ~~too~~ and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council February 13. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Feb 15.

Order — Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Printing be and is hereby authorized to procure one thousand copies of the City Hall at a cost not to exceed seventy dollars and to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Feb 15.

Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Water be and is hereby authorized to employ some suitable person to take the times of the men employed in street watering during the coming season, and to render such other assistance in the matter of street watering as the committee shall direct, the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Streets Account.

Read twice and adopted in concurrence

In Common Council Feb 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Feb 15

Report — The Committee on Claims, on the notice of Lucy A. Hayall of injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Florence street February 12, reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb 13, Accepted in concurrence

Order — The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Accounts, be and is hereby authorized and instructed, to approve in pay roll of Miscellaneous a bill in favor of Mrs Lucy A. Hayall for five hundred dollars, in settlement of all claims against the city for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Florence street, Feb 12, 1896.

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Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the City Solicitor be and is hereby authorized and instructed to settle with Downey heirs a suit now pending in the Superior Court, being a claim for damages on account of building and land on the corner of Lowell and Redford streets, taken for the widening of Lowell street, said street having been accepted by the City Council as a public street, September 12th 1894, the expense to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 17.

The Committee on Finance reported that in compliance with section 10, of chapter 4, of the revised ordinances, they have, in conjunction with the Auditor, examined and audited the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1895, and in the manner prescribed by said section. — Report ✓ Com. on Finance examination of Treasurer's books

The said books and accounts were carefully compared with the books, records, accounts, papers, vouchers and documents of the Auditor, Treasurer, City Clerk, and the several committees, boards and officers of the city, and with the certificates and statement transmitted by the City Clerk, as provided in section 5 of said chapter.

The committee also carefully verified the cash balance at close of business February 11, 1896, as shown by the books and accounts of the Treasurer, such verification having been made by an actual count of the cash and statement from the banks, in which the funds of the city were deposited.

The committee take pleasure in reporting, as the result of their examination, that no error or discrepancy was discovered in the accounts and records of the Treasurer and Collector, and expressing their cordial approval of the remarkably neat methodical and accurate manner in which he has kept the books and accounts of his department, as well as the general efficiency displayed by him in the performance of his important and arduous official duties, and recom-

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rend that his report be accepted, and printed in the annual reports of 1895.

Albion A. Perry,
Howard D. Moore,
George S. Whitaker,
John Hunnewell,
Fred M. Carr,
Richard A. Russell,
} Committee

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb. 13, Accepted in concurrence.

Order. Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested in making up the various appropriations for the year 1896, to consider the matter of making an appropriation of Two thousand dollars for the erection of a bath house on the Mystic River.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb. 13, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 17.

Order. Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That so much of the communication to the City Council presented by His Honor the Mayor this evening as relates to the collection of ashes and offal, be and the same is hereby referred to Committee on Finance.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb. 13, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Order. Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That a joint special committee to consist of the Mayor, one Alderman (said alderman to be appointed by the Mayor), the President and one other member of the Common Council (such other member to be appointed by the President), be appointed to take into consideration so much of the communication to the City Council presented by the Mayor this evening, as relates to street

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railway accommodations in this city, and to take such action with reference to the recommendations upon that subject contained in said communication as to said committee shall seem proper. And the said committee is further authorized to invite four citizens, one to be selected from each ward of the city, to act with the committee in any proceedings which may be taken in the premises; said committee to make a report of its doings to the city council.

Adopted and Alderman Moore appointed to the committee on the part of this board, sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13, Adopted in concurrence and Councilman Hunnewell appointed to committee on the part of that branch.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolve and order.

Resolved,-

That it is the sense of this City Council, that the bill now pending before the Legislature, being House Bill No. 586, an entitled "An act to prohibit the Issuing of Liquor Licences to be exercised within a quarter of a mile of the limits of a City or Town voting no licence", should received the support of the members of the General Court from this city;

and it is hereby

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Legislative Matters of the City Council, be and is hereby requested to appear before any committee to which said bills may be referred, and advocate the passage of the same.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 13 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15

Resolve + Order on bill before Legislature to prohibit liquor licenses within ¼ mile of city or town voting no licenses ✓

On motion of Alderman Chandler the board proceed to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years; it being the

16th ballot

Aldermen Chandler and Jones were appointed a committee, to receive, assort and count the votes and, having attended to that duty, they reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots 8

Necessary for choice 5

Election ✓

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Benjamin F. Thompson has 4
Edgar T. Mayhew " 4
and there was no choice.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk.

Officers Returns on Warrants calling General Meeting

Record of Officers Returns on Warrants calling General Meeting of Citizens, recorded on page 660 of these records.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. City of Somerville, February 24, 1896.

This is to certify that I have warned and notified the citizens of said city, qualified to vote as the law directs, in accordance with the within warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of said warrant in each of the several voting precincts of said city, and by publishing a like copy in the Somerville Journal, a newspaper published in said city, in its issue of February 15, 1896, as directed by the Mayor and Aldermen, in an order passed February 12, 1896, said posting and publication having been made at least seven days before the time of holding the meeting as within specified.

Attest,

Jaime Mann,
Constable of the City of Somerville

Attest

George S. Vincent
City Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, February 26, 1896 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Howe, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Hartley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received the following communication from His Honor, the Mayor, which was filed with the city clerk, February 20, 1896.

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayors Office
February 20th 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,=

I return herewith, with my objections, an order which originated in your body, authorizing the Committee on City Engineering "to purchase a team for the use of the city engineer at an amount not to exceed $300., and to maintain the same, the amount so expended to be charged to miscellaneous account."

The word team, as used in the order, doubtless refers to and includes a horse and carriage. Assuming that this is the extent and scope of the order, I would say that it seems to me inexpedient and improper for the city to purchase and maintain a horse and carriage for the use of the city engineer.

I have no doubt the engineer will require a horse and vehicle in the performance of his official duties, and the expense of maintaining the same should, therefore, be taken into account in fixing his salary.

I believe it to be the best plan for the engineer to select, own and maintain the horse and carriage which he uses. This leaves him free to determine for himself the character of his outfit, and allows him to make use of it for his own private driving, when not required in the city's service, without provoking unfavorable comment.

Furthermore I am convinced that the compensation and emoluments of each officer of the city should, in so far as practicable, appear in one

Communication from Mayor vetoing order for purchase of team for City Engineer.

tion, so that the tax-payers may at a glance get how much is expended upon the several offices. This cannot be done if a part of the expenditure is entered in salaries account and another part in miscellaneous account.

Even if I deemed it proper for the city to buy and maintain a horse and carriage for the city engineer, I should urge that the expense be charged to the department benefited by the expenditure.

Miscellaneous account should, in my judgment, only be drawn upon for such disbursements as cannot properly and conveniently be charged to any specific appropriation. Too often, I fear, the word miscellaneous, as applied to this account, more aptly characterizes a questionable method of book-keeping than the real nature of the payments placed upon its rolls. In any view of the subject, I believe the city council ought not to encourage the further purchase and maintenance of driving outfits for its officers and employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion F. Perry, Mayor.

Read for information.

Order

The order, returned with the foregoing communication, which order was passed by the board January 30, and by the Common Council February 13, and was presented to the Mayor February 14, 1896, and authorized the committee on city engineering to purchase a team for the use of the city engineer, was then reconsidered.

Its adoption, - the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding - was lost by a yea and nay vote, Alderman Pratt - 1 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews - 7, voting in the negative.

Communication Board of Health muzzling dogs

Received from the Board of Health the following communication.

City of Somerville, February 14, 1896.

Hon. Albion F. Perry, -

Dear Sir, -

In view of the action of the Cattle Commissioners relating to the muzzling of dogs, I am instructed by the Board of Health in session this date, to request your honor and the Board of Aldermen to carry out the provisions of chapter 102 section 101, of the Public Statutes.

Very Respectfully

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For the Board of Health,
Wm P. Mitchell, Clerk.

Laid on the table.

Received a communication from the School Committee recommending the erection of a 12-room school building on the corner of Central and Willoughby streets in Ward Three, as being more economical and more to the advantage of the Winter Hill District than any other plan suggested. — Communication

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

Received a communication from the School Committee, transmitting a report of a special committee of that board, concerning the sanitary condition of schoolhouses, and a report from the Massachusetts District Police, of an inspection of the Luther V. Bell schoolhouse made Feb. 12, 1896, with a notice that further and different means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building to conform to chap. 508, Acts of 1894, and directions to provide means to supply to each person accommodated at least thirty cubic feet per minute of properly warmed fresh air, to properly circulate that amount of air in the rooms and remove it therefrom in a proper manner when it becomes vitiated. — Communication

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

Received a request from the General Superintendent of the Boston and Maine Railroad for the appointment of John E. Brennan as a Special Police without pay, approved by the Chief of Police. — Request

Appointment as requested, made by the Mayor and action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Received a petition from Everett A. Maynard, for appointment as Inspector of Milk and Vinegar. — Petition

Referred to the Mayor.

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Notice

Received notice from the Republican City Committee that said committee has selected Wednesday evening, March 18, as the date for the holding of caucuses (Prudential)

Placed on file.

Appointment

The Mayor appointed subject to confirmation, Charles S. Philbrick, as Inspector of Milk and Vinegar

Action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Appointment

The appointment of Edward McWhaler as a weigher of beef, made by the Mayor February 12, was confirmed.

Petitions

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors.

John A. Henderson Jr.	15 Partridge Avenue,	Aged 16
George S. McGarr,	80 Vine St.	13
Raymond F. Stumberg,	10 A. Lime St.	13

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Petitions

Received petitions for licence to cry their goods on the streets from

Henry J. Daniels,	24 Fiske Ave.
Everett F. Pitcher,	58 Wheatland St.
Wm. H. Staliday,	11 Church St.

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Petition

Received a petition from Thomas J. Saunders for a licence to give dramatic entertainments in Bacon Hall, Saturday afternoon and evening, Feb. 22, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and licence issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licenses approved.

Petitions

Received petitions for licenses to give entertainments, from

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Mrs. Lydia A. Toole, dancing and reading, Bacon Hall, Monday evening Monday evening March 9.
Frank W. Leavitt, sacred concert, Union Hall, Sunday evening April 12.
both recommended by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

Received petitions from
Nelson C. Desmond, for a licence as a common victualler at 252 Elm street. — Petitions ✓
William F. Mills, for a licence to keep two pool tables at 524 Medford street.
T. R. Cross and others, in aid of the petition of Rafael Estelle for a licence to keep a pool table for hire, at 61 Elm street.
Sturtevant & Haley Beef and Supply Company, for a licence to carry on the business of slaughtering cattle (100 to 200 per week) on premises situated on Somerville Ave.
Referred to Committee on Licences.

Received a petition from C. H. Robinson & Co for permission (licence) to keep twelve horses in a stable on Garfield avenue, owned by F. O. Reed. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received a petition from A. Clement and others, for a catch-basin in Kidder Ave. near Powder House Terrace. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
the Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for one pole on Cedar street at the S.W. corner of Morrison Ave, with permission to remove a pole on Cedar St. about 60 feet north of the Arlington Branch railroad.
Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for poles, - one on easterly side of Elm street, about 133 feet west of the easterly line of Craigie street, and one on the easterly side of Somerville Ave. west of the junction with Elm street; present poles to be removed and the West End Street Railway Co. to have the right to attach span and feed wires.
The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for relocations of poles

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and permission to rebuild its line in School Street, between Broadway and Medford street, and in Temple street, between Broadway and Mystic Avenue.

Edward S. Orcutt, for permission to extend a twin wire across Summer street, from No. 14 to No. 15.

J. S. Hively, for permission to place and maintain a transparency over the entrance to his store at No. 9 Bow street.

Abr. Goldstein, for permission to project a sign about five feet over the sidewalk at his store No. 12, Union Square.

Beckford Brothers (George K. and William P. Beckford), for permission to place and maintain a bulletin board on the outer edge of the sidewalk in front of their store, No. 18 Union Square, the board to be about two feet in width and to be kept in the store at night.

Winter Hill Congregational Society and others, for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, on the southwesterly side of Broadway, from Sycamore street to Adams street, or such portion thereof as may seem necessary.

Wm. P. Hogg and others, for edgestones on both sides of Hudson street, from Sewell street to Cedar street.

John T. Sawin and others, that an edgestone be set and sidewalk graded on the westerly side of Stickney Avenue, and the street macadamized.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions. Received petitions from

Joseph J. Stockdon and others, for edgestones and brick sidewalks in front of their respective estates on Auburn Ave.

Wm. P. Hogg and others, that Hudson street be macadamized, from Sewell street to Cedar street.

Luther L. Sewell and others, for the laying out of Benton avenue from Highland Ave. to Hudson street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb. 27, Reference concurred in.

Petition. Received a petition from Mrs. A. M. Marbie and others, that the S. V. Bell

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Schoolhouse be put in proper sanitary condition, both as to cleanliness and ventilation.

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27, References concurred in.

Received petitions for street lights from — Petitions ✓

Wm. P. Hoyt and others, electric light, Houston street, near Cedar street.

Fred P. Stickney and others, electric light, Kidder Avenue, between Elm street and Powder House Terrace.

John F. Ayer and Samuel B. Lawrence, Arc light S. W. side of Walter street, between Walter st and Bradley st.

J. Tighe & Sons and others, Arc light, Water street.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27, References concurred in.

Received, — Notices of Claims ✓

Notice of Bridget Conway by her attorney L. M. Child of claim for damages for injury received February 6, 1896, on sidewalk on Dane st in front of residence of John Flynn, No. 67, caused by rough, uneven, icy condition of sidewalk and defective construction of same, causing water, snow and ice to accumulate. (filed with City Clerk February 15.)

Petition of Elizabeth Rose Radley, for damages for injury received and suffering caused by falling on the sidewalk of Brow street, at about 11 o'clock in forenoon on the 16th day of January 1896, at a point immediately in front of the dividing line between the premises occupied by Rev. Farrell and Mr. Chapman, striking upon the back of her head, causing blindness for four days and making her permanently sick, sore and lame; the cause being an accumulation of ice and snow. (filed with the City Clerk February 17)

Petition of John H. Mennessey, 36 Hawthorne Street, for compensation for injuries received while standing on the sidewalk at the southerly side of Moreland street (date not given), by being struck by a ladder carried on a truck of the Fire Department, breaking and lacerating the chin,

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muscles, bones, blood vessels and other tissues of his face, so that he has suffered great pain and loss of blood and been disfigured, and has almost lost the sight of one eye and has been prevented from attending to his business for about six weeks (filed with the City Clerk, Feb. 25).

Notice of Maria A. Lewis, 6 Arthur St, of bodily injuries, (fracture and sprain of right wrist) received by slipping and falling on the sidewalk on the S.W. side of Gibbens street opposite or nearly opposite house No. 28, Thursday February 13, 1896, at about ten O'clock A.M. by reason of the sloping condition and improper construction and maintenance of said sidewalk and an accumulation of rough and uneven and slippery ice and snow thereon (filed with the City Clerk February 18.)

Notice of George W. Hannaford 114 Perkins St, that at about 11 40 P.M. of January 23rd, he slipped on the ice on Lincoln Street, near No. 40, and struck on his left arm, and has not been able to use it since, the doctor saying it is a bad sprain of the cords and muscles, thinks he should have pay for loss of time (filed with the City Clerk February 26.)

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27, Reference concurred in.

Petition

Received a petition from the Somerville Cycle Club, for improvements in the street-watering apparatus so as to insure an efficient and even distribution of water in the form of spray, instead of heavy streams which transform a dusty surface instantly to thick and dangerous mud.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27, Reference concurred in.

Petitions in aid of and remonstrances against petition of Wm. S. Henry consent to render lard & tallow Melrose Street.

Received,-

a petition from Charles W. Sawyer and others, that permission be granted William S. Henry to render lard and tallow at the factory owned by him on Melrose street.

remonstrances from William Sears and others, Samuel C. Darling and others and F. W. Jaques and others, against the granting of a licence for the establishment of any rendering business or other offensive

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trade between Mystic Avenue and Mystic River.

Communications from L. H. Hall and five others, withdrawing their names from the remonstrance against granting the petition of Wm. L. Henry to render on property owned by him on Melrose street believing that they signed said remonstrance under a misapprehension.

Referred to some special committee to which was referred at the last meeting said petition of William L. Henry for written consent to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose Street. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27. Reference concurred in.

Received a venire from the drawing from the box of twenty good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court at Cambridge on the second Monday of March next, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court Monday, March 9th 1896, at ten o'clock A. M. — Jurors ✓

The City Messenger by direction of the Mayor, passed the box to Alderman Andrews, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of

Wenzer L. Snow,

and to Alderman Berry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of

Robert A. Mann.

The slips so drawn and bearing said names were passed by the Messenger to the Mayor, who verified said names by reading them aloud from the said slips, which slips were then passed by the Mayor to the City Clerk, who read therefrom the said names aloud and after properly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Alderman Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the accompanying jury list, prepared by this board this evening, be and it is hereby adopted, and the city clerk is hereby directed to cause the same to be posted in several of the public places of the city, as required by section 23 of chapter 170 of the Public Statutes, and to present said list, after it shall have been so posted at least ten days, to the common council for revision and acceptance.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor February 26.

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Jury List

The jury list adopted by the foregoing order is as follows,

Jury List

prepared by the Board of Aldermen, under section 23 of Chapter 170 of the Public Statutes, - February 26th 1896.

Ward One Precinct One

Atwood, Ebenezer S.	Emerson, George W.	Governing, Everett S.
Burns, Robert	Fitch, George W.	Scovering, Joseph E. B.
Coburn, Fred S.	Goldthwaite, Charles M.	Peck, Henry A.
Daniels, Gardner F.	Grimes, Alexander	Reed, Nathan H.
Davis, Thomas S.	Hadley, Walter B.	Snow, John C. H.
Dodge, Edwin G.	Knowles, Daniel S.	Thompson, Daniel W.
Dustin, George E.	Goodwin, Maxwell J.	Wamyss, George D.
	Wilson, William B.	

Ward One, Precinct Two

Aldrich, Harrison	Griffin, George Ernest	Plaisted, Harry F.
Bowers, Frank H.	Joslin, Charles E.	Prichard, George W.
Burns, Samuel A.	Kincaid, John E.	Robinson, William F. S.
Colgate, Charles H.	Knowles, Abbott L.	Saben, Edward E.
Davis, Charles S.	Leonard, Eugene C.	Southworth, Edwin W.
Davis, Fred E.	Lund, Harrington C.	Starbird, George M.
Emerson, William J.	Orton, Charles	Turner, William O.
Francis, Weston O.	Perkins, Francis C.	Williams, Ernest P.

Ward One Precinct Three

Ashworth, John	Gale, John S.	Ramsdell, Charles H.
Ayer, John F.	Galletty, Henry	Rich, James P.
Brigham, Charles A.	Greely, Fred L.	Sargent, Arthur G.
Carpenter, Reuben	Hanson, Frederick L.	Starbird, Everett G.
Christie, James Walter	Hulsman, Chester R.	Twitchell, Harvey E.
Collins, Harvey G.	Jenkins, Horace A.	Upton, Henry J.
Craig, John W.	Mann, Alfred E.	Walker, Thomas G.
Cushing, William E.	Munroe, James	Willer, John F.
Doe, Freeland A.	Nealley, Edwin F.	Wood, Charles M.
Fisher, Frederick L.	Philpot, Moses A.	Woodman, John O. B.
French, Byron L.	Printiss, George C.	

Ward One Precinct Four

Anderson, Peter	Dwyer, Edward	McAvoy, Henry

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Bowen, Cornelius	Flaherty, James P.	McKenna, David W.
Butler, John S.	Gormley, Eugene	Moore, James L.
Concannon, John K.	Haley, Thomas A.	O'Connell, Michael
Crimmings, Timothy F.	Harney, James H.	Read, Joseph
Cunningham, William F.	Higgins, John	Travers, Robert J.
Donnelly, Henry P.	Sawler, John	White, Maurice J.
Donnelly, James H.	Martin, Christopher	Woods, Thomas S.

Ward Two Precinct One

Bailey, George T.	Follett, Melville C.	Rand, Homer E.
Bell, Robert M.	Griffin, Daniel J.	Rowe, Abram F.
Bonner, William H.	Hatch, George G.	Salloway, George H.
Bowker, Frank P.	Heminway, Charles	Sampson, Alvin W.
Brackett, Walter S.	Holt, Arthur C.	Stephenson, Thomas C.
Burgess, T. Waldo	Ingalls, Oscar G.	Story, Joseph A.
Canfield, George J.	Jones, Melville F.	Thomas, John C.
Carr, Albert E.	Lawson, George W.	Tilden, Robert C.
Case, Lewis E.	Mayo, Frank E.	Vivian, James H.
Cook, Levi F.	Onthank, Charles H.	Watson, Frank L.
Cook, Levi F. Jr.	Perry, Irving S.	Williams, George S.
Dale, George R.	Pillsbury, Fred J.	Wood, Charles H.
Ellis, Charles P.	Pitman, Henry W.	

Ward Two Precinct Two

Bent, Thomas A.	Edmands, John H.	Nolan, John A.
Blaisdell, Charles S.	Foss, Isaac L.	Pierce, George H.
Blake, Charles M.	Gilbert, Francis C.	Prior, Charles W.
Breen, Thomas	Grove, William L.	Rich, Samuel H.
Brennan, Stephen	Hanson, William J.	Row, Frederick W.
Broadhead, William H.	Horton, Charles H.	Sibley, Elton S.
Cahill, Cornelius J.	Jordan, Edward E.	Smith, Albert E.
Carter, Thomas F.	Keane, John A.	Solomon, William H.
Cobain, Frank I.	Keniston, Charles S.	Stevens, John A.
Conway, William F.	Lawson, Munroe C.	Teasdale, Charles
Copithorne, John	Lincoln, Uriah L.	Van Buckirk, Charles
Cross, John T.	Marshall, John A.	Weeks, Edwin
Dadman, Henry H.	Mayo, Timothy L.	White, James
Drake, James	Merrill, George H.	Yelland, Henry

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	Ward Two, Precinct Three	Merrifield, John A.
Alden, Fred B.	Evans, Patrick	Moore, James J.
Anderson, Charles W.	Flynn, Dennis F.	Paine, Charles H.
Armstrong, George D.	Flynn, William H.	Parsons, Charles F.
Arnold, E. Olney	Foster, Harlan E.	Pratt, Edgar J.
Bedell, Charles E.	Guild, Julius J.	Prescott, Russell
Brown, John H.	Harris, George F.	Russell, Arthur J.
Bucknam, Davis P.	Irwin, James J.	Bradley, Dennis E.
Cook, Franklin A.	Kellogg, Harley L.	Sampson, Saunder
Cox, Thomas J.	Kingman, Samuel W.	Straight, William E.
Davis, George A.	Knowles, Thomas	Taylor, George E.
Devine, Michael H.	Leavitt, Frank W.	Thompson, Charles W.
Evans, Oscar W.	Loveland, Henry	Williamson, John F.
	Ward Two, Precinct Four	
Abbott, Alonzo F.	Geiling, Frederick A.	Pendleton, Martin V. B.
Barker, Thomas S.	Gordon, Arthur C.	Purrington, Frederick A.
Bent, Charles E.	Harrington, George O.	Hines, Benjamin F.
Boyle, William S.	Holt, Edward M.	Rohrbacher, Albert L.
Bradley, Daniel	Hunter, William H.	Snow, Joshua A.
Callow, John H.	Ireland, Edwin	Spencer, George
Clark, S. Adams	Lounsbury, George H.	Stevens, Oliver A.
Daniels, Joseph	Marshall, Charles S.	Tarbox, French O. J.
Dimick, Charles W.	Morrison, D. Henry	Teakles, Frank R.
Eaton, John H.	Norris, Joseph C.	Vincent, Francis X.
Fraser, Duncan A.	Page, George Amos	White, Christopher J.
	Ward Two, Precinct Five	
Allen, Hiram	Fisher, Emery B.	Phillips, Bernard C.
Ames, Nathan W.	Fox, John	Heardon, Thomas F.
Baker, Roger H.	Furlong, Walter P.	Staples, Kendall G.
Barker, Lewis J.	Holden, John	Watson, George B.
Bean, Enoch T.	Judge, Daniel	Weiss, Charles
Blackovic, Frank	Kearney, Edward S.	Wheaton, William K.
Brown, Francis S.	Kelley, Timothy J.	White, Dougal
Chambers, John	Leonard, Thomas J.	Wood, Charles
Evans, Francis W.	Muldoon, Thomas F.	Wright, Frank S.
Evans, Henry	Newcomb, Everett D.	

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Ward Three, Precinct One

Abbott, Charles O.	Furbush, Richard R.	Jerauld, Horace D.
Aldrich, Francis S.	Gage, Moses H.	Look, George L.
Brown, Frank A.	Glines, George G.	Nickerson, Herbert P.
Bryant, Thomas K.	Googins, A. Eugene,	Nickerson, John D.
Burbank, Monroe A.	Hager, Arvine,	Perkins, G. Henry,
Butler, James H.	Hanson, Fred H.	Prichard, Charles E.
Byam, Augustus H.	Harvey, Henry E.	Robbins, Joseph,
Clark, Cyrus A.	Hodgman, Augustus	Smiley, Warren N.
Clark, George W.	Holmes, Edward C.	Spear, John H.
Clough, Edward H.	Hopkins, Charles O.	Stillings, Rufus,
Coan, Francis E.	Horton, Calvin,	Stone, Edward F.
Coffin, Winslow W.	Kendall, John,	Stuart, Lewis R.
Condit, Louis	Knowles, Joseph R.	Tucker, Nathaniel W.
Collin, Edwin	Loring, Edward D.	Underhill, Jesse J.
Curran, Reuben L.	Martin, John W.	Van Ness, Charles H.
Daniels, Theodore P.	Merrill, David M.	White, Frank H.
Davis, George H.	Mills, George W.	Whiton, George F.
Flanders, Gilman P.	Moore, Melzer C.	Wing, Charles H.

Ward Three, Precinct Two

Atwood, Benjamin R.	Dunklee, Daniel D.	Nickerson, Alvano T. jun.
Babb, Nathaniel F.	Dusseault, John H.	Norwood, Frank H.
Barnard, Thomas L.	Fuller, Frank A.	Palmer, Edwin F.
Bean, Gerard D.	Furbush, George E.	Preston, Fred,
Bryant, John E.	Hall, Charles A.	Rawson, James,
Burbank, Winfield S.	Kendall, Isaac B.	Raymond, Marcus M.
Card, Frederick L.	Lovering, George H.	Sanborn, Charles H.
Chase, Charles C.	Mayhew, Edgar T.	Sanborn, William A.
Cheney, Frederick E.	Miles, Charles H.	Snow, Walter H.
Currier, Samuel E.	Milliken, Frank R.	Spike, Daniel R.
Davis, Albert M.	Mosher, Frederick A.	Thompson, Joseph H.
Dresser, George H.	Nelson, Jesse L.	Underhill, Charles L.

Wild, B. Frank, Woodbury, Frederick A.

Ward Three, Precinct Three

Adams, Charles W.	Grieves, Walter F.	Marble, Benjamin,
Avery, John,	Griffin, Augustus P.	Mayhew, Josiah B.

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Bacon, Oliver	Hall, William F.	Osgood, Willard F.
Beale, Henry H.	Hanson, Harvey L.	Powers, Leroy C.
Churchill, Algernon H.	Harlow, George H.	Hines, Samuel
Cushing, Samuel B.	Hatch, Arthur W.	Schepmoes, Joseph S.
Dalton, Charles X.	Hatch, Frederick A.	Sears, Eben
Dearborn, Luther G.	Hathaway, Henry C.	Simes, Charles F.
Desmond, Daniel W.	Hubbard, Curtis A. S.	Spinney, Leonard C.
Field, Orton D.	Hunt, Cassius	Vreeland, Edward B.
Fisher, Arthur V.	Irish, Thaddeus P.	Webber, Orrin H.
Fisk, Ellsworth	Kennard, John F.	Wentworth, Frank H.
Fisk, Mark	Sailer, Charles O.	White, J. Harvey
Foote, Edward H.	Littlefield, Samuel T.	Wildes, Manfred H.
Fuller, Ormando H.	Lovejoy, Benjamin P.	Willey, Clarence H.
Gage, Burt O.	Mansfield, David E.	

Ward Three, Precinct Four

Alley, Charles S.	Hale, C. Warner	Prime, George W.
Andrews, John	Hands, Frederick W.	Richardson, Homer S.
Armstrong, Thomas W.	Heintz, George	Richardson, James H.
Baldwin, Arthur C.	Hicks, Arthur T.	Ridler, Parker
Belding, Oscar H.	Higgins, Frederick W.	Robie, Albert S.
Booth, Charles	Jones, William P.	Shaw, William H.
Brown, Charles E.	Keeler, Charles W.	Stacy, George W.
Batman, Kalla J.	Leavitt, Geo. W. jun.	Thacher, Cyrus
Carpenter, Lewis J.	Little, John K.	Thurgood, Augustus
Coffin, Edward B.	Lorentzen, Henry	Webber, Edward O.
Dawson, Howard	Miller, Charles N.	White, Joseph A.
Elliott, George E.	Pierce, Abner F.	Williams, Frank G.
Gray, Henry	Porter, Frank E.	Wilson, John H.
Griffiths, William F.	Pratt, Lanson D.	

Ward Four, Precinct One

Ayer, Fred C.	Driscoll, Martin E.	Joy, Alden B.
Beckwith, George C.	Egerton, Wales S.	Kelley, Charles A.
Black, Bernard	Flagg, Charles A.	Loomer, Hurpie M.
Bowie, David	Foster, Henry	Lynch, James H.
Buckley, Patrick	Fulton, David	Morgan, Manasses P.
Caples, Philip	Gale, Charles	Nichols, John S.

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Abbott, Joseph H.
Abney, Charles D.
Clark, Isaac K.
Colby, Luther,
Davis, James H.
De Costa, Vivian
Denman, William B.
Gibby, Robert H. jun.
Good, Thomas
Gordon, George A.
Haley, Dennis,
Hathaway, Charles H
Holmes, Charles A.
Holt, Harry
Peake, Benjamin F.
Peckham, George W.
Prindle, James D.
Proctor, Amos S.
Parker, John B
Quinlan, John J.
Robinson, Francis H.
Wall, William E.

Ward Four, Precinct Two

Berry, Charles H.
Buckman, William E.
Hunter, Frederick H.
Chase, George H.
Clark, Frederick E.
Crawford J. Arthur,
Conner, James H.
Dawes, Henry L.
Dyer, Henry H.
Eaton, William R.
Finnon, James R.
Fisher, John,
Foster, Jacob,
Friend, Frederick H.
Gordon, Armando D.
Gurnham, Thomas
Hayward, Waldo R.
Hayward, Walter A.
Jones, Enoch R.
Keefe, William H.
Kennedy, Patrick F.
Lacy, Patrick,
Libby, George H.
Locke, John A.
Lynch, William,
McDonald, William H.
McFarland, Chester A.
Mink, Louis,
Niles, James R.
Nye, Thomas V. R.
Osborn, Edgar A
Parsons, John T.
Randall, Louis R.
Ross, William H.
Sennott, Samuel,
Shattuck, Elwyn R.
Skelton, Daniel J.
Stevens, John E.
Twycross, Samuel G. A
Wanamaker, James A.
Young, Willie A.
Binney, Martin,

Ward Four, Precinct Three

Armington, J. Russell,
Atwood, J. Lorenzo,
Bacon, H. Clinton,
Barton, John A.
Bowman, Sumner E.
Cammon, J. Albert,
Chapin, Hiram B.
Crosskill, Nelson,
Davenport, Foster L.
Edgett, Reuben,
Flanders, Albert A.
Fletcher, Arthur D.
Fletcher, George J.
Friend, William H.
Gilman, John A.
Gilman, William E.
Hall, Albert A.
Hancock, Robert A.
Hobart, Franklin A.
Hornsby, John P. jun.
Kelsea, Josiah E.
Lacourt, Eugene D.
Lemay, Francis H.
Lincoln, Frank E.
Lowell, Charles A.
MacNeil, John,
Mackechnie, Ernest H.
Nach, Alfred J.
Orrell, Arthur A.
Owens, John A.
Perry, Oliver H.
Phillbrick, Charles A.
Puffer, David, jun.
Rolfe, Frank A.
Snow, William A.
Ward, Benjamin A.

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Ward Four, Precinct Four.

Rickford, Frank W.	Grier, George M.	Nickles, James W.
Rickford, Frederick H.	Hall, Winfield W.	Owen, Charles A.
Chamberlin, Russell T.	Hamill, Samuel S.	Paine, Robert S.
Comes, Edgar F.	Holt, Albert	Richardson, Benjamin H.
Cosgrove, Charles M.	Huntress, Franklin E.	Russell, Eugene S.
Cummings, George W.	Jansson, Augustus S.	Russell, George J.
Darling, Charles S.	King, William S.	Seabury, Ovid A.
Dolbear, Clinton E.	Lamont, George D.	Stearns, Phineas
Drinkwater, Frank M.	LeCain, Joseph J.	Stevens, Charles S.
Earle, Charles A.	Libbey, Leonard M.	Teele, Frank A.
Eastman, James R.	Lockhart, Charles H.	Teele, F. Warren
Fales, Wyman E.	Mead, Adelbert F.	Teele, Samuel F.
Gaffney, William H.	Merrill, Frank E.	Torrey, Arthur R.
Garcelon, Herbert S.	Merry, Arthur S.	True, Harry A.
Goddard, Edward A. jun.	Murphy, Stephen F.	Weissbach, Joseph

Adopted by an order of even date.

Somerville, March 11, 1896.

The within jury list, having been posted in several of the public places of the city, including the city hall and the police station, ten days, as required by law, is sent to the Common Council for revision and acceptance.

George S. Vincent, City Clerk.

In Common Council, March 11, 1896. The within Jury List after revision by striking off the following names, Levi F. Cook, Ward 2, Precinct 1, Edward C. Holmes, Ward 3, Precinct 1, Charles X. Dalton, Ward 3, Precinct 3, and the addition in red of the name of Martin Binney, Ward 4, Precinct 2, was accepted.

(see subsequent record.)

Order.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Upon the notice received this evening from the Republican City Committee under the provisions of section 11 of chapter 489 of the Acts of the year 1895, of caucuses to held in the several wards of the city, by the Republican party on Wednesday evening, March 18, 1896, it is hereby

Ordered,

That polling places for said caucuses be and they are hereby assigned as follows,

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in Ward One

the ward room in the Prescott Schoolhouse on Pearl street,

in Ward Two.

Union Hall in Connor building on Row street,

in Ward Three.

Grand Army Hall in the Citizens building on Medford street at its junction with Gibbons Square,

in Ward Four.

Columbia Hall in Studio building, Davis Square,

and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause the said polling places to be provided and prepared for the purposes of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor February 26.

Aldermen Moore offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the license to sell newspapers granted by this board January 8, 1896, to Edward B. Glidden, be and the same is hereby revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and licence.

Adopted.

Order ✓

The Committee on Licenses,-

on petitions for licenses to collect junk, from John Fuller and Joseph Kell, reported an order,

on the petitions for licenses to cry goods in the streets, from John Fuller (junk) John Fuller (fruit, vegetables and fish) Joseph Kell and John F. O'Neil, - reported an order,

on petitions for licenses as Undertakers from Thomas J. Barker, Charles F. Bryant, John J. Crimmings, William A. Flaherty, William A. Frink, Alfred A. Mann, Edward H. and G. Roscoe Marsh, George F. McKenna, Patrick E. Rafferty, Patrick H. Rafferty and Francis H. Wilson, reported an order.

Accepted.

Reports ✓

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Orders ✓

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Ordered,

That licences be, and are hereby granted to John Fuller, residing at No. 4 South street, and to Joseph Mell, residing at No. 15, South street, to collect junk when they each shall have paid for the use of the city the sum of two dollars for said licences, said licences to expire May 1st 1896, unless sooner revoked.

Ordered,

That a licence be, and is hereby granted to the following-named parties to cry goods in the streets, namely,

John Fuller, residing at No. 4 South St. (cry junk)
John Fuller " No. 4 " (cry fruit, vegetables & fish)
Joseph Mell " No. 15 " (cry junk) and to
John F. O'Neil " No. 135 Sunwood St. (cry fruit and vegetables)

said licences to expire May 1st 1896, unless sooner revoked.

Ordered,

That licences be and are hereby granted to Thomas J. Barker, Charles F. Bryant, John J. Cummings, William A. Flaherty, William H. Frink, Alfred E. Mann, Edward K. and G. Roscoe Marsh, George F. McKenna, Patrick Rafferty, Patrick E. Rafferty and Francis M. Wilson, as Undertakers, said licences to remain in force until January 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Ordinances,

on an order of June 27, 1894, requesting said committee to consider the expediency of drafting an ordinance regarding the care and control of the public grounds and parks of the city, reported inexpedient to take any action.

on an order of February 15, 1894, requiring the city engineer to make a plan showing grade, of any private street, on petition of any five tax payers living thereon, reported inexpedient to take any action,

on the communication from the Inspector of Buildings and the Inspector of Plumbing, representing that in their judgment certain changes are necessary in Ordinance No. 45, entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing," submitted a draft of an ordinance. (the draft of ordinance was not

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presented.)
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Feb. 27, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Public Property, on an order dated January 22, to procure plans for increased accommodations at the City Hall, the cost of the plans not to exceed One hundred and fifty dollars, submitted plans and recommended that a one-story addition be placed on the School street side of the building. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb 27, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Chandler offered an order instructing the Committee on Public Property to place a one story addition on the School street side of the present City Hall, at an expense not to exceed Five thousand dollars to be charged to Increased Accommodations at City Hall Account. Order ✓

Read once, second reading refused.

The Committee on Finance, on an order of February 12, ~~relating~~ so much of the communication to the City Council presented by His Honor the Mayor, as relates to the collection of ashes and offal, reported recommending that the collection of ashes be transferred from the Health department to to the Highway department. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Feb 27, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered.

That all future collections of ashes, be made by the highway department, instead of the health department, the expense thereof, to be charged to Health department account;

That the duty of supervising the collection of house offal, be hereafter intructed to the Agent of the Board of Health;

That the services of the Superintendent of the of the Collection of Ashes and House Offal be dispensed with;

That all the Horses used by the health department, be hereafter kept in

the new City Stables, and that the Board of Health, and the Highway Committee, be, and hereby are requested and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.

Read twice, adoption lost.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered an order instructing the Committee on Engineering Department to approve in pay-roll of Engineering Department, a bill each month for the maintenance of the city engineer's team.

Read once, second reading refused.

Order

Alderman Chandler offered an order that all dogs be muzzled from this date until April 20th 1896.

Adoption lost.

Orders

Alderman Berry offered the following orders.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to purchase, not exceeding twelve (12) horses, for the use of the department, the expense so incurred, to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways consider the expediency of constructing a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad in Kent street, and obtain from the City Engineer estimates of cost and plans for the construction of such bridge, and also ascertain what proportion of such cost the Fitchburg Railroad Company will pay.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 27, Notice served, adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, March 2.

Order concerning feasibility of leaving a borrowing capacity of $50,000 toward an ultimate appropriation for new city hall.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested, if it shall be found feasible, to so prepare its report or reports of appropriations from Funded Debt account for the current year, that there may be left, undisturbed, a borrowing capacity of Fifty thousand dollars, which, with further sums similarly reserved during a course of years, may eventually be appropriated for

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the erection of a suitable city hall

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 27 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 3.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Order to raise pay of call members of Fire Department

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance, be and is hereby instructed in submitting to this board the appropriation for the Fire Department, for the current year, to include in said appropriation, the pay for the call-men as follows,-

Captains each $180.00 per year

Lieutenants " 162.00

Other call-men " 150.00 " said amounts being an increase of thirty dollars for each call-man over the salary paid in 1895.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 27 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, March 13.

Alderman Moore offered the following order

Order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Accounts be and is hereby authorized and instructed to approve in pay rolls of Miscellaneous during the current year, bills for cleaning at the City Hall and Public Library buildings, the aggregate amount of said bills not to exceed two hundred dollars per year and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 27, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 2.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Engineering Department, be and is hereby instructed, to approve in pay roll of Engineering Department, a bill each month for the boarding of the City Engineer's horse.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 27, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

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Presented to the Mayor, March 2. (see subsequent records)

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be and it hereby is authorized to settle the claim of Franklin W. Reed (on account of which he has brought suit against the city) for damages claimed to have been suffered by him by reason of a sewer of the city discharging into, and the sewage therefrom flowing into and through, a ditch, extending from Mystic Avenue and Middlesex Avenue through his lot of land situated on the corner of said avenues, and to cause to be paid to him in full settlement of all such damages a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 50/100 Dollars ($2,212.50) the same to be charged to Sewers Account; - and also, that said Committee be and it hereby is authorized to make such agreement between the city and said Reed as it shall deem advisable for the use by the city of said ditch through said Reed's land for the purpose of conducting away from the sewer or sewers of the city sewage or storm water or both, the rent or compensation to be paid by the city for such use to be at the rate of not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars ($300.) per annum, and the city to have the right to terminate the agreement by giving not more than thirty (30) days' notice of said termination to Reed, and Reed to have the right to terminate the agreement by giving not less than eight (8) months' notice of said termination to the city, such agreement to contain such provisions in behalf of the city or otherwise as to the committee shall seem best and to be approved in form by the City Solicitor and to be subject to the approval of the Mayor, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement for and in the name of the city.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27. Received its first reading. Laid on table until next meeting.

In Common Council, March 11. Taken from the table and again laid on the table.

In Common Council March 17. Taken from the table. Received its second reading and adoption in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, March 21.

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The joint special committee to which was referred the petition of James J. Eagan & Co. for a license to carry on the business of melting and rendering upon premises owned by G. Barry, on Smith street, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27. Accepted in concurrence.

The joint special committee to which was referred the petition of Wm. L. Henry for permission to render lard and tallow, in his premises on Holmes street, reported recommending that the petition be granted. — Report ✓

Alderman Chandler, of said committee, presented a minority report, recommending that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Both reports (majority and minority) accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27. Majority and minority reports accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That Wednesday March 11th 1896 at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Common Council chamber in the City Hall be, and are hereby designated as the time and place for a hearing before the City Council, of all persons interested in the petition of William L. Henry for a license to render lard and tallow on premises owned by him on Holmes street, and it is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order, in the Somerville Citizen of the 28th inst.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 27. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 28.

On motion of Alderman Pratt it was voted that the board proceed to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years; this being the — Election ✓

17th ballot; Committee to receive, count and count votes; Aldermen Pratt and Chandler were appointed.

Whole number of ballots	8
Necessary for choice	5
Edgar J. Mayhew, has	4
Benjamin F. Thompson, "	4

and there was no choice.

Adjourned

Attest.

George S. Vincent

Clerk.

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Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
called by the Mayor to receive and act upon the report of appropriations from the Committee on Finance, and to transact any other business that might come before the Board, - all the members having been duly notified in writing -
City Hall, Somerville, March 6, 1896 - 2 Oclock P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That a message be sent to the Common Council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the City Council in the Common Council Chamber this day, to take action upon the lamented death of Frederic T. Greenhalge, the late Governor of this Commonwealth.

Adopted and Alderman Moore appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council, March 6, Request granted and Councilman Seapham appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding. — Convention ✓

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Rowers, Raymond, Hannewell, Turbox, Russell, Seapham, Sewell, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Seamont present

On motion of Alderman Moore it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to retire and draft and report suitable resolutions upon the death — Committee on Resolutions on death of

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Governor Greenhalge

of the late Governor Greenhalge.

The chair appointed as such committee, Alderman Moore and Councilmen Burrows and Sowell, and the committee retired and, after preparing the same, returned and reported the following

Resolutions

Resolutions

City of Somerville

Resolved, - That the City of Somerville expresses its profound sorrow at the untimely death of Governor Frederic T. Greenhalge, by which this Commonwealth has lost a wise ruler, a patriotic statesman and a noble man.

His broad and liberal views on all public affairs, his undaunted courage in all emergencies, his independence and fearlessness in dealing with all political questions, his conscientious devotion to duty as a representative of all the people, his masterly gift of oratory, his high sense of honor, his pure and noble private life, all stamp him as a chief magistrate, who has maintained, if not excelled, the best traditions of that office.

Resolved, - That the members of the City Council of Somerville extend to the afflicted family their profound sympathy.

Resolved, - That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased Governor.

(Signed) Howard D. Moore
(Signed) Frank B. Burroughs
(Signed) Howard Sowell
} Committee on Resolutions

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor March 7

Committee to attend funeral of Governor Greenhalge

On motion of Alderman Moore it was voted that, His Honor, the Mayor and the President of the Common Council be a committee to represent the city at the funeral of the deceased Governor.

Convention dissolved

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen

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His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Received the annual reports for the year 1895, of the Committee on Sewers, Inspector of Buildings, Superintendent of Public Buildings, Superintendent of Electric Lines, and Superintendent of Lights. — Annual Reports ✓

Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 6, 1896, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Dennis Ryan for a drain layer's licence. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Jeremiah Harrington, for the removal of a tree standing at the corner of Wilton and Lowell streets.

F. E. Seavey and others, for curbstones with gravel sidewalks on both sides of Derby street, from Temple street to Grant street.

A. B. Wedgewood and others, for a curb stone on the south side of Madison street, from School street to Sycamore street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from Horace M. Parsons, Captain of Company M, 8th Regt. M.V.M. for the annual allowance of $250.00 for the expense of Rifle Practice for the members of said company for the year 1896. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 6, Reference concurred in.

Received a notice from Charlotte A. Ricker, 210 Columbia st, Cambridgeport, of injuries received by falling on the sidewalk of Roseland st, in Somerville in consequence of ice upon and a depression in the bricks of said sidewalk. — Notice of Claim ✓

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which tended to cover in to form three (Filed with the City Clerk March 4)
Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, March 6, Reference concurred in

Notice of Suit

Received notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of April next, and answer unto Nellie Aldrich, an infant, who brings suit by George F. Aldrich, her next friend, in an action of Tort, to the damage of said plaintiff, as she saith, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (Filed with the City Clerk Feb. 27)
Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, March 6, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence

Notice of Hearing

Received notice of a hearing before the County Commissioners at the City Hall in Somerville, on the sixth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the petition of Elmer K. Bakers and four others for the altering, locating and establishing of the boundary lines, making alterations in the courses and widths, and determining the grade of Broadway between Main Street and the Arlington line (Filed with the City Clerk March 6)
Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, March 6, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence

Jurors

Received a warrant for the drawing of two good and lawful men to serve as Grand Jurors at the United States District Court to be holden at Boston on the seventeenth day of March, current, at ten o'clock A.M. and three like good and lawful men to serve as Petit Jurors at said court, the same to be drawn to serve as Grand Jurors to appear at said court on the twenty-fourth day of March current at ten o'clock A.M.

For the drawing of such Grand Jurors, the City Messenger, by direction of the Mayor, passed the box to Alderman Andrews, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of William B. Burroughs, and to Alderman Berry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Benjamin F. Johnson, and for the drawing of such Petit Jurors, the City Messenger, by direction of the Mayor, passed the box to Alderman Huntley, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of William B. Bement and to Alderman Chandler, who drew therefrom and read aloud

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the name of Patrick Buckley, and to Alderman Pratt, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Richard Dowd.

The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed by the City Messenger to the Mayor, by whom said names were verified, and then to the City Clerk, who read therefrom the said names aloud and after properly endorsing said slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

The Committee on Licences. — Reports ✓

on the petition of Edward Courtney, for an Auctioneer's licence, reported an order.

on the petition of Wm F. Mills, for a licence to keep two pool tables at 524 Medford street, and the petition of S. B. Bollis and others, for the granting of said Mills' petition, reported an order.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, are as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,-

That a licence be, and is hereby granted to Edward Courtney as an auctioneer, when he shall have paid for the use of the city the sum of two dollars for said licence, said licence to expire May 1st 1896 unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Ordered,-

That a licence be, and is hereby granted to William F. Mills to keep two pool tables at No. 524 Medford street, when he shall have paid for the use of the city, two dollars for each table, said licence to expire May 1st 1896 unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Adopted.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Mayor be requested, to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow a sum, not exceeding Fifty thousand Dollars beyond the debt limit, for a period of not less than twenty years, at a rate not exceeding 4% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring, laying out, and maintaining a public park, on what is known as "The Sanborn Field", in accordance with Chapter "188 of the Acts of 1895, entitled an act to authorize the City of Somerville

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to lay out and ornamentally a public park.

Action postponed until the next regular meeting.

Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

That the committee on public buildings, and it hereby is, instructed to procure plans and specifications for the erection of an addition to the City Hall on the northerly and rear side, substantially in accordance with the plans for such addition now in the possession of said committee, and present the same to the superintendent of public buildings for his examination and approval.

If the said plans and specifications shall receive the approval of the superintendent of public buildings, then the said committee is further instructed to solicit proposals for the construction of said addition, and report the same to the City Council on or early date.

The expense incurred under this order, which is hereby limited to the payment of the cost of preparing the aforesaid plans and specifications, and does not contemplate the employment of an architect to superintend the construction, to be charged to miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 6, Read once, second reading refused.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase the furnishings for the new Fire Station in Ward One, the amount so expended to be charged to Fire Department, Fire Station in Ward One Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 12.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of appropriating from Funded Debt for Fire Department purposes, the following amounts,-

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For equipment of the Fire Station in Ward One, including the purchase of Hook & Ladder truck, five horses and five harnesses, — $3300.00

For completion of the Fire Station in Ward One, $3500.00

For repairing the fire station at the corner of Highland Avenue and Grove street $7000.00

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 6 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 12,

The Committee on Finance — Reports ✓

on order of February 13, to consider the matter of making an appropriation for a bath house on Mystic River, reported inexpedient to make such appropriation.

on an order of January 30, to consider the advisability of making an appropriation, for an Almshouse, reported inexpedient to make such appropriation.

on an order of February 26, requesting said committee, in reporting appropriations from Funded Debt account, to leave, if found feasible, a borrowing capacity of Fifty thousand Dollars, which, with further sums similarly reserved during a course of years, may ultimately be appropriated for a suitable city hall, reported inexpedient to leave such margin.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 6, Accepted in concurrence

Received the following report of the Committee on Finance — Report ✓

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In Committee on Finance, March 3, 1896 — Appropriations

To the City Council of Somerville,

The Committee on Finance, required by section 1 of Ordinance number 4 to prepare and lay before the City Council an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the current financial year, and the ways and means of raising the same, and having received from the several committees and boards, having the expenditure of the city's money, estimates of their several requirements and estimates from the City Treasurer of the sums required for interest and the reduction of the funded debt, submits its report for the

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present year, recommending for the following named purposes, the sums set down to each, respectively, and that the same be raised on the polls, property and estates taxable in the city, according to the provisions of law.

Engineering Department				
including salary of City Engineer $1,900 (but to furnish and maintain his own team) and salary of Consulting Engineer $1,500			$10,000	00
Fire Department				
including salaries of				
Chief Engineer	$1650	00		
Assistant Engineer	600	00		
Permanent Captains & Enginemen of Chemical Engines, - for first year's service as permanent man	770	00		
for second year's service as permanent man	900	00		
for subsequent service	1050	00		
Enginemen of Steam Fire Engines				
for first year's service as permanent man	860	00		
" second " " " "	1000	00		
for subsequent service	1140	00		
Drivers acting as Captains, each	50	00		
Asst. Enginemen, Drivers and permanent hose and ladder men, for first year's service as permanent man	720	00		
for second year's service as permanent man	850	00		
for subsequent service	1000	00		
and of Call-men				
Captains, each	180	00		
Lieutenants, "	162	00		
other call-men, "	150	00	51,450	00
Health Department				
including salary of Agent and salary of	1,200	00		
Superintendent of Ashes and Offal	900	00	20,000	00
Highways				
including salary of Superintendent of Streets, the City to furnish his teams	1600	00	60,000	00

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Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,			300 00	
Interest				
(on funded debt and temporary loans)			70,600 00	
Miscellaneous,				
for contingent purposes and pay of election officers				
Wardens ... each per day,	4	00		
Deputy Wardens,	3	00		
Clerks,	3	00		
Deputy Clerks,	3	00		
Inspectors,	7	00		
Deputy Inspectors,	7	00		
Deputies who do not serve, for reporting to Wardens before opening of polls,	1	00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	300	00		
Pound Keeper,	25	00		
Deputy Collector of Taxes,	1,000	00		
Office expenses of City Solicitor,	150	00	7,000	00
Police,				
for contingent purposes and salaries of				
Chief,	1900	00		
Captain,	1500	00		
Sergents, (4) each	1200	00		
Keeper of Lockup,	100	00		
Patrolmen,				
for first years service from dates of appointment, each per day,	2	50		
for second years service from dates of appointment, each per day,	2	75		
after two years service from dates of appointment, each per day,	3	00	46,000	00
Police Station Incidentals,				
including salary of Janitor	850	00	5,000	00
Printing and Stationery,			6,500	00
Public Grounds,			7,000	00
Public Library				

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(to which amount shall be added the sums received from the County Treasurer, as the City's portion of the fees for dog licenses)			8,000	00
Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors			7,000	00
Reduction of Funded Debt			95,000	00
Salaries				
(to which amount shall be added the sums received from the State for Corporations and Banks taxes)				
Mayor	1,000	00		
City Clerk	2,400	00		
First Assistant to City Clerk	700	00		
Second Assistant to City Clerk	500	00		
Treasurer and Collector of Taxes	3,200	00		
First Assistant to same	800	00		
Second Assistant to same	700	00		
Additional Clerical Assistance to same	200	00		
City Solicitor	1,500	00		
City Auditor	500	00		
Clerks of Common Council	250	00		
Clerks of Committees	1,800	00		
Asst. to Clerks of Committees	900	00		
Clerk of Assessors	1,500	00		
First Assistant to Clerk of Assessors	700	00		
Second Assistant to Clerk of Assessors	500	00		
City Messenger (the city to furnish a bicycle)	1,500	00		
Inspector of Buildings (he to furnish his own team)	1,900	00		
Inspector of Plumbing	1,200	00		
Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights	1,000	00		
Inspector of Milk	400	00		
Inspector of Animals & Provisions	400	00		
Assessors (Chairman)	900	00		
Assessors (2) each $ 800.	1,600	00		
Assistant Assessors (4) " $250.	1,000	00		
Registrars of Voters (4) " $200.	800	00		

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Janitor of City Hall & Public Library	$50	00	5,700	00
School Contingent,			18,000	00
School Contingent, (Janitors Salaries)			13,000	00
School Fuel,			10,000	00
Schoolhouse Incidentals,			15,000	00
School Teachers Salaries,			150,000	00
Sewers Maintenance,			7,000	00
Sidewalks,			10,000	00
Street Lights,			47,000	00
Support of Poor (including salary of Agent $1500 - Secretary $500 - and salary of City Physician he to furnish all medicines $1,150			17,150	00
Watering Streets			6,000	00
Amounting in the aggregate to			$690,100	00

And it is further recommended that from the receipt from the City of Boston for return on water rates, appropriations be made as follows:-

Water Maintenance,			40,000	00
Water Works Extension,			30,000	00

(signed) Albion A. Perry, Howard D. Moore, Melville D. Jones, Geo E. Whitaker, John Hunnewell, Fred M. Carr, Howard Sewell, Richard A. Russell, Committee

Amended by making the salary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department $1800.00, As thus amended accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 6, As amended by the Board of Aldermen accepted in concurrence.

Received from the Common Council, the following order. — Order

City of Somerville — Annual

Order making appropriations to defray the current expenses of the City and also for the State and County taxes for the year 1896, laying a specific tax — Appropriations

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to provide in part, for the payment of the same, and authorizing the collection of interest on same - payment of taxes.

In Common Council, March 6th 1896.

Ordered -

That for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the city for the financial year 1896, the following named sums of money be, and they are hereby respectively appropriated to the accounts, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter explained, and the several items of salaries agreed to by the City Council in pursuance of the report of the Committee on Finance are hereby fixed and included in the respective appropriations hereinafter named, that is to say, -

Engineering Department		
Ten thousand dollars	$10.000	00
Fire Department		
Fifty one thousand four hundred & fifty dollars	51.450	00
Health Department		
Twenty thousand dollars	20.000	00
Highways		
Sixty thousand dollars	60.000	00
Indigent Soldiers and Sailors		
Three hundred dollars	300	00
Interest		
Seventy thousand dollars	70.000	00
Miscellaneous		
Seven thousand dollars	7.000	00
Police		
Forty six thousand dollars	46.000	00
Police Station Incidentals		
Three thousand dollars	3.000	00
Printing and Stationery		
Sixty five hundred dollars	6.500	00
Public Grounds		
Seven thousand dollars	7.000	00
Public Library		
Eight thousand dollars	8.000	00
Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers & Sailors		

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Seven thousand dollars	7.000	00
Reduction of Funded Debt		
Ninety-five thousand dollars	95,000	00
Salaries		
Fifty-seven hundred dollars	5.700	00
School Contingent		
Eighteen thousand dollars	18.000	00
School Contingent (Janitors' Salaries)		
Thirteen thousand dollars	13.000	00
School Fuel		
Ten thousand dollars	10.000	00
School House Incidentals		
Fifteen thousand dollars	15.000	00
School Teachers Salaries		
One hundred and fifty thousand dollars	150.000	00
Sewers (Maintenance)		
Seven thousand dollars	7.000	00
Sidewalks		
Ten thousand dollars	10.000	00
Street Lights		
Forty-seven thousand dollars	47.000	00
Support of Poor		
Seventeen thousand one hundred and fifty dollars	17.150	00
Watering Streets		
Six thousand dollars	6.000	00
Amounting in the aggregate to	$ 690100	00
State of Massachusetts		
Such sum as has been, or may be assessed by the General Court of the State, as the City's portion of a state tax for the year 1876, such sum as has been, or may be, assessed for the maintenance and construction of the Metropolitan Sewer		
Such sum as has been, or may be assessed, for the Maintenance and construction of the Metropolitan Parks and Boulevards		
Such sum that may be assessed on non-resident Bank Stock		
County of Middlesex		
Such sum as has been, or may be, assessed as the city's portion of a		

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County tax for the year 1895.

Overlay and Abatement.

Such sum as the Assessors may add to the whole amount of taxes to be assessed, as fractional divisions for convenience in the apportionment

and it is further

Ordered,-

That the aforesaid sums of Six hundred and ninety thousand one hundred dollars, and the sums which shall be required for state and county taxes and as fractional divisions be raised on the polls, property and estates taxable in this city according to the provisions of law.

and it is further

Ordered,-

That interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum shall be charged from the thirty-first day of October upon all taxes to be assessed the present year which shall remain unpaid on the fifteenth day of November, until the same shall be paid, which interest shall be added to and be considered as part of such taxes.

and it is further

Ordered,-

That in addition to the sums hereinbefore specified, which are to be raised by taxation. Appropriations be and they are hereby made as follows, for

Public Library,

the sums received from the County Treasurer as the city's part of the fees for dog licenses.

Salaries,-

the sums received from the State for corporation and bank taxes. And from the receipts from the City of Boston for return on Water rates the following appropriations,-

Water Maintenance,		
Forty thousand dollars,	$ 40,000	00
Water Works Extensions,		
Thirty thousand dollars	30,000	00

and it is further

Ordered,-

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That for the purpose of providing for the payment of the current expenses of the city a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year be procured and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, as summed sums in the aggregate amounting to six hundred thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the city therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum.

The said debt or debts, incurred by a loan or loans to the city, under this order are to be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

In Common Council March 6, 1896 Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay votes. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen March 6 1896, Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay votes, in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, March 12.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized to proceed to finish the Fire Station in Ward Three now in process of erection, the cost of said completion over the present appropriation to be provided for from the Hundred Debt Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 6

Adjourned.

Attest

George A. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, March 11, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Communication from Mayor returning with objections order to pay board of City Engineer's horse

Received the following communication.

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office, March 7, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the accompanying order which originated in your body relative to the boarding by the city of the horse owned by the City Engineer. In addition to the objections set forth in my message upon the same subject, I would say that the accompanying order is in direct conflict with the order adopted by both branches of the City council on the 6th day of the present month. By the last named order the salary of the Engineer was fixed at nineteen hundred dollars per year, and it was expressly stated in that order that he should provide and maintain his own team. It was the understanding and intention of the committee on finance, in recommending the above-named salary for the City Engineer, that the city should not incur any expense in maintaining that officer's team. I believe the city council had the same idea in mind when it adopted the report of the finance committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Albion A. Perry,
Mayor.

Read for information.

Order

The order, returned with the foregoing communication, for the approval by the Committee on City Engineering of bills for the board of the City Engineer's horse, was reconsidered and its adoption, the Mayor's objections thereto to the contrary notwithstanding, was lost by a yea and nay vote, all of the eight

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members of the board voting in the negative.

Received the following communication — Communication ✓

City of Somerville Mass. — from Mayor

Mayor's Office, March 11, 1896. — death of Annuel Colman

To the Board of Aldermen, — Sealer of Weights & Measures

It is my sad duty to inform you that, since the last regular meeting of this Board, the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures has become vacant by the death of our respected and beloved fellow-citizen, Capt. Annuel Colman. Capt. Colman was first appointed to the office in the year 1888, and has ever since performed its duties in a thorough and painstaking manner. It had been my pleasure to know Capt. Colman intimately for many years, and I merely voice the sentiment of all his neighbors and associates when I speak of him as a man of genial, kindly nature, generous and noble impulses, and of irreproachable moral character. He performed his accustomed tasks in a quiet, modest manner, never seeking or desiring notoriety. In his home life he was an ideal husband and father, always tender, loving and true. As a citizen and neighbor he performed his every duty faithfully and well. He was a marked example of the courteous and retiring Christian gentleman. By his death Somerville has lost a valuable public officer, an upright, high-minded citizen.

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read for information.

The Mayor made the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board. — Appointments ✓

Inspector of Buildings, Frederick C. Fuller,

Registrar of Voters, for the term of three years beginning May, Charles E. Parker,

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Luther L. Pillsbury.

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

The appointments made by the Mayor February 26, of Charles S. Philbrick, as Inspector of Milk and Vinegar, and John L. Brennan, as a Special Police, without compensation, were confirmed. — Appointments ✓

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Reports	Received the reports for the month of February, of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights. Placed on file.
Communication officers of General Meeting concerning adjourned meeting	Received the following communication. Somerville, March 11, 1896. To the Honorable the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. Gentlemen:- The undersigned, moderator and secretary, respectively, of the general meeting of citizens held in Union Hall, Bow St., on the evening of the second inst. in pursuance of a warrant, calling said meeting which was adopted by your honorable board on the twelfth day of February last, have to inform you that the said meeting was adjourned until the evening of the first Monday of October next at eight o'clock, and it was voted in said meeting that the city government be requested to warn the citizens of such adjourned meeting. Wherefore in pursuance of such vote, you are hereby requested to warn the citizens as aforesaid. Respectfully, M. D. Jones, Moderator. George I. Vincent, Secretary. Referred to Committee on Elections and Returns.
Petition	Received from the Common Council a petition from J. D. Dunbar and others, for an arc light on Mystic Avenue near the Boston line, in place of of the Incandescent light now there, also for an Incandescent light on North Union Street. In Common Council March 6, Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen March 11, Reference concurred in.
Petition	Received a petition from Everett A. Maynard for appointment as Sealer of Weights and Measures. Referred to the Mayor.
Petitions	Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed

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licenses - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors;

Harry M. Baker, 38 Adrian St. Aged 12 years
Charles A. Carney, 32 Cook St. " 11 "
Thomas Davidson, 40 Cedar St. " 14 "
Alfred J. Sorenson, 45 Skehan St. " 13 "
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received a petition for a license to cry goods in the streets from Bernard W. Daley, 63 Franklin St. approved by the Chief of Police. Licence granted. — Petition ✓

Received a petition from the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company, for the written consent and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen and of the Common Council to occupy the buildings numbered 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, owned by Frank O. Squire and leased by the petitioner, for carrying on therein the business of slaughtering neat cattle including calves and for the melting or rendering of the fat of neat cattle (including calves) into oleo oil and tallow. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Joint Special Committee to which was referred the petition of William S. Henry, for permission to render lard and tallow on Melrose street, sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company in due form and on a blank furnished by the Cattle Commissioners for a license to slaughter cattle (including calves) at the premises numbered 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue and owned by Frank O. Squire, the slaughtering to be done between the hours of 7 A.M. and 6 P.M. on every day except Sunday and the estimated number of animals to be slaughtered weekly being from 125 to 240 cattle and from 10 to 50 calves. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from Andrew A. Seamont, Trustee for Camp Cameron — Petition ✓

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Sand Company, for a common sewer in Cameron Avenue, Glendale Avenue, Malcolm Avenue and Yorktown street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Edward C. Davis and others, that the permit granted to William Cochlan to blast on Nunnery Hill, may be revoked.

Edward J. Burke, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on land of Jacob W. Wilbur on Moreland street, and in laying a drain or sewer for several houses in said Moreland street, owned by said Wilbur.

W. E. Clark, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the northerly side of Beacon street, from Miller street to the Fitchburg Railroad Bridge.

W. C. & A. F. Mentzer, for a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of Cherry street, from Glen street to Summer street.

Wm. W. Field and others, for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, on the easterly side of Mossland street.

G. F. Chaffee and others, for a brick sidewalk, on the northeasterly side of Pearl street from Cross street to Walnut street.

W. R. Bradford and Amanda Stoppell, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Summer street, between Ashland and Cherry streets.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petition

Received a petition from Mrs. R. L. Wakefield and others, for brick sidewalks with edgestones in front of their respective estates on Highland Avenue (in the vicinity of Crocker street) they to pay for the stock for the same.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions for Arc street lights, from

C. R. Kenway and others, one at the corner of Fremont and Beacham streets.

Thomas Clark and others, one on Laurel street at the corner of Park Place.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

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Received petitions from Jeremiah J. Heaney and others, Michael B. Devine and others, Terrance Koen and others and Alexander Munroe and others, that the order offered by Alderman Jones be carried out, requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow $50,000 for acquiring the Sanborn Field for the purposes of a public park. — Petitions

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Wilbur F. Mansfield, for permission to move a wooden building, 22 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 12 feet high, from land of George Hughes on the northeasterly side of Highland avenue, opposite Cowell street, through Highland Avenue, to land of Wilbur P. Rice, on the southeasterly side of Highland Avenue near Cherry street, — Petition

certified by the Superintendent of Streets and the Superintendent of Electric Lines that the statements as to measurements is substantially correct and in their judgment the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting to Wilbur F. Mansfield permission to move a building through Highland Avenue, as recorded on page 490 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, — Reports

on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for relocations for poles in School and Temple streets, reported an order.

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for poles in Elm street and Somerville Avenue, with permission for the West End Street Railway Company to attach wires to such poles, reported an order,

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for poles in Cedar street, reported an order.

on the petition of Edward S. Orcutt, for permission to extend a twin wire across

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Summer street, from premises No. 14, to No. 15, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Orders — The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, granting locations for posts or poles to

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, in School and Temple streets,

Acceptance & Agreement filed April 18-1896 — the Somerville Electric Light Company, in Elm street and Somerville Avenue, with permission to the West End Street Railway Company to attach wires to such posts or poles,

Acceptance & Agreement filed April 18-1896 — and the Somerville Electric Light Company, in Cedar street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 101, 102 and 103 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted, to Andrew A. Lamont, Trustee for Camp Cameron Land Company, to blast rock on land formerly owned by the West End Street Railway Company situated on the northwesterly side of Cameron Avenue, for the purpose of clearing the land for building purposes, such permission to be subject to revocation at any time by the Board of Aldermen.

Adopted.

Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for double tracks in Medford street and Highland Avenue, from Somerville Avenue to Davis Square, to be operated by the overhead single trolley of electric system of motive power, reported an order of notice for a hearing.

Accepted.

Order — The order of notice accompanying the foregoing report, for a hearing on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for double tracks in Medford street and Highland Avenue, from Somerville Avenue to Davis

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Square, to be operated by the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power, is recorded on page 254 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and was

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor March 18.

The Committee on Highways, in pursuance of an order of January 23, submitted the following list of proposals received for the furnishing of edgestones and paving stock, for the current year. — Report ✓

Names of Bidders	Edgestones per lin foot	Crossing Blocks per lin foot	Granite flagging per sq foot	Circles per lin foot	3 feet Corners each	5 feet Corners each	Paving Blocks #1 per M	Paving Blocks #2 per M
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charles McMahon	0.45	—	0.62	0.65	—	—	—	—
Sweatt & Gould	0.46	0.25	0.32	0.70	2.50	3.50	36.00	30.00
Wm J McCarty	0.44½	0.20	0.35	0.67	2.00	2.90	42.00	28.00
H. & R. J. Lombard	0.44½	0.22	0.30	0.63½	2.25	2.90	35.00	23.00

and reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11 Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized, to make a contract with H. & R. J. Lombard for the furnishing of such edgestones and paving stock, as may be required during the year, at the prices named in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 12.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and they hereby are authorized and requested to consider and report to the City Council whether any adjustment between the parties, and if so, what, should be made of the claim, now pending in court of Albert D. S. Bell, Trustee, vs. City of Som-

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erville on account of alleged damages to the estate of said plaintiff, commonly known as the Magoun Estate, located on Broadway, Winter Hill, caused by the cutting down of the street in front of said premises.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 12.

Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property, be, and is hereby authorized, to place an additional water closet in the Wm. H. Hodgkins school house on Holland street, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Schoolhouse Ward Four Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 12.

Reports

The Committee on Printing,

on an order of February 12, to make a contract with the American Printing and Engraving Company, for the printing of the Annual Reports for the year 1895, reported that such contract has been made.

on an order of January 8, for the printing of six hundred copies of the Mayor's Inaugural address of the present year, reported that said number of copies of said address had been printed by the Somerville Journal Company for $37.34.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Accepted in concurrence.

Report

The Committee on Accounts, on an order of February 12, for the approving in pay-roll of Miscellaneous, of a bill in favor of Lucy A. Mayall, for five hundred dollars, in settlement for injuries received by falling on Florence street February 12th 1895, reported that such bill had been so approved.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Accepted in concurrence.

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Alderman Wright offered a resolve and order determining that the watering of streets for the current be done under the provisions of the Act upon that subject, passed by the Legislature of 1891, the rate of assessment to be two cents per front foot.	Resolve and Order ✓ Watering of Streets to be done under Act authorizing assessments
Adopted. Adoption reconsidered and order referred to Committee on Water.	
In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.	
Alderman Wright offered an order directing the Committee on Water to solicit proposals for the furnishing of men and horses to water the streets, with the city's carts, for the season of 1896.	Order ✓
Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.	
Alderman Andrews offered the following order.	Order ✓
Ordered,	Mayor petition Legislature postpone until year 1900 apportionment of cost for Metropolitan Parks and Boulevards
That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to petition the General Court, at its present session, praying that the decisions and determinations already made by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners as to the proportions in which the several cities and towns in the Metropolitan Parks District shall pay for the cost and maintenance of the parks and boulevards in said district during the current five years, may be annuled, that the Metropolitan Park Commissioners be required to complete their work prior to the first day of July 1900, and that determination of the proportions in which the several cities and towns shall pay for said parks and boulevards, shall be postponed until after said day.	
Adopted and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council, March 11, Adopted in concurrence.	
Approved by the Mayor March 12.	
Alderman Berry offered the following order.	Order ✓
Ordered,	
That his honor the Mayor be and is hereby requested to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow, in excess of the debt limit, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a bridge across the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street.	
Adopted and sent down for concurrence.	

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In Common Council March 11 Adopted in concurrence
Presented to the Mayor March 12

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered:

That a message be sent to the Common Council requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the following-named purposes:

1. To hear all persons desiring to object to the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Wilson Avenue.

2. To hear all persons interested in the petition of William S. Henry for the written consent of the board of Mayor and aldermen and of the Common Council to render lard and tallow on premises owned by him on Melrose street.

orders for such hearings passed by the city council having been approved, respectively, by the Mayor February 14th and 28th.

Adopted, and Alderman Jones appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council March 11, Request granted, and Councilman Ball appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Seapham, Lovell, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Sumont present.

Hearing

In pursuance of orders passed February 12 and 13, and this evening, a hearing was given, for all persons desiring to object to the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Wilson Avenue, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 331 of Volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Hugh J. Gallen and Phoebe Kimes Parton, owners, respectively, of the estates

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on Broadway at either corner of Wilson Avenue, appeared and objected, if these entries were to be accorded both for the corner on Broadway and for the one to be built in Wilson avenue.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of orders passed February 26 and 27, and this evening a hearing was given for all parties interested on the petition of William S. Henry for permission to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose street.

Mr. Henry was present with his counsel, Hon. John Haskell Butler, and the remonstrants were represented by Samuel B. Darling Esq.

Communications were received and read by the Mayor, from Fred H. Kimball, withdrawing his name from the remonstrance against granting the license, and from Samuel T. Bittefield and William B. Holmes, remonstrating against the granting of the license.

Testimony in support of the petition was given by the petitioner, William S. Henry, and by Horace E. Kemp, a soap manufacturer at Cambridgeport, - Edward S. Pillsbury, Health Commissioner of Boston, - Simon E. Pearson, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners of Boston, - George D. Hemyss, Chairman of the Mystic Water Board and a furniture manufacturer in Charlestown, - George S. Poole of Mt. Vernon street, Somerville, - Alexander M. Hayward of 21 Baldwin st. Charlestown, - Charles H. Sawyer of Main street, Somerville, and a Real Estate agent in Charlestown, - Dr. Charles E. Butler of School street, Somerville, - and William Franklin Hall of 345 Broadway, Somerville.

Mr. Henry stated in substance, that ten years ago he succeeded to the business of Tuttle & Boone in Charlestown, at the corner of Rutherford avenue and Tufts court, the property extending through to Main street, and has continued to the present time. His business is that of a wholesale jobber of the various products of hogs, such as pork, lard, hams and sausages. Seven eighths of his business is in these goods and the remainder in the rendering of tallow. He does not render lard, because he has not sufficient room and such rendering is not very profitable. Made $1,800.00 profit on sausages last year. Jobs the goods from wagons carrying one to four tons. Goods except sausages, are brought every morning from the North and Spring Companies. Employs 37 men, paying them from $14 to $20 a week. Many of them live in Somerville, in the vicinity of Perkins and Brighton streets. His men on the wagons are intelligent, selling and weighing the goods at

Hearing ✓

Communication ✓

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stores and collecting the pay therefor. Present factory in an unobtrusively settled neighborhood, the rendering buildings being 160 feet from Main st. Charlestown. Has put in improved appliances since taking the business. Has never heard a complaint of any bad odor from the factory. Wants to come to Somerville so as to have more room at less cost. Has owned the property on Melrose street about a month. It is taxed for $75,000 while his Charlestown property is taxed for $33,000. Can have four times as much room in the Somerville property as he has in Charlestown, without making any additions. Proposes to take the rendering business to Somerville at once and in the course of a year would move the entire business here. Mr. Henry said he intended to use a Guthrie condenser in the Somerville works and described its operation. All gases are carried to the condenser where they immediately become water and pass off with the immense quantities of water used in the condenser and of which they form an exceedingly small part, into the sewer or, as would be the case in Somerville, into the river. Salt water would be used here and is considered better than fresh for the purpose. With such a condenser and in fact with the one he now has in Charlestown, and with the tight tanks in use, a person in the factory could not tell whether sugar or a dead horse was being boiled in the tanks. After the boiling, the materials in the tanks are allowed to stand several hours, when the grease is taken out, then the water is run off and finally the solid matter in the bottom is removed and pressed and sold for manufacture into fertilizer. None of these things are offensive. The Melrose street property is about 600 feet from Mystic avenue, and 1600 or 1700 feet from Middlesex avenue. On one side is a creek and on the other the city offal depot, and beyond that an old barn which is occupied. Mr. Henry bought the Melrose property of a Mr. Ewald, Trustee for six rendering firms in and near Boston, including Mr. Henry. A restriction was in the deed that no slaughtering should be done there.

The testimony of the other witnesses was to the effect that the business need not be at all offensive and that for several years past no cause for complaint had existed at Mr. Henry's Charlestown works, also that the works on Melrose street, would be no more detrimental to surrounding residential property than any other manufactory, and that if a Metropolitan Boulevard were to be constructed in the line of Middlesex avenue at the Wellington bridge these works were at such a distance as not to be objectionable. Mr. Hall however, said if it were probable that such boulevard would be constructed he would not favor the granting of the petition, and Mr. Wemyss said that some odor from the present works

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of Mr. Henry was perceptible when passing them on Rutherford Avenue

At this point the hearing was adjourned until Thursday evening the 12th. met at 8 o'clock

Hearing adjourned

The convention was then dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber

Convention dissolved

In Board of Aldermen

Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present

On the order requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow Fifty thousand dollars for the acquiring of the Lowell Field for the purposes of a public park, as recorded on page 6 of these records, action on which was postponed March 6 until this evening, the said order was

Order

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 11, Adopted in concurrence

Presented to the Mayor March 12

Resolve and order for the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Hilton avenue, as recorded on pages 332 to 336, inclusive, of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Lands for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was

Resolve + Order

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 12

Adjourned until Thursday evening the 12th inst at 8 O'clock

~~Adjourned~~

Attest

George A. Vincent Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, March 12, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Clerk pro tem

In the absence of the City Clerk, the board proceeded to ballot for a clerk pro tem, of the Board of Aldermen, and were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, after attending to that duty they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice, 5
William P. Mitchell, had 8

and William P. Mitchell was declared, by the chair, elected, and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by His Honor, the Mayor, Alison A. Perry, Justice of the Peace, said oath, duly signed and certified, being recorded on page 7 of volume 3 of the book of Oaths of Office in the city clerk's office.

Recommendations

Received a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that the following-named call members of the Fire Department be discharged.

George L. Blackbird, of Engine Company No. 1, and Alfred L. Higgins, of Hose Company No. 3, at their own request, and

Frank T. Sargent, of Ladder Co. No. 2, because he has left the city and his whereabouts are unknown to the Chief Engineer.

Discharges as recommended, made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Petitions

Received a petition from Charles A. Buchman, for permission to erect and maintain a private telephone wire over Boston, Greenville, Hamlet and Walnut streets and Sharpe Place.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Orders

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,

Thursday March 12, 1896.

That a message be sent to the Common Council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of resuming the hearing, which was adjourned from last evening, upon the petition of William S. Henry, for permission to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose street.

Adopted and Alderman Huntley appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council March 12, Request granted, and Councilman Irving appointed to carry the information to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council. — Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Seaphom, Sewell, Cummings, Ball and Sumont present.

In pursuance of an order passed this evening the hearing was resumed on the petition of William S. Henry for permission to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose street, the petitioner with his counsel and the counsel for the remonstrants, all being present. — Continued Hearing ✓

Mr Richard E. Pickthall of 182 Central street, appeared and favored the petition, deeming it desirable to encourage the establishment of this and other industries in the Melrose street locality. He thought it would not be detrimental to the boulevard.

Mr Henry gave some particulars as to his purchasing of the Melrose street property.

Mr Henry also read a letter from the Secretary of the Boston Board of Health stating that that board had no record of any complaint during the last ten years against the works of Furbush & Co in Charlestown (the same operated by Mr Henry)

Mr Darling counsel for the remonstrants presented a remonstrance from F. O. Reed and others (the owners of Ten Hills Farm) the Mount Benedict Land Company and others, against the granting of Mr Henry's petition.

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Mr Darling also presented a resolution passed by the Ward Three Republican Committee, that the granting of such petition would be contrary to the interests of Ward Three and to public sentiment.

Mr Darling read a telegram from Mr Sanborn, of the firm of Chace and Sanborn, and communications from Dr L C Ellis, Aaron Sargent, Hon Austin Belknap, Luke W Farmer, and ex Aldermen Robert Duddy, William S Barber and John R Conant, remonstrating against the granting of the license.

Mess John Herbert, of Dartmouth St, Joseph H White, of Central street, Charles R Sanborn of Adams street, John Stackpole of Broadway, True W Townsend of Dartmouth street and representing also a Mr Blanchard who owns on Grant, Taylor and other streets, Walter H Snow of Derby street, Julius A Durell of Broadway, J T Sawin of Stickney avenue, E G Davis of 11 Main street, Charlestown, and owning three houses on Derby street in Somerville, Charles J Hooper of 49 Heath street, Ellsworth Fisk who represented some thirty acres of land on Winter Hill, Franklin O Reed who represented property bordering on Mystic River taxed for $132,000 and Charles D Elliot, Civil Engineer, appeared and objected to the granting of the license.

All of the witnesses thought the establishment of that business as proposed would depreciate the value of property in the vicinity and on Winter Hill, and many of them thought it would be a nuisance, and testified that Mr Henry's present works in Charlestown are offensive.

Mr Reed sold the land now owned by Mr Henry to Mr Hinckley, to be used for a similar purpose, but in view of the beginning of the development of the boulevard improvements, he thought it would be unwise to grant any further license for such business.

Mr Reed testified that the city of Medford had appropriated four thousand dollars for the widening of Mystic avenue in that city, to a width of 120 feet.

In rebuttal, Mr Henry testified that Mr F O Reed had offered to sell him an additional parcel of land for $800 - and Mr Teeb, an Alderman of Medford, testified that no appropriation had been made by that city for the widening of Mystic Avenue.

The hearing was at this point adjourned until Tuesday evening March 17, at 8 O'clock.

The convention was then dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

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In Board of Aldermen

Board of Aldermen

Hon Benj Royal Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Perry and Andrews present.

Adjourned until Tuesday evening March 17, at 8 o'clock

Attest

William P. Mitchell.

Clerk pro tem

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, March 17, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mary Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Communication from Mayor

The Mayor presented the following communication

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen

Since we last met in this chamber, its walls have been embellished with the portrait of another ex-mayor of Somerville, the last as yet of a noble line. I know we all take delight in welcoming Hon William H. Hodgkins to our little gallery of ex-mayors.

This room was his official home for four years, and here he devoted his best talents to the interests of Somerville.

The mayors who preceded him in office are all represented in this room. They were men tried and true, and the people of Somerville have never regretted their action in calling them to the high office.

It is not my intention to take advantage of the occasion to pay a tribute to Ex-Mayor Hodgkins and his compeers. They need it not. I merely wish to congratulate the city upon its possession of so admirable a portrait of her honored chief magistrate. I have scrutinized the picture with great care and do not hesitate to pronounce it an exceedingly faithful and well-executed portrait. The lady who did the work is one of the best pastel artists in the country, and this piece of portraiture ought to add greatly to her fame. So life-like is the picture that when I look upon it I have an impulse to vacate this chair, that Maj. Hodgkins may step out of the frame and take his place in the seat he so long honored.

To those of you who were officially associated with him he seemed a sort of King Arthur, valiant and chivalrous, and you were proud to sit as knights at his Round Table. The followers of the ancient British king could never believe he was really dead, but looked forward to his reappearance in even grander form than that in which they had known him in his life. With that earnest, almost speaking face before us it is easy to believe that he whom it represents will be called by the people to fill even higher places of public trust

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than any he has heretofore occupied.

Let us hope that this portrait will, a few years hence, hang in a beautiful new City Hall, such as one as Mayor Hodgkins was so desirous of seeing on the crest of Central Hill.

Albion A. Perry
Mayor

Read for information

Received a petition from O. C. Clarry and others, for a public hearing before a licence be granted to keep horses in the stable on Washington street near the Boston line. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Received a petition from Walter H. Snow, for permission to project a bay window in the second story of the building No. 213 Pearl street, three feet over the sidewalk of said street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

the said petition having the following order attached.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered that ~~[illegible]~~ notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M., at its room in City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Citizen of the 20th inst. — Order for Hearing ✓

Adopted

Received a petition from the Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for one electric light pole on the easterly side of Webster avenue about 25 feet from the Cambridge line. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received a notice from Mary Healey, by her attorney Thomas F. O'Malley, of claim for damages on account of injuries (to back and other injuries) received by falling on the southwesterly side of Linwood street, about ten feet northwesterly from the building numbered 24 on said street, between — Notice ✓

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nine and nine and one half o'clock in the forenoon of March 7th inst, because of an accumulation of snow and ice on said sidewalk. (filed with the City Clerk March 16)

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 17. Reference concurred in.

Notice of Suit

Received notice to appear before the Superior Court at Bainbridge on the first Monday of May next, and answer to Frank Kinney of said Somerville, in an action of Tort, to the damage of the plaintiff (as he saith) the sum of Sixty thousand dollars.

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 17. Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Order
City Solicitor
prevent erection buildings
in violation of law or
ordinances

Alderman Berry offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized and instructed, whenever thereto requested by the Mayor, in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville or of such Officer or Officers of the said City, as he shall deem proper, to institute and prosecute such suits or proceedings, at law or equity or otherwise, as he shall deem advisable, to prevent the erection or the commencement of the erection, or the construction, occupation, or use of any buildings or structures, whether for oil works or otherwise, or the doing any work upon any wall, structure, or building, in violation of law or of any ordinance of the city, or unless a permit or licence has been obtained therefor, as required by any law or any ordinance of the city, and in general that he be authorized to prosecute all legal proceedings, for obtaining injunctions, enforcing penalties, or otherwise, which he shall deem advisable, against any person or persons, erecting, commencing the erection of, doing any work upon, occupying, or using any building or structure, in violation of any provisions of law or of the ordinances of the city, or without any licence or permit required by law, or in violation of the provisions of any licence or regulation.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 17. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 17.

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Alderman Chandler offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That a message be sent to the Common Council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of continuing the hearing, which was adjourned from the 12th inst, upon the petition of William S. Henry, for permission to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose street.

Adopted and Alderman Chandler appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council March 17 Request granted and Councilman Hunnewell appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

Approved by the Mayor March 17.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention ✓

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sispham, Sewell, Cummings, and Ball present.

In pursuance of and order passed this evening the hearing on the petition of William S. Henry, for permission to render lard and tallow at his premises on Melrose street, which hearing was adjourned from March 12th, inst. was continued. — Hearing ✓

Received a protest from the Randall Memorial Baptist Church against the granting of the petition of certain parties for a license to carry on the business of slaughtering and rendering on Mystic Avenue opposite Winter Hill. — Protest ✓

Samuel C. Darling Esq. counsel for the remonstrants, and Hon John Haskell Butler, counsel for the petitioner, made their closing arguments, Mr Darling introducing schedules, prepared by the clerk of assessors, to show that the property between Broadway and Mystic River, represented by the signers of the petitions in aid of the Henry petition amounted to 223,177 square feet in area and $136,600, in assessed valuation, and that the property so located rep-

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	received by the remonstrants amounted to 5,886,592 square feet in area and $745,900 in valuation. Hearing closed.
Convention dissolved	The business for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen retired to their chamber.
Board of Aldermen	In Board of Aldermen
	His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
	Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Orders	Alderman Huntley offered the following order
	Ordered,
	That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby requested to confer with the license commissioners of Boston and Roxbury and said commissioners not to allow the granting of any liquor licenses between the Boston and Maine Railroad and the Somerville line.
	Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council March 17, Adopted in concurrence.
	Approved by the Mayor March 17.
Orders	Alderman Huntley offered the following order
	Ordered,
	That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase a horse for the use of the department, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department account.
	Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council March 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
	Approved by the Mayor March 17.
Communication	The Mayor presented the following communication.

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City of Somerville — Mayor

Mayor's Office, March 17, 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen:-

I return herewith, with my objections, the order which originated in your Honorable Board requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, beyond the debt limit, for a period of not less (sic) than twenty years, at a rate not exceeding 4% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring, laying out, and maintaining (sic) a public park on what is known as the Sanborn Field, in accordance with Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1895 (sic) etc. I shall not at this time express any opinion as to the advisability of borrowing money outside of the statutory debt limit for the purpose of acquiring the Sanborn Field as a public park. I believe there are sufficient reasons, aside from the real merits of the question why the order should not be passed at this time and in its present form. The increase of our funded indebtedness, especially by a loan outside of the debt limit, is too important a matter to be dealt with hastily or inconsiderately. As you well know, the period within which petitions for new legislation can be seasonably presented to the General Court has elapsed. Such petitions can now only be considered under a suspension of the legislative rules, and in common practice these rules are only suspended upon recommendation of the committee on rules. Same assured by those best informed upon the subject that the committee on rules is not disposed to favor the introduction of new subjects of legislation at this late day, and it is exceeding doubtful whether the committee would favorably entertain such a petition as the order directs me to present. But even assuming that the petition would receive favorable action at the hands of the committee several weeks would be consumed in obtaining the committee's assent, in passing the bill through its various stages in both branches of the Legislature, and obtaining the Governor's approval of the same.

If legislative authority had already been obtained for creating the proposed park debt, there would not be time, within the limits of the act of 1893, for the City to acquire the lands for the city to acquire the lands for the park. There are land titles to be examined, and orders to be passed by both branches of the City Council making the necessary appropriation and authorizing the issue of bonds. After these steps are taken the bonds must be printed and their sale negotiated.

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Using the utmost diligence compatible with proper care and deliberation, it usually requires about a month to authorize and negotiate a loan on funded debt account. The authority conferred upon the city of Somerville by Chapter 188, of the Acts of 1893, the act under which we must proceed in the laying out of the proposed park, expires on the twelfth day of April in the present year. It must be apparent to you all that no celerity of action will enable us to take all the necessary steps within the time allowed by the act.

In view of the facts above stated it would seem idle, if not improper, to take the initial steps in a proceeding which it is certain we shall not be able to complete. In my judgment it would be a much wiser course to ask the Legislature, at its present session, either to extend for a further term of years the Act of 1893, to which I have referred, or to petition the General Court for a new enactment authorizing the City Council to acquire lands for the proposed park at a later day.

I present these objections to the order at this early day, without taking the time to consider or discuss the real merits of the Sanborn Field park project, so as to enable you, in case you should dissent from the opinions which I have expressed, to pass the order over the veto, and thus bring the subject before the Legislature. While I do not wish to be unduly critical, I deem it my duty to say that the form of the order alone renders its passage of questionable expediency. It seeks authority to create a loan "for a period of not less than twenty years." This clearly means that no part of the money to be borrowed shall be paid until the expiration of twenty years. You are doubtless aware that, under our method of negotiating loans on funded debt account, payment of such loans is provided for in instalments beginning very soon after the creation of the debt. The word more should be substituted for the word less in the order. Again, we are to ask, according to the order, for authority to borrow money for maintaining the park. A moment's thought will satisfy you that this would be improper and against all precedent.

Still further, the proposed legislation is declared to be in accordance with Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1895, while the act authorizing Somerville to lay out Sanborn field as a public park was passed in the year 1893. I am firmly of the opinion that all orders as important as the one under consideration - orders providing for the laying out of public parks, addressing petitions to the Legislature, and looking to the creation of large funded debts - should be drawn by or under the direction of the city solicitor.

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Respectfully submitted,
Albert A. Perry, Mayor

Placed on file.

In furtherance of the foregoing communication from the Mayor the order passed by this board March 6, and presented to him March 12, requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars for acquiring a park on the Sanborn Field was recommended. — Order ✓

The adoption of the order, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, was lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Wright, Jones and Huntley - 3 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Pratt, Chandler, Kerry and Andrews - 5 voting in the negative.

Alderman Jones offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is requested to petition the Legislature, at its present session, for an extension for a period of three years, of the provisions of chapter 188 of the acts of the year 1893, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Somerville to lay out and maintain a Public Park"; or in case he shall deem it inexpedient to petition for such extension, then he is hereby authorized to petition for the passage of an act in form and substance substantially the same as chapter 188 of the acts of 1893, giving due consideration to such proceedings as have already been taken under said act.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council March 17, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, March 21.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That Williams & Kerry be and they hereby given leave to withdraw their petition for permission to occupy and use the premises on Holland street, now owned by them, for the purpose of rendering lard and tallow.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote: Aldermen Moore, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Kerry and Andrews - 6, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen

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Wright and Jones - 2, voting in the negative. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 17, Adopted in concurrence, by a yea and nay vote, Councilmen Berry, Timson, Burrows, Hunnewell, Turbe, Stephens, Sewell, Cummings and the President - 9, voting in the affirmative, and Councilmen Irving, Raymond, Reed, Russell and Ball - 5, voting in the negative.

Approved by the Mayor March 21.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

On the petition of Annie S. Bond for a licence to keep thirty horses in a stable on the southerly side of Washington street near the Boston Line, and the petition of O. C. Clary and others requesting a public hearing before such licence be granted, it is hereby

Ordered:-

That Wednesday March 25th 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen Room in the City Hall, be assigned as the time and place for a hearing before this board, of all persons desiring to object to the petition of Annie S. Bond for a licence to keep thirty horses in a stable on her land on the southerly side of Washington street near the Boston Line, and it is further Ordered:-

That notice of said hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Somerville Journal of the 21st inst.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor March 17

Affirmed

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville March 25, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Henry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

In pursuance of an order passed March 17, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Walter K. Snow, for permission to project a bay window in the second story of the building No. 213 Pearl street, three feet over the sidewalk of said Pearl street, notice of the hearing having been published as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order approved March 17, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Annie L. Bond, for a license to keep thirty horses in a stable on her land on the southerly side of Washington street, near the Boston line, notice of the hearing having been published as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

Mr. Oliver C. Clarry appeared and objected to the granting of the petition because it would be a damage to his property, the building coming within two feet of his line and within twenty five feet of the house he occupies and within about the same distance of three houses he lets. The tenants have told him since the stable has been placed there that they must have a reduction on the rent or they would move. The odor from the stable, the flies it would draw and the noise and disturbance made by the men on Sundays and at other times would be most annoying. This was the case with the stable that was burnt down on the same ground and was occupied by the party who is to use this stable.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

The Mayor presented the following communication. — Communication ✓

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From Mayor

Mayor's Office Somerville, March 20, 1896

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the order which originated in your Honorable Board, requesting me to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow, in excess of the debt limit, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a bridge across the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent Street.

While I believe the public convenience and necessity require that a bridge of some sort should be built across the Fitchburg Railroad at or near Kent street, I deem it unwise to create a debt for the same outside of the statutory debt limit.

My views as to the expediency of borrowing money in excess of the limit fixed by law, are fully set forth in my inaugural address, and it is not necessary for me to repeat or enlarge upon the subject in this message. The law limiting municipal indebtedness is, in my opinion, a most salutary piece of legislation, and I doubt whether any infraction of it ought ever to have been permitted. But that as it may I do not think the building of a bridge at Kent street is of such pressing importance as to justify the City Council in asking for the special legislation referred to in the order under consideration.

Even if I deemed it expedient to petition for the proposed legislation, I should oppose taking any steps in this direction until some definite plan for bridging Kent street had been presented and adopted by the City Council.

There are many preliminary steps to be taken before the proper time arrives for authorizing a loan on funded debt account to meet the cost of the proposed bridge. So far as I know no plan has as yet been adopted or even considered by the City Council, nor are we in possession of any definite information concerning the cost of this undertaking.

Instead of taking initial steps for the creation of a new debt, I would suggest that the question of bridging the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street be carefully considered in all its details by a committee of the City Council. In the first place the City Solicitor should be requested to make a careful examination of the law relating to the subject. It should be determined at the very outset to what extent, if any, the city has a right to call upon the railroad corporation to contribute towards the cost of building and maintaining such a bridge as is required. After the legal status of the question is fixed, the committee having the matter in charge should, either alone or in conjunction with the railroad corporation, and after the most careful study of the question, decide upon the character of the contemplated structure. They ought also to obtain close estimates

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of the cost to the city of the whole undertaking. The committee should also report to the City Council the results of their study and investigation, making such specific recommendations as to the committee shall seem proper.

Should it be found that the principal part of the expense of the projected improvement must be borne by Somerville, it may be deemed wise to build a comfortably inviting structure for foot travel only. Surely the whole subject should be carefully studied before new legislation is asked for.

Your order calls for a loan not exceeding $30,000, but I am convinced that our city ought not to spend more than one-half that sum for bridging the railroad. If such is the fact, we ought to be able to do the work this year out of funded debt account, and within the statutory debt limit. Our pride in Somerville, and in her financial standing, ought to restrain us from petitioning the Legislature, except in the most urgent case, for leave to ignore the provisions of a general law which was designed to strengthen the credit of the cities of the Commonwealth.

I would recommend that you give early attention to the subject of the proposed bridge, and endeavor to agree upon some plan by which the people residing on either side of the Fitchburg Railroad may have more direct and convenient communication with each other than at present.

I would further suggest that you consider the relative advantages of Sacramento street and Kent street as points for the proposed crossing. The space between existing bridges would certainly be more evenly divided at Sacramento street.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin A. Perry

Mayor

Hand for information

Order

The order returned with the foregoing communication, requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow in excess of the debt limit, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, for the erection of a bridge across the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street - which order, was passed by this board and by the common council, March 11, presented to the Mayor March 12, and returned, by him, with the foregoing objections, March 21, - was reconsidered, and its adoption, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor was lost by a yea and nay vote, - Aldermen Berry - 1, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and

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Andrews 6, voting in the negative

Communication from Mayor free transfers on West End Street Railway

The Mayor presented the following communication

Mayor's Office, March 25, 1896

To the City Council of Somerville,

Gentlemen,

I desire to call your attention to the fact that a bill, requiring the West End Street Railway Company to grant free transfers over its various lines, is now pending in the Legislature. I consider the proposed legislation of great importance to Somerville, and I would therefore urge your Honorable Body to use all proper means to secure the passage of the bill. Should such a law be enacted, great advantages would come to our citizens, and much of the present cause of complaint against the West End Road would be removed. It would enable a passenger to ride from Somerville to any point on the lines of the railroad without payment of an additional fare. It would also furnish partial relief from the present crowded condition of the cars during the busy hours of the day. A person riding to and from Somerville at such hours would be at liberty to take a car on any line running towards his destination, not confining himself, as at present, to the car running to the particular section of the city in which he chanced to live. By means of a free transfer to a connecting car he would complete the trip with a fair prospect of securing a seat for at least a part of the way.

I am convinced that our city will never receive adequate accommodations from the West End Road except by legislative action. The corporation is so large and powerful that it is able to ignore and defy the requests and demands of local municipal authorities. It is operated, after the manner of nearly all monopolistic corporations, in the interests of its stockholders and not for the benefit of the public.

There can be no doubt that the West End Road, with its immense resources and great earning capacity, is abundantly able to grant the concessions called for by the pending bill, but judging from its past management, it will not take the step until compelled to do so. The proposed legislation is, in my judgment, a step in the right direction and should be most earnestly supported by all the cities and towns which are dependent upon the West End Road.

The people most directly interested in better street railway accommodations are the wage earners, who are compelled to travel to and fro between their

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suburban homes and Boston each day. They are also obliged to make the journey at those hours when over crowding of the cars is carried to a point which is almost unbearable. These people have become tired of protesting against the inflexible practice upon them by the railroads, and now endure the discomforts of the daily trips in a spirit of hopeless patience. It is nothing short of an outrage that a man or woman who has toiled hard all day, perhaps at some work which required a standing posture, should not be able to secure a seat on the journey home in the evening.

I speak with special reference to the condition of affairs at Winter Hill, where I choose to live. If a person wishes to ride from Winter Hill to our City Hall, to Union Square, or to West Somerville, he must pay two full fares. If he wants to take his family to Franklin Park or to any point beyond the southern depots he must pay an eight cent fare for the privilege. While I am not as familiar with conditions on the southerly side of our city, I know in a general way that the people in that part of Somerville are but little, if any, better off than the residents of Winter Hill.

If the transportation of passengers was a business which permitted of free competition, we could safely leave it to the operation of the laws which govern ordinary business enterprise. But such is not the case. In the very nature of things, passenger traffic in our streets must be handed over to a single company, and it is not reasonable to expect that a corporation composed of human beings will fail to make a selfish use of its powers if not restrained and regulated by law.

Millions of dollars have been spent or appropriated during the last few years for laying out public recreations, building parks and pleasure grounds, and constructing boulevards and parkways. These great public improvements should be brought within reach of the poorer classes, those who cannot afford to keep or hire carriages. These people of slender means must rely upon street cars, and it is a grievous burden upon them to be obliged to pay a double fare for a ride to Franklin Park, Chestnut Hill Reservoir, or to Middlesex Fells.

I would respectfully recommend that an order be adopted by your Honorable Body, instructing the City Solicitor and the Committee on Legislative Matters to appear before the Committee on Street Railways of the Legislature in advocacy of the proposed bills, and requesting the members of the Legislature from this city to vote for and use their influence in favor of the same.

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Respectfully submitted,
Albion A. Perry
Mayor

Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council, March 26, Read for information.

Appointment

On the petition of the Park Avenue M. E. Church and the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Mayor appointed, subject to the confirmation by the board, James F. Dolliver, as Special Police without pay.
Action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Appointments

The Mayor appointed, subject to confirmation by the board, Edward Backus, as Superintendent of Electric Lines and Charles M. Berry, as Inspector of Animals and Provisions.
Action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Report

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of February.
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council, March 25, Read for information.

Annual Report

Received the annual report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1895.
Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports for the year 1895. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, March 25, Reference concurred in.

Communication
H. A. Thomas
acknowledging in behalf of Mrs Greenhalge receipt of resolutions on death of Gov. Greenhalge

Received the following communication.
Executive Chamber,
State House, Boston,
Geo. I. Vincent Esq. City Clerk, Somerville, Mass.
Sir,
Mrs Greenhalge has asked me to thank you for the beautiful resolutions of the City of Somerville passed at the time of the Governor's

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death. Besides the sympathy expressed in their wording the resolutions were gotten up in a most artistic manner and will be highly prized. Your action deserves more than a mere formal acknowledgment but Mrs Greenhalge finds herself unable to do, as she would like - but sends to the city through me an expression of her sincere appreciation.

Yours truly

H. A. Thomas

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, March 25, Read for information.

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors, — Petitions ✓

Philip Brine, 27 Ivaloo St. Aged 13 years,
R. Charles Small, 16 Oliver St. " 14 "

also received a petition for a licence to sell newspapers, from
Wesley A. Maynard, 22 Foster St, Aged 21 years
all approved by the Chief, or Acting Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from — Petitions ✓
Charles Howe, 328 Somerville Ave.
John F. McKenna, 7 Chestnut St
both approved by the Chief, or Acting Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

Received a petition from Charles D. Janes, for a licence to give a variety entertainment in Bacon Hall, Wednesday evening, March 18, - recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor, received by the City Clerk after the 18th inst. — Petition ✓
Placed on file.

Received a petition from J. Milton Downes, for a licence for a dramatic entertainment and dance in Bacon Hall, Wednesday evening, March 25, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor and licence issued by the City Clerk. — Petition ✓

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Issuing of licenses approved

Petition — Received a petition from Anglo Turco for a licence to play a hand organ in the streets of Somerville

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petition — Received a petition from Philip Eberle and others that a reward be offered for the apprehension and conviction of any incendiary within the limits of the City of Somerville

Referred to Committee on Police

Petition — Received a petition from Wm. F. Cunningham for a drain layers licence

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Petition — Received a petition from Edmund S. Sparrow, for permission to project the coping of a one-story wooden building at Nos. 277 and 279 Elm street twelve inches over the sidewalk

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

said petition being accompanied by the following order

Order — Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered that seven days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the eighth day of April, 1896, at 8 o'clock, P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Journal, of the 28th inst.

Adopted

Petitions — Received petitions from

William McDonald, for permission to set a hitching post in front of his estate, 25 Campbell Park, cor. Kingston street.

Edmund S. Sparrow, for permission to build two coal holes in the sidewalk in front of a building to be erected at 277 and 279 Elm street

Charles Linnehan, for permission to blast rock in his quarry on Granite and Osgood streets.

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Mrs and Mrs. George Voelkers and others for a brick sidewalk on the westerly side of Central street, from Willow street to the estate owned by John Haigh at the corner of Summer street,

Butler G. Growell and others, for a brick sidewalk on both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Growell street,

Robert N. Jones and others, for a brick sidewalk on the northerly side of Montrose street, from School street to Sycamore street,

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from. — Petitions ✓

Thomas Kilmartin, that the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 575 Redford street, may be graded and curbed, the cost of the curbstone need to be paid by him.

William and Caroline M. Egan, for edgestones in front of their estates on Newburgh and Morrison streets, they agreeing to pay for the stone.

Edward P. Morgan and others, that Post Office Square, so called, be enlarged by the taking of land from the estate of Charles Drouet, substantially as shown on accompanying plans

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Wm. P. Sanger and others, for an electric light at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lower street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Willard C. Kinsley Post, No. 159, G. A. R. that the amount of Three hundred and fifty dollars be donated to said post for Memorial Day fireworks. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Reference concurred in.

Received notice from Mrs. Ann Marison, that on March 9, 1896, at about 6½ o'clock P.M. she was injured by falling on the sidewalk of Common Avenue in front of the house numbered eighty, and was greatly injured, the cause of the fall — Notice ✓

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being that the sidewalk was covered with rough and hubbly ice and snow and that a pipe, casement or fixture, connected with the water system of pipes in said avenue, projected above the sidewalk, and caught her foot and tripped and threw her to the ground (filed with the City Clerk March 19)

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Reference concurred in.

Notice

Received notice to appear at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of May next and answer unto Bridget Conway in an action of tort, with writ of attachment for Four Four Thousand dollars to satisfy judgment.

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order.

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of hearing all persons desiring to object to the laying out of Kidder Avenue, an order for such hearing having been approved February 14, 1896.

Adopted and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the common council.

In Common Council, March 25, Request granted, and Councilman Cummings appointed to convey the information to the board of aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sapham, Sowell, Cummings, Ball and Samont present.

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In pursuance of orders passed February 13 and 18, and this evening a hearing was given to all persons desiring to object to the laying out of Tilden Avenue, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return, recorded on pages 357 of volume 2 of the Records of the laying out of streets, of this Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

Convention dissolved.

In Board of Aldermen

Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Hunting, Bury and Andrews present.

The names in the jury box having been removed and the names on the jury list recently added having been placed in said box, as stated in the following certificate, the said certificate was signed by all of the aldermen present, and is ordered for record.

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In Board of Mayor and Aldermen March 25, 1896

The undersigned, being seven of the eight members of the board of aldermen of the said city of Somerville, do hereby certify, that they have this day removed from the jury box of said city all names that were contained therein, that they have caused the names borne on the jury list that was prepared by the said board February 26, 1896, and received and accepted by the common council of said city March 11, 1896, to be written, each on a separate paper or ballot, and folded so as to resemble each other as much as possible, and so that the name written thereon is not visible on the outside, that they have placed in said jury box all of said papers or ballots, folded as aforesaid and bearing the said names so written, and that all of the names that are borne upon said jury list are

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as so revised and accepted, and no others, are now contained in said box.

(signed) W. H. Berry, M. D. Jones,
Robert S. Wright, J. N. Pratt,
J. M. Andrews, S. H. Huntley,
S. B. Chandler,

Placed on file.

Report. The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Annie S. Bond for a licence to keep or let stalls for thirty horses, in a stable to be erected on the southerly side of Washington street near the Boston line, and the petition of O. S. Clary and others for a hearing before granting said petition, - such hearing having been given this evening, reported leave to withdraw on said petition of Annie S. Bond.

Accepted.

Report. The Committee on Special Building Permits on the petition of C. H. Robinson & Co. for a licence to keep twelve horses in a stable owned by Franklin O. Reed, and situated on Garfield Avenue, reported an order.

Accepted.

Order. The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows.

Ordered,

That a licence be, and is hereby granted to C. H. Robinson & Co. to keep twelve horses in a stable situated on Garfield Avenue, and owned by F. O. Reed, during the pleasure of this board.

Adopted.

Report. The joint special committee, to which was referred the petition of the Sturtevant & Haley Beef and Supply Co. for permission to occupy and use the premises Nos. 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, for the carrying on therein of the business of slaughtering neat cattle (including calves) and for a melting or rendering establishment, namely for rendering the fat of neat cattle (including calves) into oleo oil and tallow, reported leave to withdraw by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and Andrews - 4 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Wright, Jones and Berry - 3 in the negative.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Accepted in concurrence.

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Alderman Jones offered the following orders. — Orders ✓

Orders for the construction of a common sewer in Wilson avenue as recorded on page 556 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor March 28

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and hereby is, authorized to connect the sewers of this city with the sewers of the Metropolitan system, in such manner as the city engineer, with the advice of the consulting engineer, may determine, at the following named points,-

Junction of Waverly and Roland streets,

North Union street,

Junction of Winthrop and Mystic avenues,

Junction of Poplar street and Somerville avenue,

the expenses incurred to be charged to Sewers Construction account.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor March 28

The Committee on Highways — Reports ✓

on the petitions of Abe Goldstein, for permission to project a sign about five feet over the sidewalk at his shoe store No. 12 Union Square, J. L. Mosely for permission to project a transparency over the entrance to store No. 9 Knox street, - and Rockford Bros for permission to place a bulletin board on the sidewalk in front of No. 18 Union Square, - reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Edward J. Burke, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on land of Jacob H. Wilbur, on Moreland street, also to blast rock in laying a drain or sewer for several houses in said Moreland Street, owned by said Wilbur, - reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for the erection of an electric light pole on the easterly side of Webster Avenue, about 25 feet from the Cambridge line, reported leave to withdraw,

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on the petition of Charles A. Cushman, for permission to erect and maintain a private telephone wire over Boston, Grenville, Hamlet and Walnut streets and Thorpe Place, reported an order.

Accepted.

Order

The order accompany the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered:-

That permission be and is hereby granted to Charles A. Cushman to erect and maintain a private telephone wire over Boston, Grenville and Walnut streets, from the residence of said Cushman numbered 21 Prospect Hill Avenue to the Hotel Bradford, numbered 74 Walnut street, the exact points where said line may cross said streets to be determined by the Superintendent of Electric Lines, provided however that no posts shall be erected by said Cushman in any of said streets, that said Cushman shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused directly or indirectly by the erection and maintenance of said line, and that such permission may be revoked at any time by the Board of Aldermen and the line shall then be removed by the said Cushman or it may be removed by the city at his expense. Permission is hereby given for the attachment of said line to any of the posts of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts provided that written consent thereto be first obtained by said Company.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways,

on the petition of Edward H. Fox, that edgestones may be set in front of his estates Nos 395 and 399 Elm street, he to pay for the edgestones, reported an order.

on the petition of R. K. Wakefield and others, for a brick sidewalk on Highland Avenue, between Crocker and Tower streets, and R. K. Wakefield, Willard S. Glidden, Francis W. Hunt, S. S. Tower and Josiah C. Flaker for a brick sidewalk with edgestones, in front of their estates situated on Highland avenue, between Crocker and Tower streets, they to pay for the materials used, reported an order.

on the petition of J. D. Dunbar and others, for a street crossing across Mystic avenue, at the head of North Union street, reported that the Superintendent of Streets has been instructed to lay such crossing.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, March 25, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized and instructed to construct in front of the estates of Edward W. Fox, Nos. 395 and 399 Elm street, gravel sidewalks with edgestones, said Fox having agreed to pay for the edgestones, the cost of said sidewalks in excess of the cost of the edgestones to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor April 2.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct brick sidewalks with edgestones in front of the estates of L. K. Wakefield, Willard S. Glidden, Francis W. Hunt, Lewis S. Tower and Josiah C. Fleher, said estates being situated on Highland avenue between Brooker street and Tower street, the edgestones and bricks used in said construction, to be paid for by the petitioners, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor April 2.

A resolve and order for the laying out of Kidder Avenue, as recorded on pages 252 to 258, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was — Resolve + Order ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor March 28.

The Committee on Water — Reports ✓

on the resolve and order dated March 11, which was referred to said committee, to provide for the watering of the streets under the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 179 of the Acts of the Legislature of

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1891 reported an order
on the order of March 11, referred to said committee, to solicit proposals to water
the streets during the current year, reported an order
accepted and sent down for concurrence
In common council, March 25, accepted in concurrence

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows
Ordered,
That it is hereby determined that the street watering for the year of 1896 be done in accordance with, and under the authority conferred by Secs. 1, 2 and 3 of Chap. 179 of the Legislative acts of 1891, and the committee on water be and it hereby is authorized and instructed to make, or cause to be made, all the preliminary arrangements necessary to put this system in practical operation on the first day of May next, the expense so incurred to be charged to watering streets account.
Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In common council, March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, April 2.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Water be and is hereby authorized and instructed to solicit proposals for the watering of the streets of the city for the year of 1896, proposals to be received from residents of this city only and to include the furnishing of a pair of horses and harnesses for each cart, with a driver who shall not be under twenty one years of age, the streets to be watered every day when necessary including Sundays and holidays, the length of day and the route for each driver to be determined by the person selected by the Committee on Water to look after street watering, as authorized by an order dated February 12, 1896. No contractor shall be allowed more than three carts
Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In common council, March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, March 25.

Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order
Ordered,
That the city clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause to be published with the annual report for the year 1895, the jury list prepared

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by this board February 26, 1896, and received and approved by the common council March 11, 1896, agreeably to the provisions of section 3 of chapter 514 of the Acts of the year 1894.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 26

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is requested, to consider the expediency of reporting to the city council an appropriation of $3500 for the purpose of purchasing a steam road roller, instead of reporting the sum of $4000, as previously requested.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, March 25, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 26

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is requested, to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of thirty-five thousand dollars for the purchasing of lands, and the erection of a eight room brick school house, to be located in Ward One.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 25 Laid on the table April 9th 1896 Taken from the table and adopted in concurrence Approved by the Mayor April 11 1896.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby authorized, to procure plans and specifications for an eight room brick school house, to be located in Ward One; the expense so incurred to be charged to School House in Ward One Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, March 25, Received to first reading, second reading refused. April 9, Motion for reconsideration laid on the table. April 17, Motion for reconsideration taken from the table. Order received to second reading and adopted in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor April 17.

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Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds, be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of placing trees and shrubs, on Central Hill Park, and also for the placing of additional walks on said park.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 25, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 28

Order

City Solicitor - Com on Legislative Matters and Representatives support bill for free transfers on West End Street Railway

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the City Solicitor and the Committee on Legislative Matters be, and they hereby are, instructed to take such steps as to them shall seem proper to secure the passage of a bill now pending before the Legislature, being House Bill No 9, and entitled "An Act requiring the West End Street Railway Company to issue transfers good on connecting cars controlled by the same company" And be it further ordered that the members of the Legislature from Somerville be, and they hereby are requested to vote for, and use their influence in favor of said bill

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council March 25, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 26

Adjourned

Attest

George F. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, April 8, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

In pursuance of an order passed March 26, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Edmund S. Sparrow for permission to project the coving of a one-story wooden building at Nos. 277 and 279 Elm street, twelve inches over the sidewalk, notice having been published by the petitioner, as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

No person interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order passed March 11, and approved March 18, a hearing was given for all parties interested in the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for a double track in Medford street and Highland Avenue from Somerville Avenue to Davis Square, with all necessary curves, connections, etc. - due notice having been given as appears by the City Clerk's return recorded at the bottom of page 234 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Hearing ✓

Mr. J. E. Rugg, General Superintendent of the West End Street Railway Co., appeared for the company and stated that it was proposed to run a line to Boston, through East Cambridge, in addition to the present line to Boston through Charlestown. Knew of no objection to sending some of the cars to Bowdoin Square. Would try to give the service desired by the public. Would begin the work of laying the track, as soon as the location is granted, and would probably finish it in about thirty days.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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Appointment	The Mayor appointed subject to confirmation, Fulton O'Brien as Public Weigher, in charge of the city scales at Union Square. Action by the Board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.
Recommendations appointments	Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Jesse A. Lipsett and Harry J. Locke be appointed call-members of Engine Company No. 1, and that Henry C. Page be appointed a call-member of Hose Company No. 5. Appointments as recommended made by the Mayor, and action by the Board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.
Reports	Received the reports, for the months of March, of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights. Placed on file.
Appointments	The appointments, made by the Mayor March 25, of Charles M. Berry, as Inspector of Animals and Provisions, and James F. Dolivar, as a Special Police without compensation, were confirmed by the Board.
Appointment	The appointment made by the Mayor March 25, of Edward Backus, as Superintendent of Electric Lines, was laid on the table.
Annual Report	Received the annual report of the City Solicitor for the year 1895. Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Reports for the year 1895. Sent down for concurrence. In Common Council April 9, Reference concurred in.
Communication	Received a communication to the City Clerk from the City Clerk of Boston asking for the appointment of a committee to join with a committee of that city in perambulating the boundary line between Somerville and Boston, and transmitting a copy of an order of the board of Aldermen of Boston for the appointment of such committee.

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Placed on file.

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors — Petitions

Amos S. Mills, 80 Wallace st, aged 11,
Ralph H. Small, 16 Oliver st, " 15,
both approved by the Acting Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions

John Curran, 38 Hunting st,
Andrew Mulcahey, 124 Beacon st,
Constantine Varlas, 482 Commercial St, Boston,
Ann H. Welch, 6 Beals st,
all approved by Captain of Police,
Licenses granted,

Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from — Petition

Elmer E. Bucombes, 28 Blossom street,
approved by the Captain of Police
Licence granted.

Received a petition from Henry H. Robinson, for a license to give two stereoptican lectures in Union Hall, Union Square, Saturday afternoon and evening April 18, — Petition

approved by the Captain of Police,
Licence granted.

Received petitions from — Petitions

Egidio Argenzio, for a licence to play a hand organ in the streets of the city for the year beginning May 1.

John P. Squire & Sons, - in due form - for a licence to slaughter neat cattle (including calves) at Nos 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, for the year ending April 30, 1897, estimated number to be slaugh-

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tered weekly being 300 neat cattle, and 200 calves; products to be used for food, - sides of beef and carcases of veal; days and hours, - daily (except Sundays) from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M.

J. Allison Briggs, Henry W. P. Colson, Edward Coustney, J. Robert Fenelon, William W. Fish, George W. Foster, Patrick J. Garvin, Joseph J. Giles, Haskell W. Gleason, F. DeWitt Stapham, Stillman H. Sibby, James E. Norton, Luther H. Pillsbury, Charles W. Sawyer and Clarence Tucker, for licences as auctioneers for the year beginning May 1.

John F. Fay, for a licence to keep two pool tables, at 281 Somerville Avenue.

Robert Jameson, for a licence to keep two billiard and two pool tables and five bowling alleys at 341 Somerville avenue.

Edward J. Llewellyn, for a licence to keep two pool tables, at 26 Somerville Avenue.

William F. Mills, for a licence to keep two pool tables, at 524 Medford street, all for the year beginning May 1.

Silas D. Carter and Harry H. Goodnow, for Innholders' licences for the year beginning May 1.

Jennie A. Rumstead, Helen A. Cheney, Warren Davis Church, William J. Estey, Rebecca Fordick, Frank E. Lincoln, Seyrene H. McAskill, Greenwood E. Rusch, Fred W. Pearson, George A. Sanders, Henry E. Sanders, Emily J. Southward, Marcia M. Stevens and Jennie Tarfry, for licences as Common Victuallers for the year beginning May 1.

Oliver G. Fordick, Susan A. Riker, Mary A. Venal, and Thomas Woods, for licences to keep Intelligence offices for the year beginning May 1.

Referred to Committee on Licences.

√ Petitions

Received petitions for licences to keep more than four horses, from

Albert M. Davis to keep ten at 22 Glen street, and

Benjamin F. Bennett and Alphonso Taylor, to keep twenty-two in stable belonging to, and leased by Annie L. Bond, on the southerly side of Washington street, near the Boston line.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

James M. Burkes, Bartholomew Burke, Patrick Burke, John J. Dorey, Bernard J. Green and Nicholas Leonard, for licence as drain layers, for the year beginning May 1.

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Levi A. Dame and others for a common sewer in Roseland and Meacham streets, Ash avenue and East Albion street

Mrs. E. J. White and others, for a common sewer in Oak street, from Prospect street to the Cambridge line

Charles S. Philbrick and others, for a sewer in Winslow avenue, from the present sewer, at a point about 225 feet from the easterly line of Grove street, to Clifton street

W. J. Lamb and others for a catch basin at the southeasterly corner of Elm street and St. James avenue

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received a petition from Joseph Defriez for a licence to sell fireworks for the 17th of June and the 4th of July and for the Presidential campaign — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fire Department

Received a petition from W. J. Lamb and others for a fire-alarm box at the junction of Summer street and St. James Avenue or Willow Avenue, as may be found most convenient for the purpose — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fire Department and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9, Reference concurred in

Received a petition from Charles F. Collett for permission to blast rock out of a cellar now under construction, at the (southeasterly) corner of Fremont and Meacham streets, the same being built by Edward J. Burke of Lawrence street, who will have charge of the blasting — Petition ✓

Permit granted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

George E. Elliott for permission to move, a distance of about six feet in a southwesterly direction, the most southwesterly of two maple trees standing in front of his premises No. 103 Jenny Lind Avenue as in consequence of changing the lot lines the said tree now obstructs the driveway into said premises

Mrs. Catharine Lynch, for the removal of a tree standing in front of her premises No. 30 Linwood street

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The Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for an electric light pole to take the place of a street railway pole, on the easterly side of Webster avenue near the Cambridge line, the West End Street Railway Company joining in the petition and to attach its wires to the light pole,

West End Street Railway Company, for locations for curves, cross-overs etc. in front of the car house on Washington street, near Mystic street,

H. G. Aldrich, for a brick sidewalk on Aldrich street, between Gilman and Flint streets,

Michael B. Devine and others, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the northerly side of Beacon street, between Washington street and Vine street,

J. M. Andrews and Reuben Willis, for edgestones on the northerly side of Broadway, from No. 257 to No. 363,

W. J. Gamb and others, for curbstones in Elm street, between St. James avenue and Willow Avenue,

O. B. Perry and Frank M. Sheldon, for edgestones and brick sidewalks on the easterly side of Elm street, from Morrison street to the Nathan Tufts Park,

Thomas Gurnham and others, for edgestones on the westerly side of Hancock street,

Grace F. Sowell and others, for edgestones on the southerly side of Kidder avenue, from Elm street to Liberty avenue,

Isaac S. Craig and others, for a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of Madison street, between School street and Sycamore streets,

W. H. Richardson and others, for edgestones and paved gutters in Tower street,

James Driscoll and others, for edgestones on the southerly side of Wheatland street, from Broadway to Jaques street,

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Homer C. and Alice M. Holt, for brick sidewalks, with edgestones, at their estates Nos. 98 to 106½ Concord Ave. 5 and 7 Hammond street, 1 to 25 Cook street, 14 Cook street to Wyatt street, 2 to 52 Wyatt street, and on Wyatt street, from Cook street to Taunton street, the petitioners to pay for the materials used, and at the

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usual rate;

George H. Ireland, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones, in front of his estate No 52 School street, at the corner of Preston street, the brick and edgestones used to be paid for by him,

J. F. Berry, for permission to lay a sidewalk, of Germania cement, on Westwood Road and Central street, in front of his estate on the southwest corner of said road and street, and for edgestones on Central street, from Westwood Road to the estate owned by John Keigh, the cost of the edgestones used to be paid by the petitioner,

George H. Radley, that the sidewalks on Grove street, at Nos 9 and 11, be relaid and for a crossing on Grove street place,

H. J. Lomb and others, for crossings on Willow avenue at Elm street, across Elm street from the easterly side of Willow avenue to Beach street, across St James avenue at Elm street, and across Elm street, to connect with a sidewalk on northerly side of Beach street, No Cambridge, as indicated by accompanying diagram,

J. W. Spencer and others, that Dickinson street and Grove street, be covered with broken stone, and rolled with the steam roller,

George H. Kotch and others, that Partridge avenue, from Medford street to Broadway be graded,

George K. Brownsberg and others, for the acceptance of Houghton street, from Oak street to Springfield street,

Edward H. Coffin and others, for the acceptance of Sowdle street, from Highland avenue to Albion street,

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council April 9, References concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

J. B. Connors and others, for an electric light on Cutter Avenue, at the junction of Hawthorn street,

Richard J. Snow and others, for a street light on Jenny Lind Avenue near Broadway,

Margaret Gordon and others, for an Arc light at the corner of Mystic avenue and Grant street

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Referred to Committee on Gas and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9. Reference concurred in

Communication — Received an anonymous communication, calling attention to the need of a better school building for the Beach street district

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9. Reference concurred in

Petition — Received a petition from William E. Brigham, Local Consul, League of American Wheelmen, for the adoption of an ordinance forbidding the placing of acorn, glass, tacks, scrap iron, nails, crockery, etc. or any other articles which would be liable to injure the feet of horses or injure or damage the wheels or tires of bicycles or other vehicles which have wheels with rubber or pneumatic tires, in any of the streets of the city, a copy of an ordinance on the subject now in force in the City of Chicago being presented with the petition

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9. Reference concurred in

Notice of injury — Received notice from Sanford Kanecow, that on Wednesday March 4, 1896, at about 12.30 O'clock P.M. while travelling on the southeasterly side of Walnut street, between Hazel street and Sunnyside avenue, and going in a northeasterly direction, his sleigh was overturned, at a point about thirty feet from Hazel street, and he was thrown therefrom and dragged some distance, thereby suffering great injury to his person and property. The alleged cause thereof were the following defects or want of repair in said Walnut street, viz.- the accumulations of snow in the character of a drift, extending across the street (filed with the Mayor March 30.)

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9. Reference concurred in

Petition — Received a petition from James B. Taylor, representing the North Somerville Depot Mission, for permission to hold religious services in the open air during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of the present year, one each Sunday afternoon, between three and six O'clock, on land owned by the city and situated on the southwesterly side of Broadway and the southeasterly side of Cedar

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street.

Permission granted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 7. Permission granted in concurrence.
Action approved by the Mayor April 16.

Received a venire for the drawing, out of the box, of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Lowell on the third Tuesday of April, current, the men so to be drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Tuesday April 25, at 10 O'clock A.M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Moore who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of George Ernest Saffin, then to Alderman Wright, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Byron L. French, and then to Alderman Jones, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Harrison Aldrich.

The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed to the Mayor and the said names were verified by him, and then to the city clerk by whom the said names were read therefrom aloud and the slips, properly endorsed, returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

The Committee on Police, on the petition of Philip Shubs, and others for the offering of a reward for the apprehension and conviction of any incendiary, reported inexpedient to take any action. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Albert H. Davis, for a license to keep ten horses in a stable in rear of 22 Glen street reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, — Order ✓

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted to Albert H. Davis, to occupy a stable for ten horses situated in rear of estate No. 22 Glen street.

Adopted.

The Committee Sewers, on the petition of John A. Kalb and others, for the construction of a common — Report ✓

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sewer in Broadway and Boston Avenue from near Liberty Avenue to the Medford line, reported an order,

Accepted

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report for the construction of a common sewer in Boston Avenue, Broadway and Willow Avenue, is recorded on pages 158 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Lands for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and was

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor April 11

Report

The Committee on Sewers, on orders of Oct. 28, and Nov. 14, 1895, reported that there have been constructed, in Mystic avenue and Morland, East Albion, Fremont and Meacham streets, from the northerly line of Mystic avenue to the Medford city line, at said Meacham street, - 1210 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, and 1210 feet of 6-inch under drains, with 9 manholes, (including special connections with the Metropolitan sewer at Mystic avenue), by contract with H. J. Bancom and Co., - at a cost of $5749.47, and submitted a list of assessments upon estates benefited

Accepted

Assessments

The list of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, for said common sewer in Mystic avenue, and Morland, East Albion, Fremont and Meacham streets, with a warrant and an order for the collection of said assessments, is recorded on pages 125 to 128 inclusive of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Adopted

Orders

Alderman Jones offered the following order,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be and is hereby authorized to purchase an Edison lamp and fittings at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Sewer Construction account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers, be and is hereby authorized

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to solicit proposals for the furnishing of such drain pipe as may be required during the current year, said proposals when received to be submitted to this board.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 11.

The Committee on Highways — Reports

on the petition of Charles Sinehan, for permission to blast rock in his quarry on Granite and Osgood streets, reported an order,

on the petition of William McDonald, for permission to set a hitching post in front of his estate, No. 25 Campbell Park, corner of Kingston street, reported an order,

on the petition of Edmund S. Sparrow for permission to build two coal-holes in the sidewalk in front of a building to be erected at Nos. 277 and 279 Elm street, reported an order,

on petitions for sidewalks, from Amos Keyes and others, brick, east side Adams street - W. E. Clark, edgestones north side Beacon street from Miller street to the Fitchburg Railroad - First Baptist Society and others, brick with edgestones, east side Belmont street, from Summer street, northerly to the estate owned by Joseph K. James - W. C. & A. F. Munzer, brick, east side Cherry street, from Elm to Summer street, - E. D. Osgood and others, brick, on Highland Ave. from Medford street to Walnut street, - Wilbur P. Lice, gravel with edgestones, north side Highland Ave. from Grove st. to West st. - A. B. Wedgewood and others, edgestones, ~~edgestones~~ south side Medford street from School to Sycamore, - Nathaniel W. Sillie and others, brick on Medford street from Central to Hartlett - Wm. W. Field and others, brick, with edgestones, east side Mossland st. - Wm. R. S. Jarvis and others, brick, on Pearl st. from James st. to the Suttlefield estate, - Richard T. Snow and others, gravel with edgestones, both sides of Robinson street, - Catherine Purcell and others, brick, both sides of Rossmore street, - John T. Sawin and others, edgestones, west side Stickney Ave. and W. B. Bradford and others, brick, south side Summer st. from Cherry to Ashland st. - reported orders of notice of hearings, -

Accepted

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Orders

The orders submitted with the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,-

That consent be and is hereby given to Charles Linehan of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex to blast rock or stone upon his premises situated on Granite street and Oregood street in this city, as particularly described in an order passed by the Board of Aldermen of said City May 24th 1893, and recorded on pages 37, 38, and 39 of volume 24 of the records of said board, - this licence and permission being granted upon the express conditions terms and requirements as expressed and imposed in and by said order, and not otherwise, and if said conditions, terms and requirements and each and every one of them shall not be fully complied with then this licence and permission shall be null and void, it being understood that the word southwesterly, wherever it occurs in said order, shall be held to mean southeasterly. This order, licence and permission may be revoked by the Board of Aldermen at any time in their discretion and thereupon it shall terminate and become null and void, and all rights licence or permission to said Linehan under this order shall cease, and he shall thereupon and thereafter by himself, his servants and agents, cease and desist from all blasting. This licence or permission shall not issue, and the permission herein granted shall not take effect, until said Linehan shall first give to the city an agreement in writing that he, said Linehan, accepts receives and holds this licence and permission and his privileges under the same, upon the conditions, terms and provisions aforesaid, and that he agrees to and adopts as his agreement all the conditions, terms and provisions aforesaid and will fully carry out, observe and perform and be subject to the same, and also until said Linehan shall give to the city a bond in the penal sum of Three Thousand dollars, with two sureties, satisfactory to the chairman of the Committee on Highways, that he will faithfully carry out, perform and observe all the conditions, terms and provisions of his said agreement.

Ordered,-

That permission be and is hereby granted to William McDonald to set a hitching post at his expense in front of his estate No. 25 Campbell Park corner of Kingston street, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered,-

That permission be and is hereby granted to Edmund S. Sparrow to build two coal holes in sidewalk in front of a building to be erected at

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Nos. 277 and 279 Elm street, such permission being granted subject to such restrictions and conditions as may hereafter be imposed by this board.

Adopted

also the following:-

Orders of Notice of hearings on the construction of sidewalks in — Orders ✓

Adams street,

Beacon street,

Belmont street,

Cherry street,

Highland Avenue, from Grove street, to West street,

Highland Avenue, from Medford street, to Walnut street,

Madison street,

Medford street,

Mossland street,

Pearl street,

Robinson street,

Rossmore street,

Stickney Avenue,

and

Summer street,

as recorded respectively on pages 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70 and 73, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 10.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting locations to the West End street Railway Company, for double tracks in Medford street and Highland Avenue, from Somerville avenue to Davis square, as recorded on page 235 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓ Acceptance & Agreement Filed April 22 1896

Amended by inserting, after the words "shall be paved to the satisfaction of said Committee and Superintendent," the words, - "and that the streets in which said tracks are to be laid shall be left by said company, after said tracks are so laid, in a condition that shall be safe and convenient for public travel and satisfaction to said Committee and Superintendent." As thus amended - Adopted.

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Orders

Alderman Andrews offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee on Highways, the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Streets be, and they are hereby appointed, on behalf of this board, a committee to formulate the boundary line and to examine the bounds marks between this city and the city of Boston.

and it is further

Ordered,

That, to assist in such formulation and examination, the said City Engineer be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to co-operate with the authorities or agents of the city of Boston in defining said boundary line and erecting suitable monuments or boundary marks wherever necessary for the purpose of these orders, any expense that may be incurred hereunder to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 10.

Reports

The Committee on Highways -

on the petition of Thomas Dilmartin, for an edgestone in front of his premises, No. 515 Medford street, the cost of the edgestone to be paid by him, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of Edward R. Morgan and others, that Post Office Square, so called, be enlarged by taking a portion of the land of Charles Drouet, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of Albert Perry and others, that the main thoroughfares be made safe and attractive for driving, riding and bicycling, reported leave to withdraw,

on the order of March 11, to consider the matter of an adjustment of the claim of Mont D. S. Bell, Trustee, for damage on account of the lowering of the grade of Broadway in front of his premises, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 9, Accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing report, and two additional orders offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows,

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Ordered,-

That in the matter of the suit now pending between N. D. S. Bell, Trustee, Plaintiff, and the City of Somerville, defendant, for damages alleged to be done to the plaintiff's estate, generally known as the Magoun estate, on Broadway, Winter Hill, by lowering the grade of Broadway, the city solicitor be authorized to make settlement of said suit by payment to the plaintiff of the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, the same to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 11.

Ordered,-

That in regard to the claim of John Edwards for damages on account of injury to his horse by breaking its leg (thus necessitating the killing of the horse) on December 13, 1895, in a crack of the draw of Middlesex Avenue Bridge, the City Solicitor be authorized to settle said claim in behalf of Somerville by payment to said Edwards of the sum of Seventy-five Dollars, the same to be charged to Miscellaneous Account, it being understood that the City of Medford also pays to said Edwards said sum of $75, he thus receiving as the total amount of damages $150.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 11.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to sell the old stone crusher now located at the Holland Street Sudge for a sum not less than one hundred and fifty dollars, - and to exchange the present engine at said ledge for one of forty horse power at an additional expense of not exceeding three hundred and seventy five dollars, - the amounts so received and expended to be credited and charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 10.

The Committee on Highways, on petitions of H. F. Godfrey and others, for the laying out of Avon street, and Joseph J. Giles and others, for the laying out of Burnside Avenue, Reports ✓

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presented favorable reports, as recorded respectively on pages 265 and 265 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9 Accepted in concurrence

Orders of Notice — Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings on the laying out of

Arno Street

and

Burnside Avenue

as recorded respectively on pages 251 and 266 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 10

Order — Alderman Hunter offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized, to remove the paving blocks in the driveway in front of the old Fire Station Building, located on Highland avenue, at the corner of Walnut street, and to place the same in front of the new Fire Station in Ward one, situated at the corner of Broadway and Crow street, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Station Ward One account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9 Read twice and Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 10

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase a No 4 Smith Premier typewriter for the use of the Tree department, the expense of the same to be charged to Miscellaneous account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council April 9 Lead twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor April 11

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized and instructed to let the court room located in the Police Building to the County of Middlesex for the sum of six hundred dollars per year from January 1st 1896, the sum so received from said rental to be credited to Police Station Incidentals Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council April 9 Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor April 11

Alderman Chandler offered an order authorizing the committee on Public Property to sell at the best prices obtainable, the old Lincoln School lot on Glow Street, and the Webster School lot on Webster avenue — Order ✓

Adoption lost

The Committee on Public Grounds, on an order of March 25, to consider the advisability of placing trees and shrubs on the Central Hill Park, and also of constructing additional walks in said park, reported an order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council April 9 Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Grounds be and is hereby authorized to purchase and set out trees and shrubs on Central Hill Park, in accordance with a plan prepared by Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, and submitted herewith; the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds Account.

Lead twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council April 9 Lead twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor April 11

The Committee on Printing — Reports ✓

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on an order of February 10, to procure one thousand copies of the city map recently made by the City Engineer, reported that said copies have been procured of George H. Walker & Co. for $56.00

on an order of January 3, to procure five hundred copies of a pocket register containing lists of the members of the present city council and of the committees and officers, reported that said copies have been procured of the Citizens Publishing Company for $90.00

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9. Accepted in concurrence

Orders

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Finance, be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $3000.00 for the purchasing of the furniture for the William H. Hodgkins School House, also to provide for the furnishing of the above named building the sum of six thousand dollars

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Finance, be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of three thousand dollars for the erection of a shed to be located near the City stables, for the storage of the Water carts and the Highway carts

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 16

Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Accounts be, and it hereby is, authorized to approve in pay-roll of miscellaneous account, in favor of the estate of Annie C. Holman, the sum of $75 as the salary of the late sealer of weights and measures to April 1st, 1896

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 16

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

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Ordered, -

That his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, requested to cause the bells of the city to be rung, and the flags displayed, on Monday, the 20th inst which day is to be observed as Patriots' Day; the expense so incurred to be charged to miscellaneous accounts.

Read twice and adopted sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 11.

Alderman Jones offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That a convention of the two branches of the city council be held in the common council chamber Wednesday evening the 22nd inst, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, from Ward 3, for a term of four years.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 11, 1896

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That a joint special committee, to consist of his Honor the Mayor, and two members of the board of aldermen, and the president with three members of the common council, be appointed to represent the city council at the services to be held in Mechanics Building, on Huntington Avenue, in the city of Boston, Saturday April 18, 1896 at 2 o'clock P.M. as a memorial to the late Governor of the Commonwealth, Frederic T. Greenhalge

Adopted and Aldermen Jones and Moore appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9, Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Cummings, Burrows & Stamers appointed to the committee on the part of this branch.

Approved by the Mayor April 11,

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution — Resolve ✓

Resolved, -

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That the City Council is in favor of the passage of the bill now pending in the legislature, being House Bill No 744 a copy of which is here annexed, in regard to the reconstruction of buildings used for the storage of petroleum or its products

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 11

On motion of Alderman Moore it was voted that the Board go into executive session

Executive Session

In Executive Session

His Honor the Mayor presiding

Members all present

Appointments

On motion of Alderman Moore it was voted that the appointment of Edward Kuchus as Superintendent of Electric Lines, which was this evening laid on the table, be taken from the table

On motion of Alderman Pratt it was voted that action be postponed until the next meeting

Elections

Alderman Hunting moved to proceed to ballot for an assessor of taxes for three years

The motion was lost

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on proposals to water streets and to transact any other business that might come before the Board — all the members having been duly notified in writing. —

City Hall, Somerville, April 17, 1876 — 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Reary and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received from the Common Council, the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, —

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of such quantities of paving blocks, which may be required for the paving of Washington street, between Joy street and Medford street, and for the paving of Medford street between Somerville Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad.

(signed) F. DeWitt Clapham

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 17, Adoption reconsidered. Amended by striking out the word "Joy" and inserting in place thereof the word "Tufts". As thus amended adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Adoption reconsidered. As amended by Board of Aldermen, adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 21.

Received from the Common Council, the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, —

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to set out trees in the public streets, which may be furnished by the abutters, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

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(signed) F. DeWitt Seapham

In Common Council April 9, Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 17 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor April 21, and approved by him April 23.

Recommendation — Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Thomas W. Gingley be discharged from the Fire Department (Hose Co. No. 5) at his own request.

Discharge, as recommended, made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Report — Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of March.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council April 17 Read for information.

Appointment — The appointment of Edward Backus, as Superintendent of Electric Lines, action on which was postponed by the Board, April 8th, until the next meeting, was confirmed.

Petitions — Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors:-

William H. Burton,	17 Washington street,	Aged 14
John M. Burton,	17 do	" 12
Harry T. Bates,	40 Glen street,	" 15
Carl S. Harris,	123 Beacon street,	" 15
Edward C. Sargent,	4 Sunnyside Terrace, Medford	" 13

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from

Fred W. Jones, 18 Buckingham street,

John F. King, 9 Porter street.

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and to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from Domenico Vertola, 501 Medford street, all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Received petitions from

G. A. Manwaring, Captain of the branch of the Salvation Army at West Somerville, for renewal of licence to sing, play upon musical instruments, and parade, in the streets, for the year beginning May 1. — Petitions ✓

Frederick Dick, for a licence for himself and five others, to play upon musical instruments in the streets, for the year beginning May 1.

John B. McKenna, for an Auctioneer's licence for the year beginning May 1.

Fred B. Slade, for a licence as a common victualler at 15 Union Square, for the year beginning May 1.

Julius E. Richardson, Pharmacist, for a licence of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at his apothecary store, No. 310 Broadway.

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received petitions from

Maurice Kuttimer, Jeremiah Donovan, Charles A. Kelley, Charles A. Morgan, William A. Muzzey and Daniel W. Perry for drain layer's licences for the year beginning May 1. — Petitions ✓

True W. Townsend, for a common sewer in a court or strip of land, released for the purpose, from Walter street, by the end of Mortimer Place to the rear of a block owned by said Townsend and fronting on Hills street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

John L. Gund, that the horse chestnut tree standing in front of his premises, No. 13 Cutter street, may be cut down and removed.

Somerville Electric Light Co. for permission to remove a pole on Sycamore street, nearly opposite Chapel court, and to erect another in its place.

J. S. Nelson and others, for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, on Highland Ave. between Crocker street and Porter street, with a three foot strip of sod between the bricks and the edgestones.

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Howard D. Moore and others, for edgestones on each side of Kenwood street, between Elm street and Hillingham street.

C. R. Clark and others, for a brick sidewalk on Orchard street from Day street to Chester street.

A. R. Baker and others, for edgestones and sidewalk on School street between Highland Avenue and Madison street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions

Received petitions from

H. W. P. Coleon, Attorney for Isaiah P. Alsatt and John C. F. Alsatt and others, for a brick sidewalk in front of Nos 8, 10, 12 and 14 Central street, the curbing being already set.

H. W. P. Coleon, for a brick sidewalk, with curbstone on Highland Avenue at each corner of Spring Hill Terrace.

A. H. Carvill, for a brick sidewalk on Highland Avenue and Walnut street, in front of his premises.

S. B. Pillsbury and others, that the name of Hills street be changed to Sargent Avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions from

W. C. Hook and others, for an Arc light on the southerly corner of Howard street and Elm place.

George L. Cobb and others, for a street light at the corner of Shawmut place and Alston street.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Reference concurred in.

Petition

Received a petition from C. Everett Clark and others, that Medford street between Highland avenue and Gilman Square, be watered during the current season.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 17 Reference concurred in.

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Received a petition from Ezra D. Souther and others, that the City Council take such measures as will prevent the continuance of a nuisance caused by fine saw-dust being scattered over the surrounding neighborhood by the Derby Desk Company. — Petition

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 17, Reference concurred in.

Received notice from Frank V. Fonseca by his attorney, Edward S. Townsend, that on March 16, 1896, at about 9 P.M. he sustained severe injuries by coming in contact with a water shut off cock, which was elevated above the level of the sidewalk at a point on the northerly side of Heath street about fifty feet from the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue (filed with the City Clerk April 14). — Notice

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, April 17, Reference concurred in.

Received notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge, on the first Monday of June next, and answer to George Arthur Southward, a minor, by George W. Southward, his next friend, in an action of Tort to the damage of said plaintiff, (as he saith) the sum of Four thousand dollars (served on City Clerk April 10). — Notice of Tort

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 17, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

The Committee on Sewers — Reports

on the petition of True W. Townsend, for a common sewer in a court leading from Walter street, and past the end of Mortimer Place, to the rear of the block owned by the petitioner and fronting on Hills street, reported an order.

on an order of April 8, for the purchase of an Edson pump and fittings, reported that such purchase has been made, at a cost of $ 88.50

Accepted.

The order submitted with the foregoing report, and an additional order offered by Alderman Jones, are as follows, — Orders

Order for the construction of a common sewer in a court or strip of

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land released for the purpose, extending from Walter Street, past the end of Mortimer place to the rear of land owned by Tracy W. Townsend and fronting on Milk street, as recorded on page 563 of volume 1, of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 17.

Ordered:-

That on the receipt by the city treasurer of the sum of $40, for the privilege of draining the estate hereinafter described into the sewer in Elm street, the City Engineer be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a permit to lay a private drain from said sewer to the estate owned by James Doran, situated in the city of Cambridge, and fronting on said Elm street, being distant about 125 feet northwesterly from Beech street, having a frontage of 40 feet, and a depth of 100 feet, all as shown on plan entitled "Beacon and Elm Streets Sewer", dated April 2, 1877, and on file in the City Engineer's office.

Adopted.

Report

The Committee on Highways, in pursuance of an order of April 9, submitted the following list of proposals received, to furnish such quantities of paving blocks as may be required for the paving of Washington street, between Joy Street and Medford street, and of Medford street, between Somerville Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad.

Name of Bidder	Price
Rockport Granite Co	$ 47.44 per thousand
Pigeon Hill Granite Co	46.40

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 17, Referred back to the committee for correction. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 17, Referred back to Committee on Highways for correction, in concurrence.

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows.

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That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to make a contract with the Pigeon Hill Granite Co. for the furnishing of such quantities of paving blocks as may be required for the paving of Washington street between Joy street and Medford street and for the paving of Medford Street between Somerville avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad at the price named in their proposals submitted in said Committee's report of this date; namely forty-six & 140/100 dollars per thousand blocks.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Received its first reading. Amended by substituting the word "Tufts" for the word "Joy" in the sixth line of the order. As amended received its second reading and adoption. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 17, Amendment concurred in. As amended adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 18, 1896.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the same directed to be paid and charged to Miscellaneous account in settlement of claims of A. D. S. Bell, Trustee, for damage to his estate by changing the grade of Broadway and to John Edwards for injury to horses in Wellington Bridge, be charged to Highways account instead of Miscellaneous account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $55000.00 for the purchasing of a lot of land in Ward Three and for the erection thereon of a twelve room brick schoolhouse.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 17, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

The Committee on Public Property in pursuance of an order of March 11, — Report ✓

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reported that an additional water closet had been placed in the William H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland street, at a cost of $140.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Accepted in concurrence.

Orders

Alderman Chandler offered the following orders

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and it hereby is authorized and instructed to take into consideration the selection of a suitable lot of land in Ward One, for the erection of a six room schoolhouse, and to report to the City Council at an early date, the location of the lot which they deem to be most suitable, together with the price at which said lot can be obtained.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 21.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and hereby is authorized and instructed to procure plans and specifications for the addition of four rooms to the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse in Ward Three, the expense incurred to be provided for by an appropriation hereafter to be made on Funded Debt account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized and instructed to procure a plan for heating and ventilating apparatus to be placed in the Luther V. Kill School-house, and to submit the same when received to this Board, the expense so incurred to be charged to School-house Incidentals account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized, to permit the use of the old Lincoln school-lot on Elm street, and

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the Webster School lot on Webster avenue, as publicly provided, until such time as the City Council may determined to accept said lots for other purposes.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21, 1896

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered.

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, instructed to procure plans and specifications, and to solicit proposals for the erection of an addition to the City Hall, substantially in accordance with the plans herewith submitted, and report the same to the city council at an early date, the expense of procuring said plans and specifications not to exceed the sum of $150.00 and to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

(Signed) F. DeWitt Stephens

Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

Alderman Wright offered an order instructing the Committee on Public Property to employ at weekly wages, one or more carpenters for all repairs on the school houses and other public buildings in charge of said committee. — Order ✓

Read once and referred to Committee on Public Property. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Reference concurred in.

Alderman Wright offered an order, requesting the Water Board to place four hydrants on Beacon Hill Park for the purpose of watering the grass, the expense to be charged to ~~be charged to~~ Public Grounds account. — Order ✓

Read twice and referred to Committee on Public Grounds. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Read twice and referred to Committee on Public Grounds in concurrence.

The Committee on Water in pursuance of an order of March 25, submitted the following list of proposals received, from residents of the city, to water the — Report ✓

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streets of the city for the year 1896. The price in each case being for the furnishing of a driver, who shall not be not less than twenty-one years of age, with a pair of horses and harness, the streets to be watered each day including holidays when required, but exclusive of sundays.

Names of Bidders	Number of Carts	Price per cart per month
Charles Booth	one or two carts	$85.00
R. A. L. Benson	two carts	80.00
Christopher Burke	three carts	70.00
R. T. Blackwell	one cart	85.00
T. F. Crimmings	one, two or three carts	78.00
G. H. Crimmings	one cart	75.00
T. F. Casey	one cart	75.00
Owen Cunningham & Son	three carts	70.00
L. H. Dill	one cart	80.00
Day & French	two carts	72.50
John F. Elkins	one, two or more carts	80.00
Henry S. Foster	one cart	75.00
John J. Fannon	one or two carts	80.00
Charles Faulkner	one cart	91.00
Richard Falvey	one, two or three carts	80.00
Martin Gill & Son	one cart two carts three carts	85.00 82.00 80.00
Henry Gray	one cart	85.00
Eugene Gormley	three carts	75.00
James Howill	one cart	75.00
A. W. Knight	one cart or more	80.00
Henry J. McAvoy, Jr.	three carts	75.00
Philip McGowan	one, two or three carts	75.00
William J. McCarthy	one cart	85.00
George F. McKenna	one or more carts	80.00
J. A. March	one cart	85.00
Henry McAvoy	one cart	75.00
J. McLaughlin	one, two or three carts	79.99
George W. Prichard	one cart or more	80.00
A. M. Prescott	one cart	75.00
T. F. Reardon	one or two carts	75.00

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R. M. Sturtevant,	one cart,	75.00	
S. E. Sturtevant,	one cart,	75.00	
C. T. Shum,	one cart,	75.00	
Benjamin Thomas	one cart,	85.00	
Henry J. Turner,	one cart,	75.00	
Thomas J. Walsh,	one cart,	75.00	
Andrew A. White,	one cart	75.00	
William B. Wilson,	two carts,	85.00	
John Walsh,	one cart,	85.00	

reports recommending the accompanying order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Accepted in concurrence.

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows, Order 5

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Water, be and is hereby authorized and instructed, to make a contract with the following named parties, to furnish a driver, who shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, with a pair of horses and harness, for the street watering, each day in the week, (including holidays,) when required, but exclusive of Sundays, for the season of 1896

Names of Bidders	Number of carts	Price per cart per month
Christopher Burke,	one cart,	A 70.00
Owen Cunningham & Son,	three carts,	70.00
G. W. Cummings,	one cart,	75.00
Eug. J. French,	two carts,	72.50
James Boxill,	one cart,	75.00
Henry McAvoy,	one cart,	75.00
Philip McGovern,	two carts,	75.00
Henry J. McAvoy, Jr.	two carts,	75.00
A. M. Prescott,	one cart,	75.00
C. T. Shum,	one cart,	75.00
R. M. Sturtevant,	one cart,	75.00
S. E. Sturtevant,	one cart,	75.00
Henry J. Turner,	one cart,	75.00
Andrew A. White,	one cart	75.00

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the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Streets Account.

Received its first reading; second reading refused.

Refusal of its second reading reconsidered. Received its second reading and adoption. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 18.

Order — Alderman Moore offered an order instructing the Committee on Water to make arrangements for watering the streets of this city on Sundays during the present season.

Read once and referred to Committee on Water with instructions to report upon the expediency of passing the order. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Reference concurred in.

Report — The Committee on Fire Department, in pursuance of an order of March 17, reported that a horse has been purchased of Edgar Snow for $155.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Accepted in concurrence.

Report — The Committee on Claims, on the notices of claims for damage on account of bodily injuries received, from Maria A. Davis, by falling on Gibbens street Feb 13, 1896, and Bridget Carroll, by falling on Medford street, Jan 26, 1896, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Accepted in concurrence.

Report — The Committee on Claims, on notices of claim for damage on account of bodily injuries received, from Elizabeth M. Hadley by falling on Cross street Jan 16, - George W. Hanneford, by falling on Lincoln street Jan 25 - and Margaret J. Connelly, by falling on Washington street, Jan 6 - recommended no action, as the notices were not filed within the time required by law.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Accepted in concurrence.

Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order.

Ordered.

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That the Committee on Ordinances be and it is hereby requested to consider and report upon the advisability of passing an ordinance to amend ordinance No. 20, entitled "Inspection and Construction of Telegraph and Other Electric Lines" by striking out all that part of the last paragraph of section one, which begins with the words "For keeping in good order the fire alarm system," and ends with the words "direction and control of the committee on police."

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the committee appointed April 8th, to represent the city council at the memorial service to be held in Boston, on the 18th inst. in honor of the late Governor Greenhalge, be increased in number by the addition of three aldermen, to be appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, and six common councilmen, to be appointed by the president of the common council.

Adopted, and aldermen Chandler, Berry and Andrews appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 17, Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Raymond, Sapham and Ball appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for information.

Approved by the Mayor April 21.

On motion of Alderman Wright the board proceeded to take the 18th ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years. — Election ✓

Aldermen Wright and Chandler were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having performed that duty, they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots, 8

Necessary for choice, 5

Edgar T. Mayhew, has 2

Benjamin F. Thompson 6

and Benjamin F. Thompson was declared by the chair, elected, on the part, of this branch, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council

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Elections

The board then proceeded to ballot for one Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Three.

Aldermen Jones and Berry were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and having attended to that duty they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots, 8

Necessary for choice 5

Edgar T. Mayhew, had 8

and Edgar T. Mayhew was declared, by the chair, elected, on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the common council.

Received information from the council that, on ballot, Edgar T. Mayhew was elected, on the part of that board, Assistant Assessor of Taxes, from Ward Three, in concurrence with this board.

Elections

Received information from the Common Council, that on ballot, Edgar T. Mayhew was elected an Assessor of Taxes, for three years, in more concurrence with this board.

The board proceeded to the 19th ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years.

Aldermen Moore and Andrews were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and having attended to that duty they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots, 8

Necessary for choice 5

Benjamin F. Thompson, had 6

Edgar T. Mayhew 2

and Benjamin F. Thompson was declared, by the chair, elected, on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the common council.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, April 22, 1896, 8 P.M.

The President, Alderman Jones, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Harvey and Andrews present.

Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from — Petitions ✓
Israel Seipkind 34 Sinden street
James Sygons, 34 "
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions ✓
John A. Carr, 34 Broadway
Israel Seipkind, 34 Sinden street,
James Sygons 34 Sinden street,
Andrew Mulcahey, 124 Beacon street,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received a petition for a licence to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of ice cream from — Petition ✓
Domenico Venesla, 501 Medford street
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Oliver H. Perry, for an Auctioneer's licence
G. Napoli, for a licence to play a hand organ in the streets
Albert E. Willard, for a licence to keep a pool table at 84 Broadway
Thomas H. Fenelon, druggist and apothecary and registered pharmacist, for a licence of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors at his premises No. 44 Union Square, in two rooms on the first floor, accompanied by a certificate of the Board of

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Registration in Pharmacy, that he is a proper person to receive such license.

New England Dressed Meat and Wool Co. in due form, for a license for year ending April 30, 1897, to slaughter neat cattle (including calves) sheep and swine, at Nos. 74 to 86 Medford st. daily sundays excepted, and each hour of the day, the estimated number to be slaughtered per week, being stated as 100 neat cattle, 1,000 calves, 8,000 to 10,000 sheep and 200 swine.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Charles W. Ingalls, for a license to keep forty horses in a stable to be erected by Henderson Brothers, on Elm and Summer streets, about 75 feet easterly from the junction of said streets, the petitioner, for about twenty five years past, having kept a livery stable at the junction of said streets, and the owners of the property being desirous of erecting a commercial block on that site and of rebuilding the stable, which has recently been damaged by fire, on the said proposed new location.

Remonstrance of G. H. Richards and others, against the granting of a licence to Messrs. Bennett and Taylor, or any other person or persons, to occupy for a stable any building on the south side of Washington street, near the Boston line, particularly any building on the lot next easterly of the houses on the easterly side of Waverly street, believing that such use would be injurious to the dwelling houses in the neighborhood.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Petition

Received petition from Howard Lowell and son, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows, the coving of a three story carriage house and storage building, at Nos. 70, 72 & 74 Gilman street, to project not more two feet over the sidewalk.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits,

the said petition being accompanied by the following order of notice.

Order

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered that notice be given by the petition to all parties interested that this Board will on Friday the First day

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of May 1896, at 8 o'clock, P.M. at its room in City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Citizen of the 24th inst.

Adopted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Christopher Burke and Richard Falvey, for licenses, as drain layers.

Harris P. Tibbetts and others, for catch basins in Bradley street.

Charles F. Collett and others, for a sewer in Fremont street, from Meacham street to Main street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Frederick S. Neilon and others, for edgestones in Cambria street.

Fred J. Benthall and others for edgestones and cross-walks on the northerly side of Elm street between Cherry street and Willow avenue.

John H. Leighton and others, for edgestones on the westerly side of St. James avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Sidney C. Coombs for edgestones and permission to lay a cement sidewalk at No. 9 Crocker street, the edgestones used to be paid for by him.

John S. Woodside and others, for a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of Belmont street in front of their premises, they to pay the cost of materials.

Joseph L. Gilman for a driveway in front of his estate No. 38 Preston street, at his expense.

Frederick S. Neilon and others, for the laying out of Cambria street, from Central street to Benton Avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 23, References concurred in.

Received a petition from Charles F. Collett and others, for an arc light — Petition ✓

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at the corner of Fremont and Meacham streets.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22 Reference concurred in.

Petition — Received a petition from Charles J. Cooper and others, that Heath street be not watered the present season, as it has little travel, is never dusty, and the expense would be excessive in proportion to the benefit derived.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 23 Reference concurred in.

Appointment — The appointment made by the Mayor April 8, of Fulton O'Brien, as a Public Weigher, in charge of the city scales in Union Square, was confirmed.

Appointments — The appointments of three call members of the Fire Department, made by the Mayor April 8, were confirmed.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, in the common council chamber, this evening for the purpose of electing, for the term of four years, a member, from Ward Three, of the board of overseers of the poor, in pursuance of an order for such convention passed April 8th and 9th inst.

Adopted and Alderman Chandler appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council April 22, Request granted and Councilman Russell appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Appointments — The mayor appointed, subject to confirmation as Special Police, without compensation,—

Luther L. Pillsbury, who is the Inspector of Milk, &c.

Frederick S. Dickinson, who is the janitor of the Luther V. Bell School.

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Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

In Convention of the City Council. — Convention ✓

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sapham, Carr and Ball present.

In pursuance of orders passed April 8th and 9th and this evening, the convention proceeded to ballot for a member, from Ward Three, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term of four years. — Election ✓

The chair appointed Alderman Chandler and Councilmen Burrows and Hunnewell a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, after performing that duty, they reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots 21
Necessary for choice 11
Egra D. Southers has 6
James G. Hinckley " 15

and James G. Hinckley was declared, by the chair, elected.

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved, and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

In Board of Aldermen. — Board of Aldermen ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Benjamin F. — Report ✓

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Bennett and Alphonso Taylor, for a licence to keep twenty-two horses in a stable, owned by Annie S. Bond, on the southerly side of Washington street, near the Boston line, reported an order.

Accepted.

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered;-

That Wednesday, May 13, 1896 at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall, be and are hereby assigned as the time and place for a hearing before this board of all persons interested in the petition of Benjamin F. Bennett & Alphonso Taylor for a licence to keep 22 horses in a stable owned by Annie S. Bond on the southerly side of Washington Street near the Boston line; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the Somerville Journal of April 25th.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

Reports

The Committee on Sewers,

on the petitions of Bernard J. Green and Dennis Ryan for drain layers licenses, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petitions of James M. Burckes, Bartholomew Burke, Patrick Burke, Wm. F. Cunningham, John J. Dorey, and Nicholas Leonard, for drain layers licenses, reported an order;

on the petition of Charles S. Philbrick and others, for a sewer in Winslow avenue, from the end of the present sewer, at a point about 225 feet from the easterly line of Grove street, to the westerly line of Clifton street, reported an order;

on an order of April 8, submitted the following list of proposals received, to construct, in Boston avenue, Broadway and Willow avenue, from the Medford city line to near Forket street, 1725 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer and 1725 feet of 6-inch under drain, with 6 manholes and 1 chimney, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Laying sewer per lin. ft. (1725 feet)	Laying under drain per lin. ft. (1725 feet)	Manholes each (6)	Chimney (1)	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	1.50	0.20	45.00	5.00	3207.50

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Christopher Burke	1.35	0.20	45.00	1.50	2945.25
Charles A. Kelley	1.25	0.25	55.00	3.00	2920.50
Maurice Buttimer	1.20	0.30	40.00	12.00	2839.50
Dennis C. Collins	0.69	0.80	42.00	4.00	2826.25
Richard Falvey	1.25	0.20	40.00	6.00	2747.25
Lindsay & Cudmore	1.20	0.20	40.00	—	2655.00
T. F. Cummings	1.15	0.15	45.00	3.00	2515.50
John J. Dorey	1.10	0.15	50.00	5.00	2461.25

and submits the accompanying order.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That drain layer's licenses be issued to the following-named parties,- James M. Burckes, Bartholomew Burke, Patrick Burke, Wm. F. Cunningham, John J. Dorey and Nicholas Leonard, when they shall each have filed a bond with surety in the sum of one thousand dollars satisfactory to this board.

Adopted.

Order for the construction of a common sewer in Winslow avenue, as recorded on page 560 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Sewers be and is hereby authorized and instructed to make a contract with John J. Dorey for the construction of a common sewer in Boston Avenue from the Medford City Line southerly to Broadway, in Broadway northwesterly from Boston Avenue to Willow Avenue, and in Willow avenue southwesterly from Broadway to near Foskett Street, at the prices named in said Committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

The Committee on Sewers, on petition of Sewer A. Dame and others sub- — Reports ✓

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mitted favorable reports for the taking of lands for the purposes of common sewers in

East Albion street and Ash avenue &c in

Moreland street, Meacham street and Ash avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 337 and 345, of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 23, Accepted in concurrence.

Order of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings on the taking of land for the purposes of common sewers in

East Albion street and Ash avenue

and

Moreland and Meacham streets and Ash avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 338 and 346 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

Report

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks, from

E. F. Chaffee and others, brick, on northeasterly side of Pearl street, from Cross to Walnut street,

Wm P. Hogg and others, edgestones, both sides of Hudson street, from Sewell to Cedar street,

Winter Hill Congl. Society and others, brick S.W. side of Broadway from Sycamore street to Adams street

reported orders of notice of hearings.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders of notice, submitted with the foregoing reports, with an additional order of notice, offered by Alderman Berry for hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

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Broadway,
Hudson street,
Pearl street,
and
Highland avenue,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 76, 79, 82 and 85, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations curves, cross-overs, switches and connections on Washington street, into the company's premises there situate, - reported in order of notice of a hearing.

Accepted.

Report ✓

The order of notice, accompanying the foregoing report, of a hearing on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for curves cross-overs, switches and connections, on Washington street, into the company's premises, is recorded on page 256 of volume 1 of the Records of Police and Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and was

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

Order of Notice ✓

Alderman Kenny offered the following order:

Ordered:

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the paving of Washington street between Joy street and Medford street, and of Medford street between Somerville avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad, and to submit said proposals when received to the City Council; the paving blocks to be used, to be furnished by the city.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

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Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to place on all buildings not already provided with numbers suitable figures to designate the proper numbers, the expense so incurred to be charged to Engineering Department account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

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Alderman Berry offered, by mistake, an order of the same character as the one above recorded, authorizing the Committee on Highways to solicit proposals for the furnishing of the labor and of all materials, except paving blocks, necessary for the paving of Washington street between Joy street and Medford street, and of Medford street between Somerville avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad.

Read twice and adopted. Adoption reconsidered. Sent up from the table.

Reports

The Committee on Finance -

on the petition of William B. Kingsley Post G.A.R. for an appropriation of $350.00 for the observance of Memorial Day, reported an order.

on the petition of the Cadets of Company H, 8th Regt. M.V.M. for the annual allowance of $250.00 for the expense of rifle practice reported an order.

on the request of the School Committee, that the propriety be considered of paying the bills for water and lights used in the school buildings from School House Incidentals, instead of School Contingent account, reported an order.

on the petition of Jeremiah J. Kearney and others, that the Legislature be petitioned for authority to borrow $50,000 for the acquiring of Sanborn Field for the purposes of a public park, pursuant to the terms of the Act of 1893, entitled 'An Act to authorize the City of Somerville to lay out and maintain a public park' reported an order.

on orders of March 6, March 25, April 8, and April 17, to consider the advisability of making appropriations, as follows,

for equipment of Fire Station, Ward One, with ladder truck.

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for hose and fire hydrants	$3,500.00	
for completion of Fire Station Ward One	3,500.00	
for release of Fire Station corner Highland Avenue and Grove street	7,000.00	
for land and a six room brick schoolhouse Ward One	55,000.00	
for land and a twelve room brick school-house Ward Three	55,000.00	
for furnishing Wm. H. Hodgkins Schoolhouse	6,000.00	
for furnishing Wm. H. Hodgkins Schoolhouse	3,000.00	
for a steam road roller	3,500.00	
for storage shed at City Stable for water and highway carts	3,000.00	

reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 23, Accepted in concurrence

Orders 5

The orders accompanying the foregoing report are as follows

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Accounts be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous a bill amounting to three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.00) in favor of Willard B. Linsley Post G.A.R. for the observance of Memorial day, May 30th 1896.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Accounts, be and is hereby instructed to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous, a bill amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, ($250.00) in favor Company K 8th Regt. K.V.M. for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Rifle practice for the current year

Ordered.-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to approve in pay-roll of Schoolhouse Incidentals, the count, all bills which may be forwarded to said committee, for the use of water and lighting for the various school buildings.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, April 23,

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Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That his honor the Mayor be, and is hereby requested, to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow on Funded Debt Bonds, outside the present debt limit, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars ($50 000.00) for the purpose of acquiring Sanborn Field for the purpose of a public park.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 22, Adopted in concurrence

Presented to the Mayor April 23

Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order

Ordered,

That for the purpose of defraying the cost of the various public improvements referred to by the committee on finance in its report of this date, the following named sums of money be, and they hereby are respectively appropriated to the accounts, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter specified, viz.

School House, Ward One, for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a school consisting of six rooms, the sum of $35 000.00

School House, Ward One Addition, for the erection of an addition thereto consisting of four rooms, the sum of 20 000.00

School House, English High, for the completion of the building and fitting the manual training department, the sum of 7 000.00

School House, Ward Four, for the completion and furnishing the same, the sum of 9 000.00

School House, Beech Street, for the purchase of land, the sum of 3 000.00

City Hall Improvement, for the erection of an addition to, the sum of 22 000.00

Fire Department

Fire Station No. Four, for the enlargement of the same, the sum of 5 000.00

Highways, City Stables, for the erection of a shed 2 000.00

Highways, Steam Road Roller No. 2, for the purchase of the same, the sum of 3 500.00

Fire Department

Fire Station, Ward One, for the completion and equipment of the same, the sum of 6 500.00

Soldiers' Memorial, for the erection of a suitable Memorial on Central Hill

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Park, in memory of the soldiers of Somerville, who died in the service of the country in the war of the rebellion 10,000.00

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $123,000.00

And the committee on finance be and it hereby is authorized and instructed to provide for the above mentioned appropriations by preparing bonds to be hereafter issued and sold on funded debt account, the expense incurred to be charged to printing and stationery account.

Received its first reading, amended by inserting, after the item, - Schoolhouse, Beech street, - the following items, - Schoolhouse, Brother V. Bell, for new heating, ventilating and sanitary apparatus $4,500.00; also by striking out the item of $10,000. for a Soldiers Memorial, also by changing the aggregate amount of the appropriations to $117,500.00. As thus amended received under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay vote, two thirds of all the members of the Board being present and voting. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 22, Received its first reading, as amended and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay vote, two thirds of all the members of the council being present and voting, in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, April 23, and all except items for Fire Station Ward One approved by him April 29. (see subsequent records)

Pending action on the foregoing orders making appropriations on Funded Debt Account, Alderman Meers offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That it is the opinion of the City Council that an appropriation of $20,000 should be made the present year on funded debt account, for the purpose of erecting and completing a Soldiers Monument on Central Hill.

Adoption lost.

Alderman Meers offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That interest, at the rates of seven per centum per annum, shall be charged on all assessments on account of the construction of sewers or of sidewalks, from the thirtieth day after assessments until paid, which interest shall be added to and be a part of such assessments, as provided in law,

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Chap. 251, of the legislative acts of 1896.
Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 22, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, April 25.

✓ Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of $4000.00 for the purchase of the lot of land adjoining the Beech Street School lot.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 22 Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor April 25

✓ Order — Alderman Kenny offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $17,000.00 for the construction of a bridge over the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent Street.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 22 Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor April 25

✓ Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized to rent the old Lincoln School lot on Elm Street until January 1st, 1897, to the Economic Tennis Club for the sum of $25.00, - the right being reserved by the city to cause said premises to be vacated at any time; the amount received for said rental to be credited to School House Incidentals Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council April 22, Adopted in concurrence
Presented to the Mayor April 25.

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Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order

Ordered,—

That the Committee on Fire Department be, and hereby is, authorized to procure plans and specifications and to solicit proposals for the repairing and improvement of the house of Engine Company No. Four on Highland Avenue at the corner of Grove Street, the expense incurred to be charged to Fire Department, Fire Station, No. Four, Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 23.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase a ladder truck with equipments, and five horses and harness for use at the new Fire Department station in Ward Two, at the corner of Broadway and Grove Street, the sum so expended not to exceed three thousand dollars and to be charged to Fire Department, Fire Station, Ward Two, Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor April 23.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,—

That the Committee on Water be and hereby authorized to water such private streets of the city, as may be called for, so far as the committee may be able to handle, when the abutters shall have first paid the expense incurred for said watering to the City Treasurer, the price for watering the private streets to be the same per foot as for watering the public streets.

Ordered,—

That the Committee on Water be and hereby authorized to purchase a water cart for the use of the city, at a cost not to exceed four hundred dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Street Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Approved by the Mayor April 23

Election — Records from the Common Council, information that, on ballot, for one Assessor of Taxes for three years, Benjamin F. Thompson was elected, on the part of that branch, in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen

Adjournment — On motion of Alderman Huntley it was voted that when the board adjourn it adjourn until Friday, May 1st, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned

Attest

George F. Vincent

Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, May 1, 1896. 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Berry, presiding.

Aldermen Howe, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Crocker present.

Records approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following communication:

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith the order making sundry appropriations on funded debt account, which order originated in your Honorable Board, and, as amended, was adopted by both branches of the City Council on the 23d day of April, instant.

I have approved all items and sums contained in said order, as amended, except the last, which reads as follows, "Fire Station Ward 1, for the completion and equipment of the same, the sum of $6500."

Said last item I disapprove, my objections to the same being as follows:- The wording of the item seems to me too vague, inasmuch as it does not state in separate sums the amounts required respectively for the completion and for the equipment of the station. I do not object to the appropriation of such sum of money as may be found necessary to complete the Ward One Fire Station, nor would I place any obstacle in the way of its equipment if it were merely intended to locate one of the city's steam fire engines in the building, and also transfer to it the apparatus now in use in the house of Hose Company No. One. But I understand the purpose of the order is to authorize the purchase of a new hook and ladder truck, and this I believe ought not to be done the present year.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the chairman of the committee on fire department frankly stated that it would not be possible to carry on his department, even as now organized and equipped, without overdrawing the appropriation. He said further that the expense of maintaining a ladder truck for the balance of the year would be not less than $1300.

I cannot believe that the City Council would sanction the

Communication from Mayor vetoing appropriation for funding & equipment of new Fire Station Ward One.

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purchase of a piece of fire apparatus which is not to be used, or can only be used by compelling the committee on fire department to largely overrun its appropriation.

I do not think the fire department will suffer greatly from one year's delay in purchasing a ladder truck. This department has been very generously treated by the City Council of the last few years. More than $75,000 was added to our funded debt in 1893, 1894 and 1895 for fire department buildings and equipments.

This year, as you will know, we were obliged, in order to keep within the $13 limit of taxation fixed by law, to cut down nearly every appropriation to the lowest point. Notwithstanding the public demand for improved streets, not one dollar could be added to the highway appropriation. The appropriations for police department, street lights, school teachers' salaries, and several others which I might name, are insufficient to meet actual running expenses. We have only been able to respond in part to the urgent requests of the School Committee for additional school buildings. Many children are now attending school in this city one one-half times for lack of school accommodations. It will not be possible to erect a new school-house this year to take the place of the uncertable buildings in the Spring Hill District. The building of a new City Hall has been postponed. You were compelled to disregard the request of the School Committee for a 12-room building in Ward Three, and in its place provide for a 4-room addition to the Wince Street house. Our borrowing capacity is insufficient to permit of bridging the Fitchburg Railroad at Bent Street. No money has been appropriated for a soldiers' memorial. A large expenditure ought really to have been made the present year to relieve certain districts of the city where the sewers are too small to carry off the water in times of excessive storms. Large and expensive park projects are being strenuously urged by our citizens. The Bleasdale Hill district has not a single piece of fire apparatus, and yet not a dollar has been appropriated for the protection of that important and rapidly growing section. Confronted with such a condition, I cannot approve the purchase of another piece of fire apparatus, for the maintenance of which no provision has been made.

From the best information I have been able to obtain, it appears that the new Ward Three fire station was planned in part to meet the future requirements of the city, and it was not expected that a ladder truck would be added to

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to equipment the present year.

If we desire to respond to all the pressing demands for public improvements, an appeal must be made to the Legislature for permission to borrow large sums of money outside the debt limit established by law. The present high standing of our city, in respect to its finances, is largely due to the fact that past city councils have not, as a rule, favored frequent appeals to the Legislature for permission to create debt outside of the statutory limit. If you will read the late inaugural addresses, delivered by the mayors of cities which have become heavily burdened with such debts, the evils of the method will be clearly revealed to you. I hope Somerville will not adopt a practice which other cities have found to be pernicious.

The annual appropriation for maintenance of fire department has been increased from $35,000 in 1891, to $57,400 in 1896, and last year's appropriation was overdrawn to the amount of $14,455.09. If a hook and ladder truck is purchased and manned this year, a like overdraft is sure to result, and I do not believe the deficiency can be properly made by a transfer from any other. I see no good reason why there should be such a rapid increase in the cost of maintaining one of the city's departments, while the requests of other departments, of equal importance, are disregarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 1, Read for information.

On reconsideration of the adoption of the items of appropriations included in the order of April 22, returned with the foregoing communication from His Honor the Mayor, namely, - Fire Stations, Hook & Ladder for the completion and equipment of the same, the sum of $6,500, - the said items of appropriation was adopted, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, - by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Huntley and Andrews - 6, (two thirds of the members present voting) voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Chandler and Berry - 2, voting in the negative. Sent down for concurrence.

Order ✓ Appropriation

In Common Council May 1, On reconsideration, the said items of appropriation, the mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, was

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adopted by a yea and nay vote, Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hannewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sapham, Sewell, Carr, Cummings and Seamont - 14 (two-thirds of the members present and voting) voting in the affirmative, and Councilman Ball and the President - 2 voting in the negative.

Communication from Mayor returning order purchase of ladder truck etc. for new Fire Station Ward One

His Honor, the Mayor, returned the order of April 22, authorizing the Committee on Fire Department to purchase a ladder truck, with equipments, and five horses and harnesses, for use at the new Fire Department Station in Ward One, at the corner of Broadway and Cross street, - with the following communication written thereon:

Mayor's Office, April 29, 1896

To the Board of Aldermen:

The foregoing order, which originated in your Honorable Board I return disapproved. My objections to the expenditure, authorized by said order, are stated at length in another message this day transmitted to your Honorable Board. It is only necessary for me to say, with reference to this particular order, that I object to its adoption chiefly because I am satisfied a ladder truck cannot be maintained from the present fire department appropriation. I also believe the money can be more advantageously expended for some other purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read for information.

Order

On reconsideration, the adoption of the order returned by the mayor with the foregoing communication, authorizing the purchase of a ladder truck, and equipments, with five horses and harnesses, for use at the new Fire Station in Ward One, at the corner of Broadway and Cross street, - was lost, by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Huntley and Andrews - 5 (less than two thirds of the members present and voting) voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Chandler and Berry - 3, voting in the negative.

Communication

His Honor the Mayor presented the following communication

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City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office.
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To the City Council,

By an order, adopted by your Honorable Board on the 23d of April, ultimo, I was requested to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow on Funded Debt Account, outside the present debt limit, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of acquiring Sanborn field as a public park.

In compliance with said order I have requested the city solicitor to prepare and present to the General Court a petition, asking for the proposed legislation. This I have done without giving the slightest consideration to the real merits of the Sanborn field park project. Whatever action your Honorable Boards may finally take with reference to acquiring Sanborn field as a public park, it will do no harm to secure legislative permission to borrow the necessary money. Should the question of the purchase of the land come during my term of office, I shall consider it carefully and impartially, approving or disapproving it as my judgment may dictate.

Perhaps I ought to state that it seems highly improbable that a petition of such a character, presented to the Legislature so near the close of the session will receive favorable attention.

You will doubtless recall that an order, similar to the one above mentioned, was adopted by your Honorable Board on the 11th day of last March. This last-named order disappeared, mainly on the ground that the authority to take land, under the act of 1893, would expire on the 12th day of April, and it would be impossible to secure the desired legislation and arrange for the necessary loan in the short space of four weeks. I think you will all now recognize the futility of proceeding under the former order, when you know the history of those other petitions which I have presented to the Legislature this year by your direction.

On the 4th day of March, a petition was filed for an amendment of the law relating to the issue of notes, bonds and scrip. The resulting act was signed by the Governor on the 13th day of April.

Another act, relative to the collection of sewer and sidewalk assessments, petitioned for February 5th, received the Governor's signature on the 7th day of April.

from Mayor on order to petition Legislature for authority to borrow for acquisition of Sanborn Field for Public Park.

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The act giving Somerville exclusive jurisdiction over her streets was approved by the Governor March 25th. The petition was presented in the Legislature February 4th.

In compliance with the order, which was adopted upon my recommendation on the 17th day of March, (directing the Mayor to petition the Legislature for an extension of the time for acquiring the Sanborn field), I promptly presented a petition to the General Court, asking that the provisions of the Act of 1893 be extended for three years. A bill embodying this request is now pending in the Legislature, and is likely to receive favorable action. You will perceive that it requires considerably more than four weeks to procure legislation as simple as a mere extension of an existing law.

I deem it my duty to lay before your Honorable Boards the foregoing facts, as a guide for future proceedings. They show how dangerous it is to defer action, until the last moment, upon so important a matter as taking land for a public park.

Respectfully submitted.

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, May 1, Read for information.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed April 22, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Howard Sowell & Son, for permission to build and maintain the coving of a three story carriage house and storage building, such coving to project not more than two feet over the sidewalk, at 70, 72 & 74 Gilman Street, due notice having been published by the petitioner, as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing, the hearing was closed.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council, the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds, be and is hereby directed, to place at least, twenty-five settees on the Central Hill Park, the expense so incurred to be charged to Public Grounds Account.

In Common Council April 22, Order amended by adding the Additional after the word twenty-five. As amended, read twice and adopted. Sent up for

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concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 1. Ordered as amended and referred to Committee on Public Grounds. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1. Adoption recommended and order referred to Committee on Public Grounds for concurrence.

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of April. Report ✓
Placed on file.

Received a communication from James G. Hinckley, declining to accept the office of a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor to which he was elected April 22. Declination ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 1. Read for information.

Received petitions from Henry L. Barden, Janitor of the Police Building, and Frank L. Hopkins, for appointment as Special Police, without compensation; also a petition from D. H. Sanborn, General Superintendent of the Boston and Maine Railroad, that Rufus F. Clark, day watchman, at Somerville, in the employ of said Railroad, be appointed as such Special Police. Petitions ✓

All approved by the Chief of Police.

Appointments, as requested, made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received petitions for licenses to give entertainments, from Petitions ✓
Emma Shaw and Olympia Rogers, musical, in Bacon Hall, April 20.
David F. Dillon, Base Ball game, on Tufts College Athletic Grounds, April 27.
David F. Dillon, Base Ball game, on Tufts College Athletic Grounds, April 30.
Edward Almeida, Base Ball game, T. M. C. A. Grounds, May.
All recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor and licenses issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licenses approved.

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the purchaser, that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors, Petitions ✓

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George N Porter Jr 7 Gilman Terrace Aged 11 years
Henry M Rockwood 26 Ivalow Street " 10 "
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from
William H Blake, Michael Boutlaer, William E Cassidy,
William Delay, John F Fallon, Robert Hall,
John Lane, Jeremiah J McCarthy, Henry T Roche,
James Sugrue, - all of Somerville
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from
Michael Boutlaer, John Bradhurst, William Bryant, Edward W Burgess,
William E Cassidy, John R Concannon, James Cotter, William Delay,
John F Fallon, Elmer W Freeman, Henry S Holman, John Lane,
John F Lyons, Thomas H McAvoy, Jeremiah J McCarthy, John McEvoy Jr
John Reardon, Henry T Roche, Robert Shaw Jr, James Sugrue,
John Sweeney, George W Whitney - all of Somerville
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petition Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from
William Macfarlane, of Somerville,
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted

√ Petitions Received petitions for licenses to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from
Michael Giliberti, Angelo Giliberti and Saverio Ciccianno, -
all of Boston,
Given leave to withdraw

√ Petitions Received petitions from Barnat Roberts, for licenses to collect junk, and

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to cry his goods in the streets, the Chief of Police reporting that the said Roberts has moved from the city.

Given leave to withdraw.

Received a petition from the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company, for the written consent and permission of the city council to use the buildings, Nos 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, (owned by Frank O. Squire and leased to the petitioner), for carrying on therein the business of slaughtering neat cattle (including calves), and for rendering the fat of neat cattle (including calves) into oleosol and tallow. Petition ✓

Referred to joint special committee to consist of two aldermen, with such number of common councilmen as may be joined. Aldermen Jones and Berry were appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1, Reference to joint special committee concurred in and Councilmen Russell, Burrows, and Samont appointed to the committee on the part of that branch.

Received petitions from Petitions ✓

Vincenzo Amerena, for a license to play a hand organ in the streets.

Vincenzo and Antonio Amerena for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.

Filippo Farino and Giovanno Ciccomitti for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.

Gabriele Giganti and Pasquale Simmartino, for a license to play a harp and violin in the streets.

Valente Modesto and Giovanni Donnengio, for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.

Carmine Nardelli and Giuseppe Caira, for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.

Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company for a license for the year ending April 30, 1897, to slaughter neat cattle (including calves) at Nos 50 & 52 Somerville Avenue, every day (except Sundays), from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. and the estimated quantities being 125 to 200 neat cattle, and 10 to 50 calves, weekly.

Charles H. Brown, for a license of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at his apothecary store, No. 154 Perkins street, accompan-

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		ied by a certificate from the Board of Registration in Pharmacy that in the judgment of said Board he is a fit person to receive such licence.
	Referred to Committee on Licence.	
Petition	Received a petition from Howard Lowell and George E. Lowell, copartners, under the name and style of Howard Lowell & Son, for a licence to keep thirty-five additional horses, making fifty horses in all, in a stable owned by them at No. 70 Gilman Street.	
	Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.	
Petitions	Received petitions from	
	William J. Fitzgerald, for a licence as a drain layer.	
	Henry L. Bradshaw, for a catch basin at the N.E. corner of Central street and Westwood Road.	
	Charles Booth and Malcolm McLean, for a common sewer in Broadway, from the terminus of the present sewer, near Cedar street, easterly, about 300 feet.	
	W. P. Rice and others, for a catch basin on Mountain Avenue, near the stone leading to Lindens Avenue extension.	
	Referred to Committee on Sewers.	
Petitions	Received petitions from	
	Hubert W. Greene, for a permit to stand a night-lunch wagon on Davis Square, at the corner of Dover street.	
	Edward J. Burke, for permission to blast rocks in a quarry on land owned by Jacob W. Willis and situated on East Albion street, on the southwesterly side thereof, about midway between Moreland street and the Medford line.	
	Mary E. Hingerty and others, for brick sidewalks on both sides of Arthur street, from Broadway to Boxair street.	
	Frederick H. Kilmer, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the southerly side of Broadway, from Adams street to Bartlett street.	
	J. Chow and others, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the northwesterly side of Medway street, from Holland street to the unimproved portion of said Medway street, near the Cambridge line.	

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Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Michael Kelly, for a brick sidewalk in front of his premises, Nos. 253 & 255 Broadway, with a grass plot, of suitable width, between the bricks and the edgestone, which edgestone is already set, the cost of the bricks used to be paid by the petitioner;

Thomas C. Connor, for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones, on Dresden Circle, the edgestones to be furnished at the expense of the petitioner;

John Walch, for repairing of brick sidewalk at 37 Oak street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 5 References concurred in.

Received a petition from Edmund H. Gooding and others, for an Arc light on the west side of Boston street, opposite the passageway in rear of the Charles G. Pope School. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 1, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Mrs. Archibald Ballou and others, that Newton street, between Concord Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad, be watered.

William Armstrong and others, that Dane street be watered.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 1, Read for information.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Frances P. Vose and others, that Harrison street be watered.

Elmer H. Capen and others, that Broadway, from Elm street to Russell Square be watered.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1, References concurred in.

Received drain layer's bonds, each in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor, from — Drain Layer's Bonds ✓

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Bartholomew Kark, with Charles H. Rowdell and Edward B. Brown as sureties,
Patrick Burke, with George F. McKenna and Arthur Morley as sureties.
William F. Cunningham, with Samuel Ridge and Mary E. Durant as sureties,
Nicholas Leonard, with Dennis F. McCloskey of Cambridge as surety.
Accepted and approved.

Hearing

Mr. Committee on Licenses,

on the petitions for Auctioneers' licenses, from J. Albion Briggs, Henry W. P. Coburn, Edward Courtney, J. Robert Henderson, William H. Fish, George H. Foster, Patrick J. Garvin, Joseph J. Giles, Barnell H. Gleason, F. DeWitt Grafham, Stillman H. Gibby, John K. McKenna, James E. Norton, Luther K. Pillsbury, Charles W. Sawyer, Lorenzo Tucker, Oliver H. Perry
reported accordingly,

on the petition of Lufsch & Stiles, for a license to keep a pool table at 61 Elm street, and the petitions of J. H. Crowe and others, in aid of said first-named petitions, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petitions of John Sagan, for a license to keep two pool tables at 145 Somerville avenue, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for licenses, from John F. Hay, to keep two pool tables at 281 Somerville avenue; Edward J. Sullivan, to keep two pool tables at 216 Somerville avenue; Robert Jameson, to keep two billiard tables, two pool tables and five bowling alleys at 344 Somerville avenue; William F. Mills, to keep two pool tables at 524 Medford street, and Albert L. Willard, to keep one pool table at 54 Broadway
reported accordingly,

on the petition of Willard Eaty, for a license as common victualler at 66 Union Square, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for licenses as Common Victuallers, from:
Jennie A. Burnstead, at 348 Washington street; Mrs. Helen A. Cheney, at 129a Bow street; Warren Dennis Church, at 61 Day st.; Fred E. Slade, at 5 Union Square; Rebecca Zodick, at 31 Elm street; Frank E. Sunday, 101 Waterhouse street; Laurence E. McDevitt, 10 Bow street; Greenwood E. March, 543 Somerville avenue; Fred H. Pearson, 304 Broadway; George A. Sanders, at 156 Bow street; Harry E. Sanders, at 77 Broadway; Mrs. Emily J. Southwood, at 336 Washington street; Mrs. Marcia M. Stevens, at 53 Dra-

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or street, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses as Innholders, from Silas D. Carter and Harry H. Goodnow, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses to keep Intelligence Officers, from Oliver G. Fosdick, at 33 Elm street, Susan A. Riker, at 518 Somerville ave, Mary A. Vinal, at 26 Union Square and Thomas Woods at 418 Somerville avenue, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses to play hand organs in the streets, from Egidio Argenzio, G. Napoli and Angelo Turco, reported an order,

on the petition of Frederick Dick, for a licence for himself and five others, as a street band, to play on musical instruments in the streets, reported an order,

on the petition of G. A. Manwaring, Captain of the branch of the Salvation Army established at West Somerville, to sing, play upon musical instruments and parade in the streets, reported an order,

on the petition of John P. Squire & Sons, for a licence to slaughter neat cattle (including calves) at 50 & 52 Somerville avenue, reported an order,

on the petitions of the Startevant & Raley Reef & Supply Co. for a licence to slaughter neat cattle (including calves) and to render the fat of the same into oleo, oil and tallow at 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, Orders ✓

Ordered,

That a licence as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May, 1896, be issued to each of the following named persons, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, provided that no charge for such licence shall be made to any soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion, and received an honorable discharge from such service,

	J. Albion Briggs,	Henry W. P. Colson,
Edward Courtney,	J. Roberts Fenelon,	William W. Fish,
George W. Foster,	Patrick J. Garvin,	Joseph J. Giles,
Haskell W. Gleason,	F. De Witt Sapham,	Stillman R. Sibby,

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John B. McKenna, James S. Norton, Seather B. Pillsbury,
Charles W. Sawyer, Clarence Tucker, & Oliver K. Perry.

Ordered,-

That a licence under the laws of the Commonwealth, to keep for public hire, Billiard, Pool, or Sippio Tables, or Bowling Alleys, as hereinafter stated, be issued to each of the following-named parties, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for each table or alley to be kept under said licence; such licence to expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

John F. Fay, two pool tables, at 281 Somerville Avenue,
Edward J. Llewellyn, two pool tables, at 216 Somerville Avenue,
Robert Jameson, two billiard tables, two pool tables and five bowling alleys, at 341 Somerville Avenue,
William F. Hills, two pool tables, at 524 Medford street,
Allen S. Willard, one pool table, at 84 Broadway.

Ordered,-

That a licence as a Common Victualler under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to each of the following-named parties, at the place of business hereinafter specified, said licence to be issued by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Jennie A. Bumstead, 248 Washington St. — Warren Davis Church, 61 Day st.
Helen A. Cheney, 139 a Cross street. — Rebecca Fosdick, 33 Elm Street.
Frank E. Lincoln, lot 8 Waterhouse st. — Greenwood E. Kurch, 543 Somerville Ave.
Seymour B. Kirkhill, 10 Bow street. — Fred W. Pearson, 304 Broadway.
George A. Sanders, 15 Bow street. — Harry E. Sanders, 77 Broadway.
Emily J. Southward, 236 Washington st. — Marcia M. Stevens, 63 Dover street.
and Fred B. Slade, 15 Union Square.

Ordered,-

That a licence as an Innholder under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to each of the following-named parties, at the place of business hereinafter specified, said licence to be issued when signed by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Silas D. Carter — Hotel Warren — Nos 39 & 40 Union Square & No 1 Warren Ave.
Harry H. Goodnow — 291 Elm street.

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Ordered,

That a licence to keep an Intelligence Office, under the laws of the Commonwealth, be issued to each of the following-named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, which licence shall expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Oliver G. Fordick, 33 Elm street, Susan A. Riker, 518 Somerville Avenue, Mary A. Vinal, 26 Union Square, & Thomas Woods, 418 Somerville Avenue,

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to each of the following-named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city the sum of fifty cents for each person so licensed, such licence to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Egidio Argenzio, to play on hand organ,
G. Napoli "
Angelo Turco "

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to the following named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of fifty cents for each person so licensed, such licence to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Frederick Dick and five others, as a street band.

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to the Branch of the Salvation Army established at West Somerville to hold religious meetings to parade, to sing and to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, the licence fee provided for by the ordinance being hereby remitted, and such licence to expire on the first day of May next, unless sooner revoked.

Ordered,

That John P. Squire and Sons, be and are hereby licensed to carry on the business of slaughtering cattle (including calves) within the limits of

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this city, for the year ending April 30th 1897 unless such licence is sooner forfeited or rendered void, upon the days times and conditions, and at the premises described in said company's application for such licence

Adopted

Reports

The Committee on Sewers

on an order of April 22, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Winslow Avenue, from a point 225 feet east of Grove Street, easterly to Clifton street, - about 365 feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, with 2 manholes, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Manholes each	Laying 12" pipe sewer per linear foot	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$
W. F. Cunningham	30.00	0.60	279.00
Christopher Burke	23.00	0.50	226.50
Maurice Kattimer	35.00	0.40	216.00
D. C. Collins	21.00	0.45	206.25
Richard Falvey	32.00	0.29	169.85
Charles A. Morgan	30.00	0.30	169.50
Charles A. Kelley	26.00	0.25	143.25

and presented an order

on an order of April 8, submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish such drain pipe as may be required during the current year

Name of Bidder	Discount on standard socket pipe		Discount on deep and wide socket pipe		Discount on double strength pipe		Discount on ring pipe	
	Delivered at work	At wharf or yard	Delivered at work	At wharf or yard	Delivered at work	At wharf or yard	Delivered at work	At wharf or yard
Fiske, Holmes & Co.	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	60%	62%
George D. Goodrich	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	60%	62%
David W. Lewis	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	—	—
W. G. Nash	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	—	—
Portland Stoneware Co.	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	—	—
Geo. W. Pritchard	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	—	—
Waldo Brothers	63%	65%	55%	57%	50%	52%	—	—
F. L. White & Co.	63%	67%	58%	60%	50%	53%	—	—

and presented an order.

on an order of April 17, reported that a common sewer had been constructed in

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a passageway or strip of land, extending from Walter street, past the end of Mortimer place, to the rear of a block owned by Isaac H. Townsend and fronting on Mills street, consisting of 147 feet of 8-inch akron pipe, at a cost (exclusive of labor, which was furnished by said Townsend) of $30.02, and submitted a list of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Huntley, are as follows: Orders

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be and is hereby authorized to make a contract with Charles A. Kelley, for the construction of a common sewer in Winslow Avenue from a point 225 feet east from Grove street, easterly to Clifton street, a distance of about 365 feet, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 2.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be and is hereby authorized to purchase such drain pipe as may be required during the current year, of any of the persons by whom proposals are submitted, and on prices not to exceed those named in said proposals presented in said committee's report of this date, the amounts so expended to be charged to Sewers Construction and Sewers Maintenance Accounts, in such proportions as the pipe shall be used on construction and maintenance of sewers, the provisions of this order to remain in force until otherwise ordered.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 2.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be and is hereby requested to construct a catch basin in Broadway on the easterly side of the driveway in front of the New Fire Station, Ward One, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department account.

Read twice. Amended by striking out the words "Fire Department" and inserting in place thereof, the words "Sewers Maintenance". As thus amended, a-

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Adopted

Approved by the Mayor, May 5

√ Assessments

The list of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with a warrant and an order for their collection, for a common sewer in a passageway off Walter Street, is recorded on pages 129 to 132, inclusive, of volume 3, of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen, of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for permission to remove a pole on Sycamore street, nearly opposite Chapel Court, and to erect one pole in its stead, reported an order

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for one pole on the easterly side of Webster avenue, near the Cambridge line, a pole of the West End Street Railway Company to be removed, and said railway company's wires to be attached to the pole a location for which is prayed for in said petition, reported an order

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company, locations in

Acceptance & Agreement filed May 28-1896 — Sycamore street

and

Acceptance & Agreement filed May 28 1896 — Webster Avenue

with the privilege for the West End Street Railway Company to attach wires to the pole in the last named locations, are recorded, respectively, on pages 104 and 105, of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways

on the petition of George H. Ireland, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones in front of his estate, No. 52 School street, and the petition of

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John E. Woodside, James H. Rich, James A. Owens and John H. Morrison, for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, in front of their estates on the easterly side of Belmont street, reported an order

on the petition of J. H. Berry, for permission to lay a sidewalk of granolithic cement on Westwood Road and Central street, in front of his estate at the corner of said street and road, and for an edgestone on Central street from Westwood Road to the estate owned by John Baigh, reported an order

on the petition of L. B. Pillsbury and others, that the name of Miller street be changed to Sargent Avenue, reported an order

on an order of April 2, to sell the old stone crusher formerly used at the Holland street lodge, reported that such sale has been made to the Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, for $150.00

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 1, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, in Franklin street, as recorded on page 23 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor May 5

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with two additional orders offered by Alderman Berry, were as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones, in front of the estate of George K. Ireland, No. 52 School Street, corner of Prescott street, also to construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones on the easterly side of Belmont street, in front of the estates of John E. Woodside, James H. Rich - James A. Owens and John H. Morrison, when the petitioners shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer, a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the bricks, and edgestones used in the construction of said sidewalks.

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That permission be, and is hereby granted, to J. F. Berry, to lay a sidewalk of permanent cement in Westwood Road and Central street in front of his estate, situated at the corner of said Westwood Road and Central street, - also that the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to set a curb stone in front of said estate on Central street, from Westwood Road to the estate of John Haigh, when the petitioner shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer, a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the edgestone.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to purchase a steam road roller, at a cost not to exceed thirty five hundred dollars, and to be charged to Steam Road Roller Account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct a shed on the City Farm at a cost not to exceed two thousand dollars, said shed to be used for the storage of the Highway carts and the Water carts. The expense of said construction to be charged to Highways, City Stables, for the erection of a shed.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 5.

Ordered,-

That the names of the street now known as Mills street lying between Walnut street and Sargent Avenue, be, and is hereby changed to Sargent Avenue.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1. Adopted, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 5.

Order. Alderman Knight offered an order, instructing the Committee on Highways to place all street signs on the abandoned street lamp-posts or where such posts are not available to place such signs on suitable and uniform wooden posts to be furnished by the city.

Read twice and adoption lost.

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Alderman Horr offered an order instructing the Committee on Highways to place street signs on all street corners — Order ✓

Read twice and referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1 Reference concurred in.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the City Auditor be, and he hereby is, authorized and instructed to certify in pay roll of miscellaneous accounts, such bills as may be incurred by the City Engineer, under the direction of the committee on highways, in placing the numbers on houses not already numbered, instead of charging such expense to engineering department, as provided by an order of the city council, passed April 20, 1896.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 5

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Parks and Street Lights be and is hereby instructed to place an Arc light on Medford street near the foot of the steps leading from the rear of the Central Hill Park to the Winter Hill school.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1 Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor May 5

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is instructed to transfer from School Contingent Account to Schoolhouse Incidentals Account, the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 5 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 5

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✓ Orders	Alderman Wright offered an order that all janitors of schoolhouses and other public buildings, receiving a salary of sixty dollars a month or upwards, shall, in all cases be required to give their entire service to the city.
	Adoption list.
✓ Orders	Alderman Pratt offered the following orders.
	Ordered, -
	That the Committee on Public Grounds be and is hereby authorized to purchase and set out 170 trees on the Public Grounds of the city, at a cost not to exceed four hundred dollars and to be charged to Public Grounds Account.
	Ordered,
	That the Committee on Public Grounds be and is hereby authorized to purchase 26 vases for Broadway Parkway and to fill and decorate the same, - the amount so expended not to exceed $225.00 and to be charged to Public Grounds Account.
	Ordered, -
	That the Committee on Public Grounds be and is hereby authorized to purchase plants for Broadway and Central Hill Parks to an amount not exceeding $300.00, - the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds Account.
	Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council May 1, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
	Approved by the Mayor May 5.
✓ Reports	The Committee on Water, -
	on an order February 13, to employ some suitable person to take the time of the drivers and otherwise assist the committee, reported that Nathaniel B. Rocker has been employed for that purpose, for the season;
	on the petition of the Somerville Bicycle Club, that the watering apparatus be so adjusted as to prevent such a flow of water as will make the streets muddy, reported that such adjustment has been made;
	on the petition of Charles J. Kooper and others, that Heath street be not watered this present season, recommended that the petition be granted;
	on an order of March 25, to make arrangements for the watering of the streets, the

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present year, under the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1894, reported and carried.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: Order ✓

Ordered:-

That under the power conferred by chapter one hundred seventy-nine of the acts of the legislature of the year eighteen hundred ninety-one and every other power and authority hereto enabling and from the appropriation of six thousand dollars heretofore made by the city council in the annual appropriation bill for the watering of streets, it is hereby adjudged and determined by the city council that certain streets or portions of streets (as particularly specified in schedule hereto annexed, which is hereby referred to as, and hereby made a part of this order) in Somerville, shall be watered in part at the expense of the abutters thereon, the method of watering so determined upon to apply for the present municipal year only, and such streets and portions of streets as aforesaid to be watered from the first day of May to the first day of October of the present year, and such expense of such watering shall be assessed upon the estates abutting on said streets or portions of streets in proportion to the number of linear feet of each estate upon such streets or portions thereof so watered, and the amount of such assessment upon each such estate is hereby adjudged and determined by the board of aldermen and by this order to be four cents upon each linear foot of frontage of each estate upon said streets or portions of streets, said assessment being, and being hereby found to be, less than the expense of watering the same, and the balance of expense being assumed and paid by the city. The particular amount of such assessment upon each estate shall hereafter be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions by the board of aldermen, and unless previously paid shall be certified by said board to the collector of taxes of the city as in said act of the legislature provided and shall be collected by him as in said act provided. The Committee on Water are hereby authorized and instructed to cause said watering to be done, as in this order provided for, and to prepare and report to the board of aldermen a schedule of the assessments therefor proper to be made upon the abutters on said streets and portions of streets in accordance with the provisions of this order, and on account of the expense of watering said streets and portions of streets.

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Ward One

Street	From	To
Arlington	Franklin	Lincoln
Brook	Cross	Glen, 500 feet
Benedict	Union	Austin
Cutter	Broadway	Webster
Franklin	Broadway	Washington
Flint	Cross	Franklin
Florence	Washington	Perkins
Glen	Pearl	Broadway
Lincoln	Broadway	Perkins
Linwood	Washington	Somerville Ave
Mt Vernon	Broadway	Washington
Myrtle	Perkins	Easterly line, Hughes
Mystic Avenue	Charlestown Line	100 ft beyond Austin
Pinckney	Perkins	Washington
Pearl	Cross	Crescent
Perkins	Franklin	Boston line
Rush	Broadway	Webster
Tufts	Cross	Washington
Union	Broadway	Mystic Avenue
Webster	Franklin	Cross
Washington	Charlestown line	Cambridge line
Ellsworth	Cross	Rush
Broadway	Charlestown line	Josephine Avenue

Ward Two

Street	From	To
Beacon	Cambridge Line	Somerville Avenue
Bow	Union Square	Somerville Avenue
Berkeley	School	Central
Bonner Avenue	Columbus Avenue	Washington
Boston	Walnut (except between Hudson & Albion Streets)	Slocumb Southerly line
Central	Somerville Avenue	Medford
Columbus Avenue	Walnut	Dead end
Church	Somerville Avenue	Summer
Concord Avenue	Prospect	Leon
Dane	Somerville Avenue	Washington

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Dickinson	Springfield	Beacon
Grandview Avenue	Walnut	Vocal Avenue
Highlands Avenue	Medford	Davis Square
Newton	Prospect	Concord Avenue
Norfolk	Webster Avenue	Cambridge Line
Oak	Prospect	End of pavement
Prescott	Summer	Highland Avenue
Putnam	Highland Avenue	Summer
Prospect	Cambridge Line	Washington
Pleasant Avenue	Walnut	Vocal Avenue
Park	Somerville Avenue	Beacon
Summit Avenue	Walnut	Vocal Avenue
Somerville Avenue	Cambridge Line	Cambridge Line
Springfield	Concord Avenue	Cambridge Line
Quincy	Somerville Avenue	Summer
School	Somerville Avenue	115 ft. N. Berkeley from Berkeley
Vocal Avenue	Highland Avenue	Summer
Walnut	Highland Avenue	Bow
Webster Avenue	Union Square	Cambridge Line

Hard Three

Street	From	To
Adams	Broadway	Medford
Albion	Central	Lowell
Aldrich	Pearl	Gilman
Athol	Broadway	Benoni
Benoni	Walnut	Athol
Bow	Broadway	Medford
Central Square	Bow	Medford
Chauncey Avenue	Broadway	Northerly 171 ft.
Dana	Benoni	Pearl
Dartmouth	Broadway	Medford
Everett Avenue	Bow	Dana
Evergreen Avenue	Marshall	Thurston
Flint	Bow	Aldrich
Gilman	Bow	Jaspa
Hudson	Central	Lowell

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Jaques	Temple	Chauncey Avenue
Marshall	Broadway	Pearl
Main	Broadway	Medford Line
Montrose	School	Sycamore
Mills	Walnut	Sargent Avenue
Medford	Cambridge Line	Medford Line
Oakland Avenue	Marshall	School
Pembroke	Central	Easterly 100 ft
Pearl	Cross	Gilman Square
School	Highland Avenue	Broadway
Sargent Avenue	Broadway	Mills
Stickney Avenue	School	Marshall
Sycamore	Broadway	Medford
Thurston	Broadway	Medford
Temple	Broadway	Easterly line Dorey's est 800 ft
Vernon	Central	Westerly 470 ft
Walnut	Broadway	Pearl

Ward Four

Street	From	To
Broadway	Elm	Billingham
Cherry	Elm	Highland Avenue
Cedar	Elm	Hudson
Chester	Cambridge Line	Elm
Day	Cambridge Line	Elm
Dover	Davis Square	Cambridge Line
Elm	Somerville Avenue	Powder House Square
Davis Square		
Grove	Highland Avenue	Elm
Holland & Broadway	R.R. Crossing	Waterhouse
Kingston	Cambridge Line	Meacham
Meacham	Cambridge Line	650 ft or dead end
Mossland	Somerville Avenue	Elm
Orchard	Meacham	Russell
Russell	Elm	Cambridge Line
Summer	Row	Cutter Square
Willow Avenue	Elm	R.R. Crossing

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Westwood Road	Central	Benton Avenue
Monicum	Elm	Clifton

Read twice, Amended by striking out the words "Josephine Avenue" in the item on page headed "Ward One" which reads "Broadway, from Charlestown line to Josephine avenue" and inserting in place thereof, the words "Teele Square" also by striking out the first item on the page headed "Ward Four" which item reads, - "Broadway, from Elm to Bellingham" As thus amended adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 1, 1896 Amendments as made in Board of Aldermen adopted by the Common Council. Further amended in the Common Council by striking out the words, "Except between Hudson and Albion Street" in the item on the page headed "Ward Two" which reads, "Central Street, from Somerville Avenue to Bedford street, except between Hudson and Albion Street"

As amended read twice and adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 1. Amendments of Common Council adopted and order as thus amended adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 1

The Committee on Ordinances, — Reports

on the petition of J. W. Rich and others, that the ringing of the bell at the Institution of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Avenue, be stopped, reported that the matter has been arranged to the satisfaction of the petitioners by the discontinuance of the early morning bells, which formerly rang at about 5.30 and 6.15 A.M.

on the petition of William E. Brigham, Local Board, S.A.W. for the passage of an ordinance forbidding the placing of glass, tacks, crockery, etc. in the streets, reported an ordinance

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1 Accepted in concurrence

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the Use of Streets," was — Ordinance

Read twice and passed to be ordained, and sent down for concurrence

(see subsequent records)

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Reports	The Committee on Ordinances, on an order of April 17 to consider the advisability of passing an ordinance to amend ordinance No 20, entitled "Inspection and Construction of Telegraph and other Electric Lines" - reported an order, amending the joint rules and orders, and a draft of an ordinance. Accepted and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.
Order	The order submitted with the foregoing report, is as follows, Ordered, That sections one of article one of the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council be amended by adding at the end of clause numbered fourteen in said section, a new clause, as follows, - 15. Electric Lines, - to consist of the chairman of the committee on police the chairman of the committee on fire department, and the members of the committee on fuel and street lights, and to have charge of the fire alarm and police signal system and all electrical lines and apparatus of the city. Referred to a special committee to consist of three members of this board, Aldermen Wright, Rose and Bentley appointed as such committee.
Ordinance	The draft of an ordinance submitted with the foregoing report is as follows, - An Ordinance to amend section two of chapter twenty of the Revised Ordinances of 1891 in relation to wires of the Fire Alarm and Police Signals system. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Somerville as follows, - Section I. Section two of chapter twenty of the Revised Ordinances of 1891 is hereby amended by striking out all that part of the last paragraph of said section, which begins with the words "For keeping in good order the fire alarm system" and ends with the words "direction and control of the committee on police," and substituting in the place of the words thus stricken out the words, - For keeping in good order the fire alarm telegraph system and the police signal telegraph system and in regard thereto and to all electrical lines and apparatus of the city, he shall be subject to the orders and direction of the Committee on Electric Lines, and may employ assistance under the direction of such committee. Section 2. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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Referred to same special committee to which was referred, this evening, an order to amend the joint rules and orders of the City Council

Alderman Wright offered an order instructing the Committee on Printing to furnish one thousand suitable placards of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the use of Streets," the same to be posted in conspicuous places in the streets by the Committee on Highways. — Order ✓

Read twice

Referred to Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 1, Reference concurred in.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of electing a member from ward three, of the board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term of four years.

Adopted and Alderman Chandler appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council May 1, Request granted and Councilman Timson appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Barrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sapham, Sewell, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Samont present.

In pursuance of an order passed this evening the convention proceeded to ballot for a member, from Ward Three, of the board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term of four years. — Election ✓

The mayor appointed Alderman Jones and Councilmen Samont and Timson a committee to receive, assort and count the ballots, and having per-

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formed that duty they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots	23
Necessary for choice	12
Blank	3
James M. York, has	2
Ezra D. Souther,	18

and Ezra D. Souther was declared by the chair elected.

√ Convention dissolved. The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved, and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

√ Orders. Alderman Huntley offered the following orders.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck, at an expense not to exceed twenty three hundred dollars, said truck when received to be placed in the New Fire Station, Ward One, and to be put in service January 1, 1897. Also to purchase three horses at an expense not to exceed four hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the steamer which is to be placed in said Fire Station, the expense so incurred to be charged to Funded Debt Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor May 2.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars on Funded Debt Account, for the purchasing of a lot of land for a Fire Station in Ward Four, and to report at the next meeting of this board.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 5.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor, to act upon matters relating to the proposed Tannery Brook Sewer, and to transact any other business that may come before the board, all the members having been duly notified in writing.

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His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received a petition from Mrs Ada C. Lougee, for a license to give a musical entertainment in Bacon Hall, Monday evening May 11, recommended by the Chief of Police. — Petition ✓

Licence granted.

Received from the Common Council, a petition from George H. Starbird and others, for an arc light on the southwesterly side of Glen street, opposite Dell street. — Petition ✓

In Common Council May 1 Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 6, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions from, — Petitions ✓

Giacomo Amareno and Donato Schena for a licence to play a piano organ in the streets.

Leonardo Darullo for a licence to play a hand organ in the streets.

Giuseppe Dimole and Francesco Foti, for a licence to play a piano organ in the streets.

Vincenzo Fiataroni, and another Vincenzo Fiataroni, for a licence to play a piano organ in the streets.

Nigro Pasquale and Giuseppe Saponara, for a licence to play a piano organ in

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the streets,

Vincenzo Solarenzi, for a license to play hand organ in the streets,

Ellen S. Hodgdon, for a license to keep an Intelligence Office at 35 Dana Street

Milton H. Plummer, for a license, of the sixth class, to sell intoxicating liquors at his drug store, No. 25 Union Square, accompanied by a certificate from the Board of Registration in Pharmacy that, in the judgment of said board, the petitioner is a proper person to receive such license

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petitions ... Received petitions for the sale of fireworks for the 17th of June and the 4th of July, from

Julius S. Tucker, ... at 2 North Union street,

Ellen S. Hodgdon, " 35 Dana street,

Sylvanus L. Gray, " 45 Washington street,

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

√ Petitions Received petitions from

Joseph H. Jordan, for permission to drain his estate, No. 26 Russell street, which is principally in Cambridge, into the Russell Street sewer,

Mary E. Fitzgerald and others, for a catch-basin in Vine street, at its junction with Elliot street,

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions Received petitions from

Everett P. Kinsley, for permission to place a projecting sign over the sidewalk in front of his office at No. 2 Washington street, the sign to be 4 by 1 3/4 feet,

Lyman H. Stone, for the removal of a dead Elm tree, from the sidewalk opposite his lot No. 26 Marshall street,

Somerville Electric Light Co. for a location for an electric light pole on the northerly side of Bucknam street, with permission to remove the present pole

Somerville Electric Light Co. for location for electric light pole on the northerly side of Summer street, between Cedar street and Belmont street, near

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and poles to be removed

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Francis H. Gorney, for a brick sidewalk, in front of house No. 92 Hunt street, the petitioner to pay for the bricks,

Thomas F. Devine, for a brick sidewalk on Beacon street, in front of his estate at the westerly corner of Beacon and Museum streets, the bricks to be paid for by the petitioner,

F. S. Hutchins and others, that Knowlton street be graded and macadamized, and that brick sidewalks be made and curbstones set,

George A. Richardson and others, for a stone crossing on Pearl street, opposite Wesley street,

Edward Bo[illegible], that the driveway entrance to the late Pitman estate on Beacon street be discontinued, and that the driveway at the entrance to No. 36 Bowdoin street be repaired.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 6, References concurred in.

Received a petition from S. Roger Wentworth and others, that Kenmore street, from Walnut street as far as accepted, be sprinkled by the city for the season of 1896.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 6, References concurred in.

Received a drain layer's bond, in the sum of three thousand dollars and in form approved by the City Solicitor, from — Drain Layer's Bond ✓

John J. Dorey, with Charles Lindsay of Cambridge and William J. McCarthy of Somerville, as sureties,

Accepted and approved.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, — Reports ✓

on petitions for permission to project cornice over sidewalks, from Howard Gould & Long, owners of three story carriage and storage house, at 70, 72 & 74 Gloucester street, to project not more than two feet, and Edmund L. Sparrow, owner of one story wooden building at 277

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+ 279 Elm street, to project twelve inches, reported an order.

on the petition of Charles W. Ingalls, for a licence to keep forty horses in a stable to be erected by Henderson Brothers, on Elm and Summer streets about 75 feet easterly from their junction, reported an order for a hearing.

on the petition of Howard Sowell + Son, for a licence to keep thirty-five additional horses, making fifty in all, in a stable owned by them at No. 70 Gilman Street, reported an order.

Accepted.

✓ Orders — The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows.

Ordered,-

That a special licence, to place upon buildings, structures to project over sidewalks be issued to each of the following named parties, as hereinafter stated, such structures to be placed on the buildings in such manner as shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings.

Howard Sowell + Son, 70, 72 + 74 Gilman street, coving to project not more than two feet.

Edmund S. Sparrow, 277 + 279 Elm street, coving to project twelve inches.

Adopted.

Ordered,-

That Wednesday, May 13, 1896 and the Mayor and Aldermen's room, be and are hereby designated as the time and place, for a hearing before this board, of all persons interested in the petition of Charles W. Ingalls for a licence to keep 40 horses in a stable to be erected, about 75 feet easterly from the junction of Elm and Summer Streets, and it is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Somerville Journal of the 9th inst.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor May 6.

Ordered,-

That a licence be, and hereby is granted to Howard Sowell and George E. Sowell copartners, under the name and style of Howard Sowell and Son, to keep thirty-five additional horses making fifty horses in all in a stable owned by them and situated on the southwesterly side of Gilman street, near Aldrich street, in this city, and numbered 70 on said Gilman street, the said li-

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once being revocable at the pleasure of this board.
Adopted.

The Committee on Highways — Reports

on the petition of W. H. Perry and Frank M. Shelden for a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of Elm street from Harrison street to the Northern Traffic Park, reported an order of notice for a hearing on the construction of a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, in said location;

on the petition of J. M. Andrews and Reuben Willis for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones on the N.E. side of Broadway from No. 257 to No. 363, reported an order of notice;

on the petition of Michael H. Deane and others for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones, on the northerly side of Beacon street, from Washington street to Vine street, reported an order of notice.

Accepted.

The orders of notice submitted with the foregoing reports, for hearings on the construction of sidewalks in, — Orders of Notice

Elm street,
Broadway
and
Beacon street.

are recorded, respectively on pages 94, 91 and 89, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor, May 6.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to purchase a steam pump and heater at a cost not to exceed one hundred and forty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Frederick S. Nelson and others, for the laying out of Cambria Street, from Central Street to Benton avenue, presented a favorable report as recorded on page 273 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Accepted in concurrence.

Order of Notice — Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice for a hearing on the laying out of Cambria Street, as recorded on page 274 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 7

Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,—

That Hose Company No. One, heretofore located in the Fire Station on Webster street in Ward One, be hereafter designated and known as Engine Company No. Two, the members of said Hose Company No. One to constitute the membership of said Engine Company No. Two, and that said Engine Company No. Two, be and the same hereby is, established, under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 17 of the revised ordinances of 1891, as a steam fire engine company, the said steam fire engine company to be transferred to the new Fire Station recently erected on Broadway, at the corner of Bow street, and to have charge of Steam Fire Engine No. Two, which has been used, since its purchase, as a relief engine.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 11

Order — Alderman Macomber offered the following order.

Ordered,—

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That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ Miss Louise L. McSweyn as a permanent assistant in his office, at a salary of $500 per year, beginning May 1st, 1896, instead of retaining her on the temporary list at $5.00 per week as heretofore.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 1, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 11.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Water, be, and is hereby authorized to employ such clerical assistance, as may be required in preparing the assessments for street watering, for the current year, the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Street Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6 Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 11.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That chapter two hundred thirty-eight entitled "An Act relative to the Building of Sewers in Cambridge by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville," of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six be and the same hereby is accepted.

Adopted, by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Perry and Andrews 6, voting in the affirmative, Aldermen Chandler and Huntley 2, being absent or not voting. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Adopted by a yea and nay vote in concurrence; Councilmen Perry, Tincow, Irving, Barnes, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Barr, Cummings, Ball, Lamont and the President 13, voting in the affirmative. Absent or not voting, Councilmen Raymond, Leighton and Lowell.

Approved by the Mayor, May 12.

accepted by Cambridge May 12, 1896 Copy of Cambridge order filed with this order

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Mayor, Allston A. Perry, be and he hereby is au-

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thorized to sign, seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville, the agreement which has just been read, dated May ___, 1896, between the City of Cambridge and the City of Somerville, in regard to the sewerage and drainage of the Tannery Brook district so-called in Cambridge and Somerville, said agreement being made under the provisions of chapter 258 of the Acts of 1896.

Read twice, Adopted by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Huntley, Berry and Andrews - 7, voting in the affirmative; Alderman Chandler - 1 absent. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 6, Read twice and adopted in concurrence by yea and nay votes. Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sewell, Carr, Cummings, Ball, Sumont and the President (14) voting in the affirmative. Absent or not voting Councilmen Raymond and Sapham (2).

Approved by the Mayor May 12. (see page 164)

Ordinance

The ordinance passed, in this board, to be enrolled, May 1, being numbered 60, entitled An Ordinance Relating to the Use of Streets, and recorded on page 455 of the book of Enrolled Ordinances in the City Clerk's office, was received back from the Common Council, endorsed as follows,

In Common Council May 1, Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence. Charles S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council May 1, Enrolled. Charles S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council May 6. The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within ordinance declare the same to be truly and correctly enrolled.

Arthur W. Berry
John Hunnewell } Committee
Wm. M. Irving

In Common Council, May 6, Passed to be ordained.

George E. Whitaker, President.

Attest. Charles S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen May 6. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

W. H. Berry } Com.

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J. H. Pratt } matter

In Board of Aldermen May 6, 1896. Passed to be ordained

Albion A. Perry, Mayor,

Attest. George S. Vincent, Clerk

Approved by the Mayor, May 11

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, May 13, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Mixer, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Bussy and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Hearing. In pursuance of an order passed April 22, and approved April 23, a hearing was given to all persons interested in the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for locations on Washington street for curves, cross-over, switches and connections, into said company's premises, due notice of the hearing having been given, as required by the city clerk's notice recorded on page 536 of volume 1 of the records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing. In pursuance of an order passed and approved May 6, a hearing was given for all persons interested in the petition of Charles W. Ingalls for a license to keep 40 horses in a stable to be erected on Elm and Summer streets, about 75 feet easterly from the junction of said streets, due notice hearing being published, as directed by said order.

Miss Nellie Lakeman, living at No. 199 Elm street, appeared and objected because the proposed stable will stand close to her house. She cannot sleep now in the back chamber of the house (next the present stable) because of the stamping of the horses, and if the stable be brought seventy-five feet nearer, as proposed, she will be obliged to move away. The danger from fire would also be increased, her health and peace of mind, because of this danger from the present stable. Real Estate owners say the proposed change of location of the stable would lessen the value of her residence. The house was bought by a friend, Mrs. Maria W. Preston, who gives Miss Lakeman the use of it. Mrs. Preston is now absent on a Raymond excursion, and therefore could not attend the hearing. A large stable should not be allowed in so thickly settled neighbor-

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hood.

Mr. C. W. Emerson, living at No. 375 Summer street, just back of the present stable appeared and favored the petition. He would rather have a new stable on the proposed location, with a brick block on the present site, as contemplated, than have the old stable repaired. Is not disturbed by any noise from the present stable. Mr. Ingalls keeps an orderly place, with no loafers.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order passed April 22 and approved April 23, a hearing was given for all persons interested in the petition of Benjamin F. Bennett and Alphonso Taylor for a licence to keep twenty-two horses in a stable owned by Annie L. Bond, on the southerly side of Washington street, near the Boston line, notice having been published, as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of orders passed April 8, and approved April 10, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, on the construction of sidewalks in — Hearings

Adams street,
Beacon street,
Belmont street,
Cherry street,
Highland Avenue, from Grove street to West street,
Highland Avenue, from Medford street to Walnut street,
Madison street,
Medford street,
Mossland street,
Pearl street,
Robinson street,
Rosemore street,
Stickney Avenue,
and
Summer Street

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers' Returns recorded, respectively, on pages 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62, 65, 68, 71 and 74

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of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

√ Protest

In the Beacon street hearing, a letter was received from H. B. Mitchell, in behalf of Robert R. Ball, the owner of premises No. 361 Beacon St protesting against any expense on the sidewalk, as inexpedient and unnecessary.

In the Madison street hearing, Mr. Chetham Parks appeared and objected because he owned about one third of the land on the southeasterly side of the street, and it is unimproved.

No other persons appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

√ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order.

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council, in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings, for all persons desiring to object, as follows,-

1. on the laying out of Avon street.

2. on the laying out of Burnside Avenue.

3. on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in East Albion street and Ash Avenue.

4. on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Moreland street, Meacham street and Ash avenue.

orders of notice of such hearings having been approved April 10th and April 23rd, respectively.

Adopted and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council May 13, Request granted, and Councilman Cummings appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.

√ Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Reed, Tar-

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box, Russell, Sapham, Lovell, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Lamont present.

In pursuance of orders approved April 10 and April 23 and an order passed this evening, hearings were given, as follows: — Hearings ✓

1. on the laying out of Avon street;
2. on the laying out of Burnside avenue;
3. on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in East Albion street and Ash avenue;
4. on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Moreland street, Meacham street and Ash avenue.

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Returns recorded, respectively, on pages 259 and 267 of volume 1 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, and pages 339 and 347 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved, and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber. — Convention dissolved ✓

In Board of Aldermen — In Board of Aldermen ✓

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication — Communications from Mayor relating to Police Dept. ✓

City of Somerville
Mayor's Office
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To the Board of Aldermen,

It becomes my duty to submit the following state-

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ment relative to the police department of this city, and to ask your Honorable Board to take such action in the premises as to you may seem just and proper.

The regular police of Somerville, as you all know, numbers forty-two men.

Early in the year 1895 an act was passed by the Legislature, giving to the Mayor and Aldermen of this city authority to appoint a reserve police force of not more than ten men. This same act authorized the mayor and aldermen to assign the members of said reserve police force to duty ---- whenever and for such time as they (the mayor and aldermen) shall deem necessary; and the city council was empowered to fix the compensation of the members of the reserve force when on duty. It was further directed by the act that appointments to this force should be under civil service rules.

The manifest intention of the act was to provide a corps of men who could be called upon, in case of emergency, to do police duty, and from whose ranks appointments to the regular force might be made from time to time. In all probability, it was never contemplated that these reserve men were to enter immediately into the permanent employ of the city.

Under the authority conferred by the act a reserve force, consisting of eight members, was established in the month of May, 1895. A few weeks later this force was reduced to seven men, one of its members having been commissioned as a regular patrolman.

By an order adopted by the board of aldermen May 22, 1895, the chief of police was authorized to assign the reserve force to active duty "when and for such time he (said chief of police) shall notify any member that his service are required."

Whether a power expressly conferred by the statute upon the "mayor and aldermen" could be lawfully delegated to the chief of police may be open to some question. But, be that as it may, the power was exercised in good faith by the chief, and the entire reserve force was assigned to duty on the first day of last June.

The ostensible reason for thus temporarily increasing the active police force of the city was the extra service and protection required during the Christian Endeavor Convention, which was held in Boston last summer. The convention came to an end in due season, but the reserve force has been continued on regular duty, and drawing full pay, down to the present hour.

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I think it will be cheerfully conceded that all of these reserve men have rendered faithful and valuable service, and yet, the method resorted to for increasing our regular police department seems to me somewhat crude and questionable. It would, doubtless, have been a difficult task to secure a vote of the boards of aldermen, adding seven men in a single year to the regular police force, but this was virtually accomplished by the indirect means above referred to.

Assuming that these reserve officers were properly assigned to duty last year, is it your opinion that they will continue lawfully in service until relieved by order of the chief of police or vote of your Honorable Board?

It is evident that the present city council did not expect the members of this reserve force were to be continued on the regular pay roll, for no provision was made in the annual appropriation bill for their compensation.

This year's appropriation for police department is $46,000, while the present annual cost of its maintenance, computed on the basis of expenditures during the first three months, is at the rate of $57,964.64. Making full allowance for credits which the department will receive during the year, there is likely to be an overdraft of the appropriation of more than $10,000.

In view of the foregoing facts, it would seem to be absolutely necessary either to relieve the entire reserve force from active duty, or make some provision for the increase of the police department appropriation. This is a question which should receive immediate attention, and I therefore commend it to your early consideration.

At their last meeting, the committee on police, by a unanimous vote, requested the chief of police to take from the pay roll on the first day of June three of the reserve men. But a compliance with this request will not not prevent a large overdraft of the appropriation. It is for you gentlemen, to say what method shall be adopted to relieve the department from its present unfortunate condition, a condition for which the present city council is not in any way responsible.

I shall be pleased if some means can be found for retaining the services of at least a part of the reserve force until after the vacation season, for they will be greatly needed to take the place of temporary absentees from the regular force. It is also the season when our parks and public

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grounds need ample police protection, and we are all agreed that there should be no abatement of zeal in ferreting out and prosecuting the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors.

I present the foregoing facts and suggestions, and await such action as your good judgment may suggest.

Respectfully submitted

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read for information

Appointments

On petition of the General Superintendent of the Fitchburg Railroad, approved by the Chief of Police, the mayor appointed the following named employees of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, Weigher of Coal and of Beef, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen,

Name	Residence
Charles H. Tucker,	7 Wesley street, Charlestown,
Amherst F. Darkee,	West Acton
Thomas W. Sears,	3 Fitchburg Street, Somerville,
Thomas H. Mickle,	32 A Gore street, East Cambridge,
Charles E. Rockwell,	113 Walnut street, Watertown,
Joel J. Fisher,	89 Walnut street, "
G. Edward Byrnes,	73 Somerville Ave. Somerville

Action by the Board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Appointment

On petition of John R. McKenna, of No 47 Alpine, approved by the Chief of Police, the mayor appointed said McKenna a constable of the city, such appointment being subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Invitation

Received an invitation from Willard C. Kinsley Post No 139, G.A.R. to participate with the post in its observance of Memorial Day, May 30th.

Invitation accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Invitation accepted in concurrence.

Petitions

Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from

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William J. Casey, of Somerville
approved by the Chief of Police,
Licence granted.

Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions ✓

John J. Boyle, Thomas F. Casey, William J. Casey, Thomas F. Dacey,
Owen E. Dugan, John Fitzgerald, Thomas J. Galvin, Alick S. Goss,
James J. Irwin, James A. Gaverty, John Manuel, William A. Martin,
Timothy C. McCarthy, James H. McDonnell, Patrick McLaughlin, Andrew Mulcahey,
Hugh Mulligan, Michael O'Connell, William O'Gara, Thomas H. O'Neil,
Lorenzo F. Powers, Bartholomew J. Reardon, Alfred F. Shiner Jr., Michael Splane,
Vincenzo Valente, — all of Somerville, and their petitions approved by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

Received a petition for a licence to cry his calling, as a mender of Umbrellas, tubs, etc, in the streets of the city, from — Petition ✓
Daniel Sweeney, of Somerville
approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted.

Received petitions for licences to collect junk, from — Petitions ✓
Frank Audelman, Joseph Audelman, James E. Barnes, Sam Fine,
Samuel Killman, Charles Kranenberg, Morris J. McDonald, Morris Orodeckei,
Louis Trochtenboot,
none of said names appearing on the assessor's list of poll tax payers.
Petitioners given leave to withdraw.

Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions ✓
Frank Audelman, Joseph Audelman, James E. Barnes, Michael Brosnan,
Sam Fine, John D. Flynn, George Jester, Charles Kranenberg,
Dennis McCarthy, Morris J. McDonald, James McEvoy Jr., Morris Orodeckei,
Louis Trochtenboot,
none of said names appearing on the assessor's list of poll tax payers.
Petitioners given leave to withdraw.

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Petitions	Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors; Harry T. Holland, 9 Bonair Street, Aged 13, Frank J. Wilson, 17 Josephine Avenue, " 12, both approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted.
√ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses, from Walter H. Gleason as an Auctioneer, James P. Rich, as a Common Victualler, at 139 A Cross St. Daniel H. Kinn, " " " " 30 Union Sqr. George T. Unwin, for a licence of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at 178 Washington street, accompanied by the requisite certificate from the Board of Registration in Pharmacy. Andrew Bergangey, to play a hand organ in the streets. Giuseppe Stasio & Nicolas Jof - piano " " " " Antonio Germanic - hand " " " " Referred to Committee on Licenses.
√ Petition for hearing in protest against continued use of stable 22 Glen st by Albert H. Davis	Received a petition from Nellie Dellea and others, representing that on the 6th day of April, 1896, Albert H. Davis was licensed by this Board to keep ten horses in a building No. 22 Glen street, without first giving a hearing in the matter, that alterations and additions to the building are being made, so that practically the entire lot will be appropriated for stable purposes; that the street is devoted almost exclusively to residential purposes; that the presence of a large stable will destroy the abutting estates as dwelling places, and diminish the value of property on the street; that a petition has been made to the Superior Court for an injunction to restrain the further building of said stable, pending such proceedings as may be had before this Board, and praying for a hearing before this Board, in order that the facts may be fully persecuted and the said licence revoked. Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.
√ Petition	Received a petition from Joseph S. White and others, for two catch-basins on the southerly side of Hudson street, one mid-way between Nos. 134 and 150

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and the other midway between Nos 98 and 114.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from Samuel L. Bleiken, for a licence to keep eight horses in a stable to be erected in rear of No. 5 Warren Avenue. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to occupy, with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, the poles of said telephone and telegraph company, on Walnut street, between Broadway and Highland Avenue, as agreed upon between the two companies; also for locations for one pole on Bonair street at the corner of Walnut street, and three poles on Munroe street, east of Walnut street; also for permission to remove poles in Walnut street, between Broadway and Vaughn street, two in Munroe street, east of Walnut street, and one in Wellington Avenue corner of Walnut street.

George W. Atwater and others, for edgestones on both sides of Avon street, from School street to Central street.

Henry C. Smalley and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Bond street, from Fox's driveway to Heath street.

Bertha F. D'Arcy and others, for brick sidewalks with edgestones, in front of their estates in Campbell Park, except the estate owned by William McDonald, 25 Campbell Park (one of the petitioners), said McDonald wishing for edgestones and a gravel sidewalk only.

W. S. Kovey and others, for a curbstone on the easterly side of Chandler street, from Chapel street to Broadway.

Nels Nelson and others, for a sidewalk with curbstones on the southerly side of Temple street between Derby street and Sydney street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from the West Somerville Board of Trade, for a suitable and substantial drinking fountain, for both man and beast, be erected in Teele Square. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council May 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition — Received a petition from M. H. Carrington and others, for an arc light at the corner of Carver and Porter streets.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

S. C. Grundgren and others, that Harrison street, from Kent street to Ivalow street, be watered.

Mrs. S. C. Dunbar and others, that Oliver street, from Cross street to Glen street, be watered.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Notices — Received copies of notices, attested by M. Frank Eastman, Deputy Sheriff, from

Harry B. Wiley, by his attorney Joseph N. Pastene, of injuries to his wife, Ida M. Wiley, by being thrown from his wagon, and of damage to said wagon, caused by its colliding with a mound of earth and stone, which projected about seven inches above the surface of Flint street, between Cross and Rush streets and about opposite the residence of C. E. Arnold, numbered 51 on said Flint street, Thursday, April 16, 1896, at about 8 O'clock in the evening.

Ida M. Wiley, by her attorney Joseph N. Pastene, that on Thursday, April 16, 1896, at about 8 O'clock in the evening, she was thrown from a wagon, in which she was riding, on Flint street between Cross and Rush streets, and about opposite the residence of C. E. Arnold, numbered 51 on said Flint street, and was severely injured, and that said injuries were caused by the wheel of the wagon colliding with a mound of earth and stone, which projected about seven inches above the surface of said Flint street.

both copies received by the City Clerk May 11.

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Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council May 13, Reference concurred in

Received a petition from Olivia M. Gracey, for permission to move a wooden building, in three sections, each measuring 30 feet in length, 25 feet in breadth and 12 feet in extreme height, from land of the Boston and Maine Railroad, on the southerly side of Washington street, opposite Franklin street, through Washington street, Franklin street and Broadway, to land owned by said Gracey, on the southerly side of Broadway near Franklin street, certified by the Superintendent of Streets and the Superintendent of Electric lines that, in their judgment, the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property. — Petition ✓

Placed on file.

Alderman Pratt offered an order granting to Olivia M. Gracey, permission to move a wooden building, in three sections, through Washington and Franklin Streets and Broadway, as recorded on page 491 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Adopted.

The Special Committee, to which was referred an order dated May 1, to amend the joint rules and orders of the City Council so as to provide for a joint standing committee on Electric Lines, reported an order. — Order ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: — Order ✓

Ordered;

That section one of article one of the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council be amended by adding at the ends of the dozen numbered fourteen in said section, a new clause, as follows, — 15. Electric Lines, — to consist of the chairman of the committee on police, the chairman of the committee on fire department, and the chairman of the committee on fuel and street lights, together with one councilman from the committee on fire department and one councilman from the committee on fuel and street lights, and to have charge of the fire alarm and police signal systems and all electrical lines and appara-

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tus of the city

Adopted unanimously by a yea and nay vote. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13. Adopted unanimously by a yea and nay vote in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor May 14.

√ Report — The Special Committee to which was referred May 1, the draft of an ordinance to amend section two of chapter twenty of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, in relation to wires of the Fire Alarm and Police Signal systems, reported back said draft of ordinance and recommended its adoption.

Accepted.

√ Ordinance — The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, being entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section Two of Chapter Twenty of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, in relation to the Wires of the Fire Alarm and Police Signal Systems," was

Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence.

(see subsequent record)

√ Orders — Aldermen Berry and Kanitey, being the committee on Special Building Permits, submitted the following orders:

Ordered:-

That a license be, and hereby is granted to Benjamin F. Bennett and Alphonso Taylor, to keep twenty-two horses in the stable owned by Annie S. Bond situated on the southerly side of Washington street, near the Boston line, in this city, the said license being revocable at the pleasure of this board.

Ordered:-

That a license be, and hereby is granted to Charles W. Ingalls, to keep forty horses in the stable to be erected on Elm and Summer streets about seventy-five feet easterly from the junction of said streets, in this city, the said license being revocable at the pleasure of this board.

Adopted.

√ Reports — The Committee on Sewers -

on petitions for drain layer's licences, from Christopher Burke, Maurice Buttimer, Jeremiah Donovan, Richard Falvey, William J. Fitzgerald,

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Charles A. Kelley, Charles A. Morgan, William A. Muzzey and Daniel W. Perry, reported an order,

on the petition of Joseph W. Jordan for permission to drain his estate #28 Russell street, the quarter part of which is in the city of Cambridge, into the Russell street sewer, reported an order.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That a licence as a drain layer under the provisions of the ordinances of the city be issued to each of the following-named persons, when he shall have furnished a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sureties, satisfactory to this board, such licence to expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Christopher Karke, Maurice Luttimer, Jeremiah Donovan,
Richard Falvey, William J. Fitzgerald, Charles A. Kelley,
Charles A. Morgan, William A. Muzzey, Daniel W. Perry.

Ordered,

That the city engineer be and he hereby is authorized to issue a permit to lay a private drain from the sewer in Russell street to the estate numbered 28 on said Russell street, the greater part of which estate is in the city of Cambridge, when the city treasurer shall have received, for the privilege of draining said estate into said sewer, the sum of Eighty and 7/100 dollars, the said estate being owned by Joseph W. Jordan, and consisting of buildings and about 8,000 square feet of land and being the same marked "Stephen W. Trowbridge" on plan entitled "Russell Street Sewer," on page 15 in book of plans of sewers, Vol. G. in the city engineer's office.

Adopted.

Resolves and Orders for the taking of land for the purposes of common sewers, in — Orders ✓

East Albion Street and Ash Avenue

and

Moreland and Meacham Streets and Ash Avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 340 to 344, and 345 to 352, inclusive, of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers,

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of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were
Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor May 14

√ Orders — Alderman Jones offered orders for the construction of common sewer in
East Albion street and Ash Avenue
and
Moreland and Meacham streets and Ash Avenue
are recorded respectively, on pages 564 and 566 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville
Read twice and adopted
Approved by the Mayor May 14

√ Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order
Ordered,
That the agreement between the City of Cambridge and the City of Somerville in regard to sewage and drainage of Tannery Brook District, which agreement was read and approved at the meetings of both branches of the City Council held May 5, 1896, may be amended by inserting therein at the end of section twelve a new clause, as follows, "The City of Somerville shall not have the right, and hereby also agrees not, to impose any assessment upon any land in Cambridge as a betterment or otherwise for the construction or maintenance under this agreement of any sewer, drain, channel or water course." That the Mayor, Albion A. Perry, be and he hereby is authorized to sign, seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville the said agreement, as amended as aforesaid.
Read twice and adopted by unanimous yea and nay votes. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council May 13, Received its first reading. Amended by changing date in fifth line of the order from May 5th to May 6th.
As amended received its second reading and adoption by unanimous yea and nay votes. Sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen May 13, Amendment by council adopted, and order as thus amended adopted in concurrence.

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Approved by the Mayor May 14. (For Agreement see page 178)

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered.

That the Committee on Sewers be and they hereby are authorized and instructed to cause surveys to be made and orders prepared and such other proceedings taken as they shall deem necessary in regard to the construction of main drains and common sewers and also surface water drain in the Tannery Brook District.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor May 14

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Herbert W. Greene for a permit to stand a night lunch wagon in Davis Square, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted.

Alderman Berry resolves and orders for the construction of sidewalks in — Orders ✓

Adams street
Beacon street
Belmont street
Cherry street
Highland Avenue from Grove street to West street
Highland Avenue from Medford street to Walnut street
Madison street
Medford street
Mossland street
Pearl street
Robinson street
Rossmore street
Stickney Avenue
and
Summer street

as recorded respectively, on pages 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72, and 75 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks + Hearings and Construction of the

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Read twice and adopted.

The orders for sidewalks in Adams st., Beacon st., Belmont st., Cherry st., and Highland Avenue from Grove street to West street, were approved by the Mayor May 16, and the remaining orders were approved by him, May 15, 1896.

Order

Alderman Berry offered an order granting to the West End Street Railway locations in Washington street, as recorded on page 237 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways.

on the petition of Thomas C. Conner for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, in Dresden Circle, the petitioner to furnish the edgestones, reported an order,

on the petition of Michael Kelley for a brick sidewalk at 253 and 255 Broadway, with a grass-plot between the bricks and edgestones, reported an order,

on an order of April 22, submitted the following lists of proposals received to pave Washington Street between Joy street and Medford street and to pave Medford street between Somerville Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad, the paving blocks to be furnished by the city.

Paving of Washington Street between Joy Street and Medford Street.

Names of Bidders	Paving on Gravel foundation (2500 sq. yds.) per sq. yard	Setting (50 lin. ft.) Edgestone per lin. foot	Relaying brick Sidewalk (10 sq. yds.) per sq. yard	Laying Grass walks (60 sq. yds.) per sq. yard	Total
Soule, Dillingham & Co.	$ 1.40	$ 0.17	$ 0.35	$ 1.35	$ 3.589.60
Albert A. Gibby & Co.	1.05	0.20	0.50	1.00	2.696.00
William H. Gore	0.93½	0.28	0.45	1.25	2.425.40
Jones & Meehan	0.87	0.22	0.50	0.85	2.237.60
H. Gore & Co.	0.85	0.15	0.43	0.60	2.169.80

Paving of Medford Street between Somerville Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad.

Names of Bidders	Paving on Concrete foundation per sq. yard (1750 sq. yds.)	Edgestone reset per lin. ft. (50 lin. feet)	Relaying brick sidewalks per sq. yd. (10 sq. yds.)	Grass walks relaid per sq. yd. (15 sq. yds.)	Excavation below surface grade per cu. yd. (30 cu. yds.)	Total

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Albert F. Libby & Co.	$ 2.10	$ 0.20	$ 0.40	$ 2.00	$ 0.75	$ 3.804.50
James V. Meehan	1.95	0.22	0.50	2.00	0.90	3.544.00
Smith Dillingham & Co.	1.80	0.17	0.35	1.70	1.38	3.282.90
William H. Gore	1.77½	0.28	0.45	1.25	2.50	3.271.75
H. Gore & Co.	1.73	0.15	0.43	1.73	3.00	3.207.15

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13 Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows. Orders ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized to construct a gravel sidewalk with edgestones on Dresden Circle for Thomas C. Conner said Conner to furnish the edgestones at his expence, and the same to be satisfactory to the Committee on Highways, the expence of constructing said sidewalk to be charged to the appropriation for Highways.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized, to construct a brick sidewalk with a grass plot of suitable width, between the bricks and the edgestones, in front of the estate of Michael Kelley Nos. 253 & 255 Broadway, when the petitioner shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer, a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the bricks to be used in the construction of said sidewalk, the expence to the city to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to make a contract with H. Gore & Co. for the paving of Washington street, between Joy street and Medford street, and for the paving of Medford street, between Somerville Avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad, at the prices named in their respective proposals in said Committee's report, submitted this day, the expence incurred under the contract first mentioned to be charged to "Highways" Paving of Washington street" and the expence under the other contract to "Highways" Paving of Medford street," account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized, to purchase a Springfield Steam Road Roller of the O. S. Kelley Co. of Springfield

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Ohio, at a cost not to exceed thirty-five hundred dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to "Highway Steam Road Roller Account No. 2."

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, on an order of April 8, to let the court room in the Police Building, Bow street, to the County of Middlesex, for six hundred dollars per year, from January 1, 1896 reported that the room has been let as authorized by said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders — Alderman Chandler offered the following orders.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Public Property be and it is hereby authorized to purchase a #4 Smith Premier typewriter for the use of the Clerk of Committees' department, the cost of the same to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it is hereby authorized to purchase a No. 4 Smith Premier typewriter for the use of the assessors' department, the expense of the same to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

√ Order — Alderman Chandler offered an order authorizing the Committee on Public Property to fit up and use the abandoned engine house on Highland Avenue at the corner of Walnut street, for the storage of bicycles, during school hours, for the scholars of the Latin and English High schools, the expense to be charged to School House Incidental account.

Read once and further consideration postponed until the next meeting.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Grounds, on an order of April 22, referred to

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said committee) relating to the placing of settees on the Central Hill Park, reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Public Grounds be and it is hereby authorized to purchase 25 settees to be placed on the several parks and public grounds of the city, as the said committee shall see fit, - the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds Account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 13, Received its first reading. Amended by substituting the number 40 for 25, and inserting between the words settees and to in the second line of the order the words twenty five settees to be placed in Central Hill Park and the remainder. As thus amended received its second reading and adoption. Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 13, Amendment by Council lost and former action adhered to. Sent down for information

In Common Council May 13, Order adopted without the Amendment, in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen

Approved by the Mayor May 14

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, be and it is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of fuel for the schoolhouses and public buildings of the city, said proposals when received to be submitted to the City Council

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 13, Adopted in concurrence

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The Committee on Fire Department, on an order of April 8, to remove the paving blocks in the driveway in front of the old Fire station on Highland Avenue, at the corner of Walnut Street, and place the same in front of — Report ✓

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the new Fire Station in Ward One, at the corner of Broadway and Cross street, reported that the said blocks had been removed and relaid as authorized by said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Water,-

on the petition of C. Everett Clark and others, that Medford street between Highland avenue and Gilman square be watered, reported that under authority of an order passed May 1, said street is to be watered.

on an order of April 17, to make contracts with sundry persons for the furnishing of drivers, horses and harnesses for street watering for the season of 1896, reported contracts have been made as authorized.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

The Committee on Printing, to which was referred an order of May 1, in regard to furnishing copies of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Use of Streets," &c, reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders

Alderman Andrews offered the following orders.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Printing be and it hereby is instructed to furnish one thousand suitable posters of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the Use of Streets" to be posted in conspicuous places in the streets of the city by the Committee on Highways; the expense of furnishing said posters to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Printing be, and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to have printed one hundred copies each, of the seventeen street lists of assessed polls, as compiled by the Board of Assessors for the year 1896, and eighteen copies additional of the whole, to be bound in half leather for the

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ness of the Assessors, and Registrars of Voters, the same to be delivered at the Assessors office, on or before the fifteenth day of July next, in accordance with section 18 of chapter 147 of the Acts of 1893; the expenses so incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

The Committee on Finance — Reports ✓

on an order of May 1, to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $2,500.00 on Funded Debt account, for a lot of land for a Fire Station in Ward Four, reported an order

on an order of April 22, to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $17,000.00 for a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent Street, reported that it is impossible to appropriate the amount named as it exceeds the borrowing capacity of the city,

on an order of April 17, to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of $55,000.00 for the purchasing of a lot of land in Ward Three and the erection of a twelve-room brick schoolhouse thereon, reported inexpedient, as provision has already been made for increased school accommodations in Ward Three

on an order of April 20, to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of $4,000.00 for a lot of land adjoining the Beach Street school house, reported inexpedient to increase the amount already appropriated.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered,

That for the purpose of providing for the purchase of a lot of land in Ward Four, the sum of $2500 be, and it hereby is, appropriated to the following account, to wit; Fire Department, = Land for Fire Station, Glendon Hill, Ward Four, and the committee on finance be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to include said sum in the amount hereafter to be borrowed on funded debt account.

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Received its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay vote, two thirds of all the members of the Board being present and voting. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage, by unanimous yea and nay vote, in concurrence, two thirds of all the members being present and voting.

Approved by the Mayor May 13.

Orders

Aldermen Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of five thousand dollars for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Glenn school-house.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of six thousand, five hundred dollars, for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Bell Schoolhouse.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 13.

Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered,

That the city clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to cause publication of Ordinance No 88, entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Use of Streets" to be made in one issue of the Somerville Journal, agreeably to the requirements of section 3 of chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of 1894, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

Orders

Resolves and Orders for the laying out of

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Avon Street,

and

Riverside Avenue,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 260 to 264, and 268 to 272, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

Communication from Mayor disapproving order for purchase of ladder trucks for new Fire Stations Ward Two

His Honor the Mayor read the following communication, which was filed with the City Clerk, with the order to which it relates, May 11.

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the order which originated in your Honorable Board, authorizing the committee on fire department, among other things, to purchase a hook and ladder truck, to be put in service January 1st, 1897.

Several reasons for opposing the purchase of a hook and ladder truck were stated at length in an earlier message to the city council, read in your Honorable Board, on the first day of the present month. While I deem it unnecessary to repeat the objections set forth in my previous message, it may not be out of place to call your attention to the following significant facts.

1. During the last three years more than $75,000 has been added to the funded debt of the city for fire department buildings and equipments.

2. During the same term the city has purchased one steam fire engine, one chemical engine and equipment, and one hook and ladder truck. A large expenditure has also been made for electrical apparatus.

3. During the last two years three substantial and costly hook fire stations (including the Ward Two building) have been erected.

4. In the year 1891 the fire department appropriation was $32,000. This year it is $57,450.

5. Last year the fire department appropriation was $47,000, but the committee expended $57,592.11, overdrawing their appropriation to the amount of $4,455.09. You will please note that this year's appropriation is a little less than the sum actually expended last year, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the expense of maintaining the department has been largely increased by the

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building of the Ward One station, and the balance made on the salaries of the chief engineer and call-men.

In view of the foregoing facts, may it not be wise to call a temporary halt in the further increase of a department which has grown with such unusual celerity, and is likely, if not checked, to soon become the most expensive department under the control of the city council?

Under your serious consideration of the present condition of the fire department appropriations, a condition due solely to the unprecedented development of the department during the last three years. You have set aside for this year's maintenance of the department the sum of $57,450. During the first four months of the year the committee have expended $23,330.67. Making due allowance for the advance payment of water bills, the expense of the department, down to the present time, has been at the rate of $61,270.61 per year. You have voted to place in the new Ward One fire station, and to immediately equip for service, a steam fire engine. This is likely to carry the total expenditure of the year to at least $63,500, and mean a deficit, at the close of the year, of not less than $12,000. Would it not be well for you, gentlemen, to consider, even at this early date, where the money is to be found to make good such a deficiency? It is indeed, a stranger spectacle in finance to see a department, which has been allowed $57,450 for its use, going on months after month expending money at the rate of more than $61,000 per year.

After the appropriation is exhausted, not one dollar can be lawfully expended, nor can a single purchase be lawfully made. It would be humiliating to see our fire department, of which we are justly proud, doing its work during the last two months of the year not knowing where or when to look for its compensation.

If you have carefully followed my statements and figures, you will perceive that, with the addition of a steamer to the equipment of the new fire station, we shall have a fire department calling for an annual expenditure for its maintenance of about $63,000. Should a new ladder truck be purchased this year and placed in service on the first day of next January, as directed by the order under consideration, the appropriation for 1897 must be at least $65,000. With your intimate knowledge of the financial condition of this city, and the pressing demands of every department for increased appropriations, do you believe, gentlemen, it will be proper or even possible to place our fire department next year on a $65,000 basis? If such a result is reached, I believe it will be

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deeply regretted by every man who has the highest prosperity of Somerville at heart; for it means the crippling of every other branch of the city's service.

The chairman of the fire department committee has stated, in his argument before this board, that many unpaid bills were left over from last year, to be paid from this year's appropriation. He suggests that it is only fair to allow his committee to make a like bequest to the city council of 1897. I find, upon examination and inquiry, that the unpaid bills of last year, of which the alderman complains, amounted to about $700. You will doubtless agree with me that this is rather a small sum to serve either as an excuse or justification for transmitting to our successors a legacy of dishonored bills, aggregating not less than $11,000.

It is well known that those who were instrumental in securing the new Ward One fire station did not expect a hook and ladder truck would be immediately added to its equipment. Not the slightest reference to such a piece of apparatus was made in the inaugural address of Mayor Hodgkins, nor in the reports of the chief engineer of the fire department until the present year. Mayor Hodgkins, in his last inaugural, speaks of the purchase of a site for a steam station in Ward One, not even hinting at a hook and ladder truck equipment.

I am convinced that the Glendon Hill district has today a much stronger claim upon this city council for an expenditure for fire department purposes than any other sections of the city, for it has not a single piece of fire apparatus in its territory. It seems unfortunate ~~unfortunate~~ that the present needs of such an important and rapidly growing part of our city should be lost sight of in the great to provide for the future requirements of the easterly sections of Somerville. Have you stopped to consider, gentlemen, what the annual expenditure for fire department purposes will be when the new station in Ward One is equipped with a steamer and ladder truck, and a completely furnished building is established on Glendon Hill? Surely it cannot be less than $10,000, and you will bear in mind that in all my figures and estimates no account has been taken of the sums required for interest on the debt created for fire department purposes.

The order against which this message is directed calls for the purchase of a ladder truck the present year, but postpones its acceptance January 1st, 1897. It seems to have been recognized by your honorable board that no appropriation could be made this year for the maintenance of the truck. Does you think that the city council of 1897 will be better circumstanced than you are? Is it fair to place your successors in such a position that they will feel compelled to

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do something which may be directly contrary to their best judgment? If they must decide the question of the city's ability to man and operate the truck would it not be well to allow them also to decide whether the apparatus shall be purchased?

Unless you wish to buy a ladder truck merely for the adornment of the beautiful new fire station, or really fear that the market supply of trucks will be exhausted a few months hence, I hardly see on what ground such an expenditure can be justified.

In deciding this question you ought not to forget that each hose carriage is partially equipped with ladders, and that the East Somerville district is within a few minutes' run of the Central fire station with its excellent apparatus and service, and almost equally near the fire stations on Marshall Street and Washington Street. This district is also so situated as to receive prompt assistance from the Boston department.

Cambridge with its much larger territory and population, has only three ladder trucks, Charlestown has only one, and the same is true of Medford.

I cannot, in view of all the facts presented, approve the purchase of a new ladder truck. It seems to me unaccountable that the fire department should be selected for such generous treatment, to the neglect of other equally important branches of the city's service.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor.

Read for information

√ Order

On reconsideration of the order returned by the mayor with the foregoing communication, authorizing the purchase of a ladder truck and three horses for the new Fire Station in Ward One at the corner of Broadway and Cross Street, the adoption of said order was lost by a yea and nay vote, Alderman Pratt - 1, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews - 7, voting in the negative.

√ Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized, to purchase three horses at an expense not to exceed four hundred

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and fifty dollars and also to purchase three harnesses at an expense not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Stations Ward Elec Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 18.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George F. Vincent

Clerk

Agreement with City of Cambridge – Tannery Brook Sewer

1 The following is a copy of the agreement referred to in an order passed May 18 and recorded on page 164 of these records.

The City of Cambridge and the City of Somerville, municipal corporations in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, do by virtue and in pursuance of the powers to them given in and by Chapter Two Hundred and Thirty-eight of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six and of every other power and authority them hereto enabling, covenant, promise, and agree to and with each other, as follows,–

1

The plans in this agreement referred to are designated as follows,–one is designated as "Plan A, Tannery Brook Sewer District, showing Sewers as proposed to be built by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville under an Act of Legislature, approved April 4, 1896, S. M. Hastings, City Engineer, April 1, 1896," one copy of said plan being kept in the office of the City Engineer of Cambridge and one copy in the office of the City Engineer of Somerville; one plan is designated as "Plan B. Plan showing Storm Water Drainage Area, April 1, 1896, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," and is annexed to this agreement; one plan is designated as "Plan C. Plan showing House Sewage Area, April 1, 1896, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," and is annexed to this agreement. Said plans are referred to, and are to be regarded as a part of this agreement, the object of which is to provide for the sewage and drainage of the territories respectively, as referred to in said chapter 238 of the Acts of 1896, and as shown on said "Plan C" and "Plan B."

2

The word "sewage" as used in this agreement shall be construed to mean sewage from houses or buildings or what is generally known as "house drainage", and including roof water in Cambridge only; the word "drainage" as used in this agreement shall be construed to mean storm water or surface water, including roof water; the word "sewer", as used in this agreement, shall be construed to mean a sewer for the conducting away of sewage; the word "drain", as used in this agreement, shall be construed to mean a drain, channel, pipe or water course whether open or covered, for conducting away drainage.

3

The sewage areas in Cambridge and Somerville respectively, the sewage of which is to be discharged into the sewers to be constructed in Cambridge, as hereinafter described, and conducted through the same into the Metropolitan Sewer,–

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shall comprise that territory, as shown on said Plan C and enclosed within the broad blue lines thereon, the foregoing is to be regarded as a description of the territory referred to in section one of said act. The drainage area in Cambridge and Somerville respectively the drainage of which may be by the City of Somerville received into, and conducted away through, drains to be constructed or maintained by it, shall comprise that territory, as shown on said Plan B and enclosed within the broad blue lines thereon, the foregoing is to be regarded as a description of the territory referred to in section six of said act.

4.

There shall be four outlet pipes or points at which the City of Somerville shall have the right to discharge its sewage into the sewers to be constructed in Cambridge, and these pipes or points shall be located on the division line between Cambridge and Somerville at the points as shown on said Plan A, one being on Clarendon Avenue, one on Newbury Street, one on Yorktown Street, and one on Seven Pines Street, being streets as shown and thus named on said plan.

5.

The City of Cambridge shall take the necessary land and construct a sewer therein from the point on Clarendon Avenue, marked "D" on said plan, to and connecting with the Metropolitan Sewer, and shall also take the necessary land and construct lateral sewers therein, said lateral sewers connecting with the main sewer hereinafter described (which main sewer is to be built by the City of Somerville), and such lateral sewers to extend in Clarendon Avenue, Newbury Street, and Yorktown Street to the three said outlet points in said streets.

6.

As authorized by section seven of said chapter 208 of the Acts of 1896, the City of Cambridge will take the necessary land for the purposes as hereinafter stated, from said point marked "D" on Clarendon Avenue (on the route and location as shown on said Plan A) to said outlet point on Seven Pines Street in the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville, both for a main drain or common sewer and for a drain, channel, or water-course, such drain, channel, or water-course to be constructed by the City of Somerville for conducting away drainage.

The City of Somerville shall construct a drain, channel, or water-course and also sewers as shown on "Plan A" in the land taken by the City of Cambridge as aforesaid, from said point marked "D" on Clarendon Avenue to

said outlet point on Seven Pines Street.

All the aforesaid sewers and said drain, channel or water-course, as to the elevations of the same, their elevations at said outlet points, their dimensions at said outlet points or elsewhere, their particular locations, the width of their locations or takings, the positions of the sewers and drains in the locations, manholes, regulators, overflow pipes and otherwise, shall be constructed and located as shown or located on said "Plan A."

The grades or elevations, as shown on said "Plan A," refer to the Cambridge city base.

Said cities shall proceed with reasonable dispatch to construct said sewers, and said drain, channel or water-course, which they respectively are to construct as aforesaid, in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner, such constructions to be completed during the present year, and at said four outlet points the City of Somerville may connect with said sewers respectively its (said City of Somerville's) outlets sewers for the sewage of said territory in Somerville. All the said sewers in Cambridge, including those ~~those~~ to be built by the City of Somerville as aforesaid, shall be owned and shall be maintained by the City of Cambridge without expense or charge therefor to the City of Somerville, but each city shall have the joint right to perpetually use the same. The said drain, channel or water-course in Cambridge shall be owned by the City of Somerville and shall be maintained by the latter without expense or charge therefor to the City of Cambridge, but each city shall have the joint right to perpetually use the same.

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In consideration of the things hereinbefore specified to be done on the part of the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville hereby agrees to pay to the City of Cambridge for its rights in and to the use of said sewers, as its share of the expense of the same, and of land taken therefor and for said drain, channel or water-course as aforesaid, fifty-one seventy-eighths (51/78) of the amount which shall be paid by the City of Cambridge for land in Cambridge taken by it as aforesaid by purchase or otherwise, and shall also pay to the City of Cambridge as its (said City of Somerville's) proportion of the cost of sewers and as an adjustment between said cities of the cost of the sewers to be constructed by them respectively, the further sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four and sixty-hundredths Dollars ($2684.60). The said payment for land damages is to be made to the City of Cambridge in January of each year as fore all settlements made up to that date for

land damage, and the sum of $2694.60 above mentioned is to be paid when the sewers to be built by Cambridge are completed and ready for use.

8

As the City of Somerville may desire to lay, make and maintain a drain, channel or water-course, either in whole or in part upon or across, on and from Somerville to, and to discharge into, Alewife Brook, and through Cambridge, and lateral drains, channels or water-courses from Somerville to and to discharge into said drain, channel or water-course, and for the purposes, as described in section six of said chapter 238 of the Acts of 1896, and as it is provided in section thirteen of said chapter that the City of Somerville shall have no right to construct within the limits of Cambridge any such drain or water-course, or to take land therefor, until such agreements shall be made between said cities as to them shall seem advisable in regard to the particular location of such drain or water-course within the limits of Cambridge and of the land to be taken therefor, now it is agreed between said cities that the particular location of said main drain, channel or water-course in Cambridge and of the land to be taken therefor, from the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville to Blanchard Avenue, shall be as shown on said "Plan", and shall be taken as aforesaid forthwith by the City of Cambridge, and shall extend from the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville at Seven Pines Street northwesterly to the northwesterly side line of Blanchard Avenue, at which place it shall discharge into January Brook, and thence the drainage shall flow through said Brook into Alewife Brook. Said drain shall be constructed by the City of Somerville in the year 1896, and shall be owned and maintained by the City of Somerville, and both cities shall have the perpetual right to use the same.

The City of Cambridge is also to have the same rights of drainage in said drain it now having January Brook.

For the purpose of extending said drain from Blanchard Avenue to Alewife Brook or disposing of the drainage discharged from said drain, or for the purpose contemplated by section six of said chapter 238, the City of Cambridge hereby agrees and consents that the City of Somerville, under and in pursuance of the authority conferred by sections six and seven of said chapter 238, or other power and authority it thereto enabling, may from time to time or at some future time take by purchase or otherwise said January Brook from Blanchard Avenue to Alewife Brook or any part of the same or the use thereof or of any part of the same, over strips of land or any part of the same of the width of not more than thirty feet,

extending from Clarendon Avenue northwesterly to Alewife Brook and including within its limits Tannery Brook, and may widen, deepen and improve by walling up or covering the same or otherwise, and may use Tannery Brook and may conduct drainage into said Brook, but while it is intended that said strip shall substantially follow the course of and include Tannery Brook, it is agreed and understood that the location of said strip may vary from that of said Brook (provided that the central line of said taking shall not at any place be at a greater distance than one hundred feet from the present central line of Tannery Brook as now located), where in the judgment of the City of Somerville it shall be deemed advisable for the purpose of straightening of said Brook or avoiding interference with buildings or payment of excessive damages, or for other reasons which are deemed advisable, and the mayor and aldermen of the City of Somerville may as in said Act provided, lay, make and maintain a drain, channel or water-course either in whole or in part open or covered in and through said strip to, and to discharge into, Alewife Brook, and may also lay, make and maintain lateral drains, channels or water-courses, and the City of Somerville may take land therefor if deemed by it necessary, in said Clarendon Avenue, Newbury Street and Yorktown Street, or any or either of them, from the Somerville and Cambridge dividing line to and to discharge into said main drain, or such parts of said drains, channels or water-courses, or any of them, as they shall from time to time or at any time deem expedient, provided, however, such taking, construction and maintenance shall be subject to prior rights of the City of Cambridge therein.

9.

Surface, ground and roof water (including discharges from any storm water overflows from any sewer, but otherwise no sewage) from the territory as shown on "Plan B" may be conducted and discharged by said cities respectively into said drains, including said Brook, channels or water-courses, within the limits of Cambridge the discharge of such water into said drains, channels or water-courses shall be by means of proper connections, and all such connections with such drains channels or water-courses may be made by the City Engineer of Cambridge at any time at the branches provided by the City of Somerville for that purpose, and at any other places may be made after notice to the City Engineer of Somerville, and in a manner satisfactory to and approved by him, but all such surface water shall before entering such drains, channels or water-courses be conducted through catch basins.

Branch connections for future drains of the City of Cambridge shall be in-

sented by the City of Somerville in marine drawing at the locations shown on said Plan A. No surface water shall be allowed by the City of Somerville, and no surface water, except roof water, shall be allowed by the City of Cambridge, to discharge into said sewers, the same being intended, except as aforesaid, only for the conducting away of sewage.

10.

If at any time the expense of operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Sewer shall be apportioned so that the City of Cambridge shall be accredited and be required to pay for any of the sewage discharged into the Metropolitan Sewer from the territory in Somerville through any of the sewers herein described, the City of Somerville agrees to pay the City of Cambridge such sums as would have been charged to the City of Somerville for such sewage, if the sewage from said territory had been discharged directly by said Somerville into the Metropolitan Sewer, the City of Somerville thus agreeing to re-imburse and repay to the City of Cambridge any and all additional or extra amount of assessments which the said City of Cambridge shall be obliged to pay on account of any Metropolitan Sewer assessments or charges for the sewage discharged into the Metropolitan Sewer from the territory in Somerville on "Plan B."

11.

If at any time any misunderstanding shall arise or difference of opinion shall exist between the two cities, parties to this agreement, concerning the meaning and intent of this agreement or any of its provisions, or the execution of the same, or the construction, use, operation and maintenance of the sewers and drains, channels or water-courses herein referred to, and the parties hereto are unable to agree touching any matters herein referred to, it is agreed that any such question shall be left to a board of three referees, each city choosing one referee and the two choosing a third, neither of whom shall be residents of either Cambridge or Somerville, and the decision of said board of referees, or a majority of them, shall be final and binding on both parties to this agreement.

12.

If the City of Somerville at any time in the construction of any sewer, drain, channel or water-course under this agreement shall enter upon or dig up any street railroad, highway or other way in the City of Cambridge, it agrees hereby that it shall not unnecessarily obstruct such street, railroad, highway or other way, or render the same unsafe or unnecessarily inconvenient to public travel thereon, and that in regard thereto it shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as may

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be prescribed by the Mayor and aldermen of the City of Cambridge, that it will restore said road, street or way to as good order and condition as it was in before such entry upon and digging upon was commenced, that it will reimburse to the City of Cambridge all expense the latter shall reasonably incur by reason of, and at all times indemnify and save harmless the City of Cambridge against all damages which may be recovered against the City of Cambridge ~~against all damages which may be recovered against the City of Cambridge~~ by reason of any defect or want of repair in such road, street or way caused by the construction, maintenance, repair or replacing of any sewer, drain, channel or water-course to be constructed, maintained, repaired or replaced by the City of Somerville as aforesaid, or by reason of any injury to persons or property caused by any defect or want of repair in any such sewer, drain, channel or water-course which is to be maintained by the City of Somerville as aforesaid, and that it will also indemnify and save harmless the City of Cambridge against all damage, loss and injury the latter may sustain, incur and suffer arising out of and in any way connected with any suits or actions brought against the City of Cambridge by reason of any change by the City of Somerville in the location or grade of the Brook or drains, channels or water-courses, or by the construction by the City of Somerville of any such drain, channel or water-course above referred to or by or in consequence of any act done by the City of Somerville with reference to the construction, maintenance and use of any such drain, channel, brook or water-course by the City of Somerville, provided that in all the foregoing cases the City of Somerville has notice of any claim or suit for such damage or injury and an opportunity to assume the defence thereof. The City of Somerville shall not have the right and hereby also agrees not to impose any assessment upon any land in Cambridge as a betterment or otherwise for the construction or maintenance under this agreement of any sewer, drain, channel or water-course.

In witness whereof, the City of Cambridge has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by William A. Bancroft, its Mayor, and the City of Somerville has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by Albion A. Perry, its Mayor, this twentieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

(Corporate Seal)

City of Cambridge
by Wm A Bancroft,
its Mayor

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(Corporate Seal)

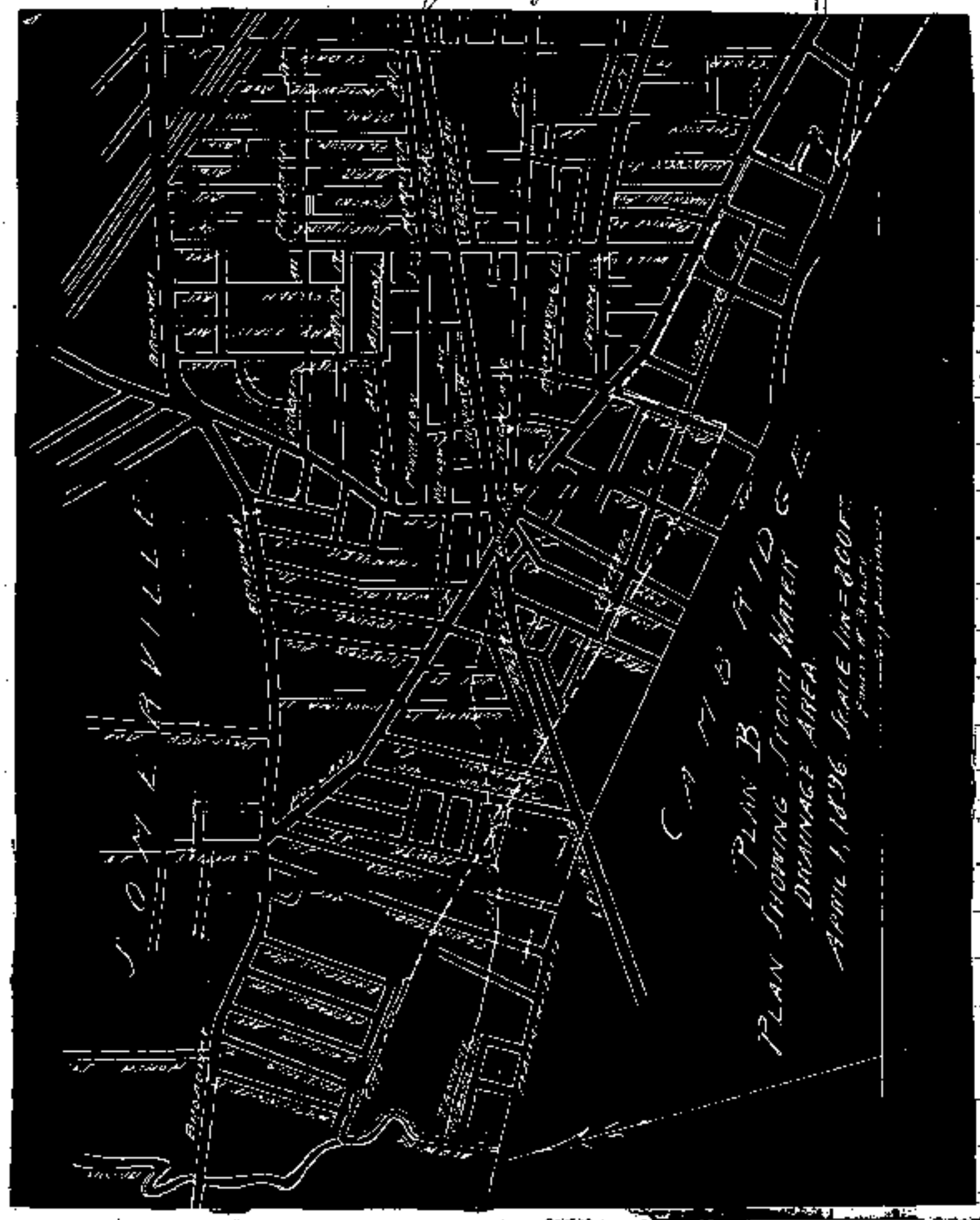
City of Somerville,
By its Mayor,
Albion A. Perry.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex, ss. Somerville, May 21, 1896.

Then personally appeared the above-named Albion A. Perry and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of Somerville, before me,

Selwyn J. Bowman,
Justice of the Peace



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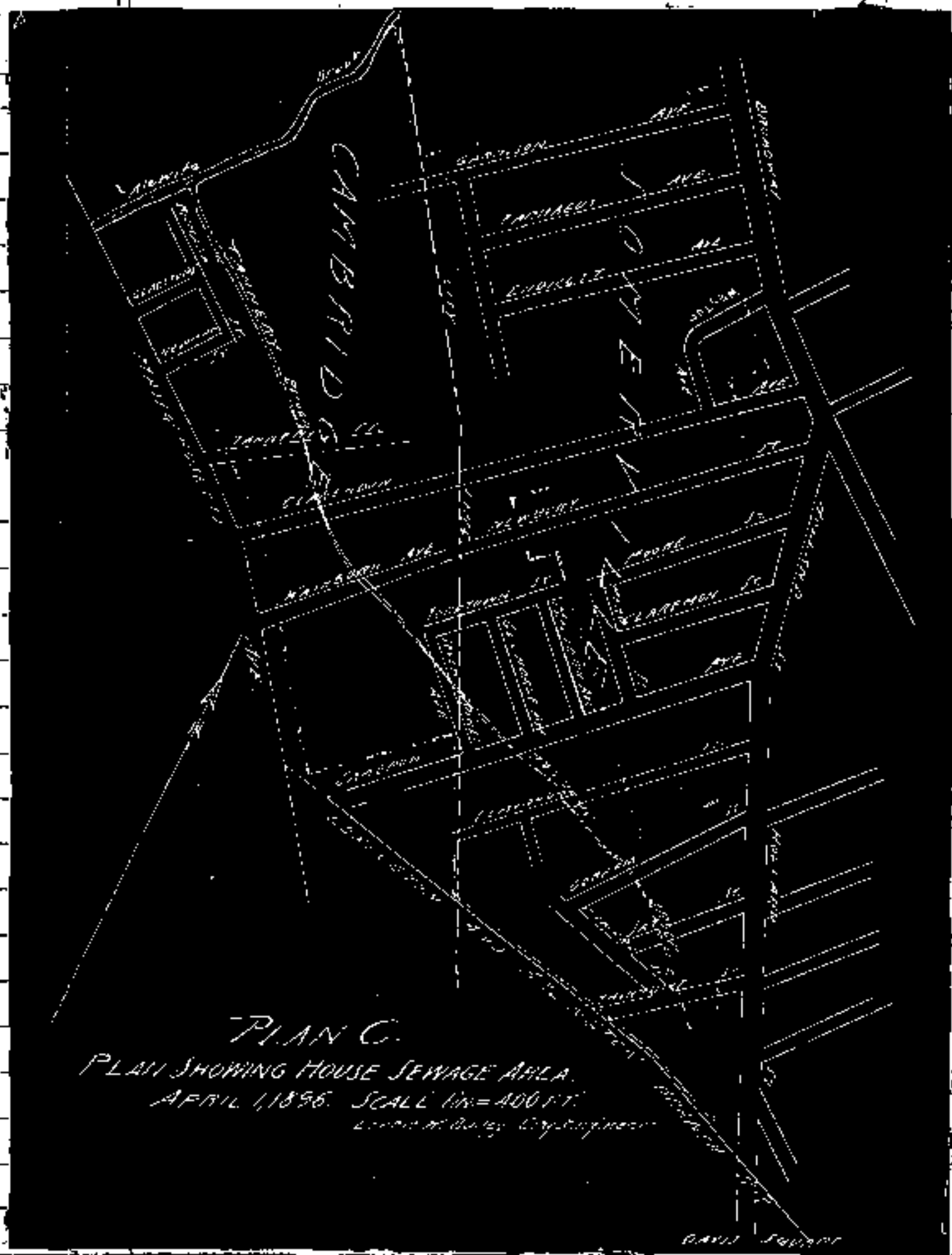

City of Cambridge.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on the 12th day of May, 1896, and of the Common Council, held on the same date, the following Order, which was approved by the Mayor, May 12th, 1896, was passed, to wit;

City of Cambridge,

In Board of Aldermen, May 12, 1896.

Ordered,—

That chapter two hundred thirty-eight, entitled "An Act relating

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to the Building of Sewers in Cambridge by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six be and the same hereby is accepted.

Adopted, Sent down for concurrence

Attest, Edward J. Brandon, City Clerk

In Common Council, Concurred May 12th, 1896

Attest, Edward A. Counihan, Clerk

Executive Department, May 12th, 1896

Approved, Wm. A. Bancroft, Mayor

A true copy,

(Corporate Seal) Attest, Edward J. Brandon,

City Clerk of Cambridge

City of Cambridge,

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on the 19th day of May, 1896, and of the Common Council, held on the same date, the foregoing agreement having been read and considered, the following Order, which was approved by the Mayor, May 20th, 1896, was passed, to-wit,

City of Cambridge,

In Board of Aldermen, May 19, 1896

Ordered,—

That His Honor the Mayor, William A. Bancroft, be and is hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the City of Cambridge, upon the delivery to him of a like instrument duly executed by the City of Somerville, to seal with the corporate seal, execute and deliver an agreement, the form of which has just been read, in regard to the sewerage and drainage of the Tannery Brook District so-called in Cambridge and Somerville, said agreement being made under the provisions of Chapter 281 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six

Adopted, Sent down for concurrence,

Attest, Edward J. Brandon, City Clerk

In Common Council, Concurred, May 19th, 1896

Attest:- Edward A. Counihan, Clerk

(Corporate Seal) Executive Department, May 20th, 1896

Approved, Wm. A. Bancroft, Mayor,

A true copy

Attest, Edward J. Brandon,

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City Clerk of Cambridge

City of Somerville

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on the sixth day of May and of the Common Council held on the sixth day of May, 1896, the foregoing agreement having been read and considered, the following Order, which was approved by the Mayor, May Twelfth, 1896, was passed, namely,

Ordered, – That the Mayor, Allison A. Perry, be and he hereby is authorized to sign, seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville, the agreement which has just been read, dated May 20, 1896, between the City of Cambridge and the City of Somerville, in regard to the sewerage and drainage of the Tannery Brook district so called in Cambridge and Somerville, said agreement being made under the provisions of chapter 238 of the Acts of 1896. At said meetings of the Board of Aldermen and of the Common Council the following Order, which was approved by the Mayor, May 12th, 1896, was passed, namely,

Ordered,

that chapter two hundred thirty eight, entitled "An Act relative to the Building of Sewers in Cambridge by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville," of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six be and the same hereby is accepted.

Attest, George S. Vincent,

City Clerk of Somerville

City of Somerville,

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, May 13, 1896.

Ordered,

That the agreement between the City of Cambridge and the City of Somerville in regard to sewage and drainage of Tannery Brook District, which agreement was read and approved at the meetings of both branches of the City Council held May 5, 1896, may be amended by inserting therein at the end of section twelve a new clause, as follows,

"The City of Somerville shall not have the right, and hereby also agrees not, to impose any assessment upon any land in Cambridge as a betterment or otherwise for the construction or maintenance under this agreement of any sewer, drain, channel or water course."

That the Mayor, Allison A. Perry, be and he hereby is authorized to sign, seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name and be-

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half of the City of Somerville the said agreement, as amended as aforesaid.

(Signed) H. D. Jones

Endorsements on back

In Board of Aldermen, May 13, 1896.

Read twice and adopted by unanimous yea and nay votes. Sent down for concurrence.

George I. Vincent, Clerk

In Common Council, May 13, 1896.

Received its first reading, amended by changing date in fifth line of the order from May 5 to May 8. As amended received its second reading and adoption by unanimous yea and nay votes. Sent up for concurrence.

Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

May 14, 1896, Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

In Board of Aldermen, May 13, 1896

Amendment by Council adopted and order as thus amended adopted in concurrence.

George I. Vincent, Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy

Attest George I. Vincent

City Clerk (Somerville)

Attest.

George I. Vincent

City Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to act upon matters pertaining to the proposed sewer in Tannery Brook District - all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing -

City Hall, Somerville, May 21, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Bowe, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Communication from Mayor

The order passed May 13, amending the joint rules and orders of the City Council by providing for a committee on Electric Lines, was returned by the Mayor, with the following message.

City of Somerville, Mayor's Office.
May 19, 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return to your Honorable Board the foregoing order, my objection to the same being that it makes the mayor a member of the proposed committee on electric lines. I believe it would be better to put upon the committee in his place the alderman whose name appears first on the committee on police.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert A. Perry, Mayor

Read for information.

Order

The order to amend the joint rules and orders so as to provide for a committee on Electric Lines, which order was returned by the Mayor, with the foregoing message, was reconsidered, and its adoption, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding, was lost by a yeas and nay vote; Aldermen Chandler, Huntley and Andrews - 3, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Bowe, Wright, Jones, Pratt and Berry - 5, voting in the negative.

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Received the resignation of Edward E. Hamblen as a police patrolman. Accepted. — Resignation ✓

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of April. — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, May 21, Read for information.

Received a notice of a hearing by the Harbor and Land Commissioners May 19, 1896, at 10 O'clock A.M. on the petition of the Metropolitan Water Board for the approval of plans for laying two parallel lines of 36-inch pipe across Mystic River, between Somerville and Medford, about 25 feet below Middlesex Avenue Bridge, under the authority of Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1895 (received by the City Clerk May 15, and City Solicitor and City Engineer notified by him). Placed on file. — Notice of Hearing ✓

Received the following copy of an order from the County Commissioners for the reconstruction of the bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Washington street. — Copy of Order ✓

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, holden at Cambridge within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

The Directors of the Fitchburg Railroad Company by their President H. S. Harvey Esq. by their petition to said Commissioners — among other matters — pray that an alteration be made in the crossing of Washington street and said Railroad, in the city of Somerville, in the bridge at said crossing, and in the approaches thereto, in order that said bridge may be lengthened as will more fully appear, reference being had to the petition filed of record in the case.

The petition was presented to the County Commissioners, at their meeting holden at Cambridge, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of January A.D. 1896, when and where said Commissioners caused notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, of the time and place when and where they would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties, as by

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their orders of notice on file and of record will more fully appear, and thence said petition was continued to this time.

And now the said Commissioners make return of their proceedings in the premises, as follows, The County Commissioners for said County, having given notice as the law directs, met at the Union Depot Station of the Fitchburg R. R. in Somerville in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of February in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, when and where the parties appeared, to wit, the petitioners by A. S. Shewer Esquire, Chief Engineer of the Fitchburg Railroad Company and the respondents by Selwyn J. Bowman Esquire city solicitor of Somerville, and L. R. Sigel Wentworth Esquire, attorney.

The premises having been examined, and the parties fully heard, said Commissioners do determine and decide that alterations are necessary, and do now prescribe the manner and limits within which said alterations shall be made.

The present bridge and abutments shall be removed and replaced by a new bridge and new abutments, and the approaches to said bridge shall be reconstructed to conform to the new arrangement of said new bridge and abutments.

The new abutments shall be built of masonry equal at least in quality to first class rubble, laid in cement mortar, and shall be of sufficient length with suitable wing walls to properly support the bridge. Said abutments shall be placed parallel with the tracks of said railroad, and shall be at least forty-nine and five tenths (49.5) feet in the clear distant from each other measured at right angles to the center line between the present main tracks of said railroad and equidistant from said center line.

The new bridge shall be at least fifteen (15) feet in the clear above the tracks of said railroad and shall consist of iron or steel girders and floor beams, with wooden stringers and floor planking. There shall be three iron or steel girders placed parallel with the track lines and twenty-two (22) feet on centers, one girder to be placed in the center line and one each side of the central girder, thus forming two roadways which shall be each at least twenty feet wide in the clear.

There shall be two overhanging sidewalks at least six (6) feet in the clear.

The bridge shall be calculated to safely sustain one hundred pounds to the square foot of floor area, moving load, in addition to the dead weight of the structure itself.

The approaches to said new bridge shall be reconstructed so that the grade

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on the center line of said street shall not exceed seven (7) feet in a hundred on the westerly approach and (6) six feet in a hundred on the easterly approach.

The roadway shall be graded true to line and grades and shall be properly crowned. The width of the roadway shall be forty (40) feet. Sidewalks shall be built on both sides the street. The new grades shall connect with the old grades of the street by suitable vertical curves. The wearing surface of the approaches shall be macadamized, and made exact to line and grade.

Suitable guard rails shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places.

The above description of said alterations is intended to conform to sheets of three (3) plans filed with the records of said commissioners, said plans bearing date Mar. 1896, and further described as "Proposed changes in bridge No. B 2 over tracks of the Fitchburg R.R. at Washington street, Somerville. Mass. Scheme No. 3 March 1896." To which plans reference is made for a more particular description of lines, grades and construction.

The whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

And said Commissioners order that said returns be accepted and recorded, and that all the matters therein ordered be done and performed accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, the said County Commissioners have hereunto set their hands this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

J. Henry Read
Saml. C. Upham
Francis Bigelow

A true copy of record.

Attest

Ralph W. Smith
Asst Clerk

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 21, Read for information.

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee = that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors, — Petitions ✓

Edward F. Holland	9 Bonair street,	Aged 11 years
Frederick W. Pynes,	86 Bedford street,	" 14 "

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both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from Albert F. Barnes and Samuel Fine, both of Somerville, approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from Albert F. Barnes, Samuel Fine, Joseph F. Sander, Alfred Shiner - all of Somerville, - approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to cry his goods in the streets, from Jorge Tichias, 298 Endicott street, Boston, - who has a $50.00 State license, approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from
James A. Annis, Henry A. Pestell &
George H. Phillips, all of Somerville,
approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk and to cry his goods in the streets, from
Benjamin Koin, whose name does not appear on the list of assessed polls,
Given leave to withdraw

√ Petition — Received a petition from Frank H. Beede for a licence for musical entertainments in the First M. E. Church, Wednesday and Thursday evenings May 20 and 21,
recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor and licence issued by the city clerk

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Issuing of licence approved.

Received petitions for licences for entertainments, from — Petitions ✓
Herbert C. Stone, dance and dramatic entertainment, in Odd Fellows Hall, Winter Hill, Friday evening, May 22,
Benjamin F. Teeling Jr. base ball game, Y.M.C.A. Grounds, Saturday afternoon, May 30,
both recommended by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

Received a petition for a licence to cry his goods in the streets, from — Petition ✓
Francesco A. Romano, 9 Main street Charlestown, who owns the premises No. 30 Horace street, Somerville.
Referred to Committee on Licences.

Received petitions for licences to play piano organs in the streets, from — Petitions ✓
Angelo and Louis Colaluco, Angelo Diaco and another, and Giovanni Pia and another, all of Boston.
Referred to Committee on Licences.

Received petitions for licences from — Petitions ✓
Edgar W. Evans, as an Auctioneer,
William F. Mills for an additional pool table at 524 Medford street.
Jeremiah Shea as a Common Victualler at 216 Somerville Avenue.
Geo. B. & Wm. S. Beckford, to keep an Intelligence Office, at 18 Union Square.
Edgar J. Howland, of the sixth class, for the sale of intoxicating liquors, at 370 Somerville Avenue, accompanied by the requisite certificate from the State board of Regis. in Pharmacy.
Henry Gunsenhiser, to slaughter cattle (including calves) at 164 North street, the estimated number per week being twenty neat cattle and fifteen calves, the product being quarters of beef and carcasses of veal, and the days and hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 10 O'clock A.M. and five O'clock P.M. the petition being duly subscribed and sworn to, on the form furnished by the cattle commissioners, and filed in duplicate.

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Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for the 17th of June and the 4th of July, from

Mrs Elizabeth Harding	203 Medford street
Leonard H. Libby	243 Holland street
Sarah E. Robinson	308 Highland Ave
Lucius E. Stackpole	18 Broadway

Referred to Committee on Fire Department

Petition — Received a petition from Charles Drouet, for permission to project a part of the coping of a four story wooden building, to be erected between Somerville avenue and Bow street, at their junction, sixteen inches over the sidewalks of said avenue and street,

accompanied by the following order

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Journal of the 21st inst.

Petition referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Order adopted

Petitions — Received petitions from

Alexander Rosenberg for a permit to erect and maintain a swinging sign, at No. 1 B Davis Square, to project about feet over the sidewalk,

George H. Clarke, for a permit to set a hitching post at 44 Prescott Street

Edgar H. Evans and others for curbing on the northerly side of Glasgow street, between Holland and Mead Streets

Alexander Munroe and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Newton street, from the Fitchburg Railroad to Concord Avenue

Referred to Committee on Highways

Communication — Received a communication from The New England Telephone and Tele-

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graph Company of Massachusetts, stating that it is proposed to begin the work of placing its wires underground, and enclosing the draft of a form of ordinance under which it would satisfactorily undertake the proposed work, and requesting the consideration and action of the City Council in the matter.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from J. A. Durell and others, that the grade of Partridge Avenue, between Hadford street and Broadway, be changed as indicated on plan entitled "Partridge avenue, for Acceptance", on file in the city engineer's office. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21, Reference concurred in.

Received notice of — Notices ✓

John Stone, for compensation for injuries received at about 8.45 P.M. of Thursday, May 7, by falling into a fence post hole on the right hand side of Highland avenue going toward Willow avenue, at a point about eighty feet from Willow avenue, and adjoining land said to be owned by W. P. Rice, the post hole being one of several and, to the best of his knowledge and belief, was the ninth or tenth post hole from Willow avenue. (filed with the city clerk May 15)

Harry K. Wiley, by his attorney, Joseph N. Pastene, of injuries to wife and damage to wagon, by the colliding of the wagon with a mound of earth projecting about seven inches above the surface on Flint street, nearly opposite the residence of B. S. Arnold, numbered 51 on said street, on Thursday, April 16, at about 8 o'clock P.M. by which collision his wife was thrown from the wagon, (filed with the city clerk May 15, an attested copy having previously been filed and recorded with the records of a previous meeting)

Ida M. Wiley, by her attorney, Joseph N. Pastene, of injuries received, Thursday, April 16, at about 8 o'clock P.M. by being thrown from a wagon which collided with a mound of earth, projecting about seven inches above the surface of the street, on Flint street, about opposite the residence of B. S. Arnold, numbered 51 on said street,

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(filed with the City Clerk May 15, an attested copy having previously been filed and recorded in the records of a previous meeting)

Referred to Committee on Claims, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 21. Reference concurred in.

Jurors

Received a message for the drawing, out of the box, of three men to serve as Jurors, Jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of June next, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday, the eighth day of June, 1896, at ten o'clock, A.M.

By direction of the mayor the City messenger passed the box to Alderman Andrews, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Melzer C. Moore, to Alderman Barry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Francis J. Brown, - and to Alderman Huntley, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Charles H. Lockhart. J.

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the messenger to the mayor, who verified the said names by reading them aloud, and the same slips were then passed to the city clerk, who read aloud therefrom the said names, and after endorsing the slips, returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Orders

The orders for the fitting up and use of the abandoned engine house on Highland Avenue at the corner of Walnut street, for the storage of hayden during school hours, for the pupils of the High schools, - action on which was postponed, at the last meeting of the board, "until the next meeting", - were

Laid upon the table

Reports

The Committee on Special Building Permits, - on the petitions of Samuel R. Kletter, for a license to keep eight horses in a stable to be erected in rear of No. 5 Warren Avenue, - and Nellie Dillon and others, for a hearing in remonstrance against the continued use of a stable at No. 22 Elm street, for ten horses, reported orders for hearings

Accepted

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

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That Wednesday May 27th 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room, be, and are hereby designated, as the time and place for a hearing of all persons interested in the petition of Samuel B. Blethen for a licence to keep eight horses in a stable to be erected in rear of No. 5 Warren Avenue, and it is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Somerville Journal of the 23rd inst.

Ordered.

That Wednesday May 27th 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room, be, and are hereby designated, as the time and place for a hearing of all persons interested in the petition of Nellie Dellea and others for a hearing in remonstrance against continued use of a stable at No. 22 Glen street for ten horses - and it is further ordered, that notice of said hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Somerville Journal of the 23rd inst.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor May 21.

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Charles F. Collett and others a common sewer in Fremont street, a private way, submitted a report in favor of the taking of land for the purpose of such sewer, as recorded on page 353 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 21, Accepted in concurrence.

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Fremont street, as recorded on page 354 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order of Notice ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 21.

The Committee on Sewers, submitted an order establishing a system of sew- — Report ✓

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erage for the Tannery Brook District and an ordinance in regard to sewers in said district.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 21 Accepted in concurrence.

✓ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,-

By virtue and in pursuance of the provisions of section seven of chapter fifty of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and of the provisions of section five of chapter two hundred thirty eight of the acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred ninety-six and of every other power and authority hereto enabling, that the City Council of the City of Somerville does hereby adopt a system of sewerage for a part of the territory of said city, which part is hereby and herein designated as and called the "Tannery Brook District", and comprises and includes the territory as shown, laid down and delineated on a plan entitled, "City of Somerville Plan of Tannery Brook Sewer District, G. H. Bailey, City Engineer, May 9, 1896" (which plan is now, and is to remain, on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and is hereby referred to as ~~and is hereby referred to as~~ and is hereby made a part of this order), and being that part of the territory of said city shown within the broad blue line on said plan, marked "District Boundary Line".

That the City Council does hereby order and provide that one third (1/3) of the expence of the system of sewers hereby adopted (including the expence of or for sewers in Cambridge, as hereinafter referred to, into and through which the sewage of said district is to be discharge) for said part of the territory of said city and of the sewers therein shall be paid by the City of Somerville, and assessments of the remaining two thirds (2/3) under section four of chapter fifty of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto shall be made upon the owners of estates within said territory, namely, said Tannery Brook District, by a fixed uniform rate based upon the estimated average cost of all the sewers in said territory (including the cost of or for sewers in Cambridge as aforesaid) both according to the frontage of such estates on any street or way in said territory where a sewer is constructed, and according to the area of such estates within a fixed depth of one hundred feet from such street or way, but no assessment in respect to any such estate

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which by reason of its grade or level or for any other cause, cannot be drained into such sewer shall be made, certified or notified, until such incapacity is removed.

That where such estates abut upon more than one street or way, such assessment shall be assessed upon such estates upon the frontage upon one such street or way and upon so much of such other street or streets as is not exempted by the board, whose duty it shall be to make the assessments, and said board may exempt from assessment so much of the frontage on such other street or streets as they deem just and equitable.

The estimated average cost of all the sewers in and composing the said system (including as a part of such cost to the City of Somerville the cost to the City of Somerville of sewers in Cambridge, or any amount to be paid by the City of Somerville to the City of Cambridge for or on account of the construction or use of sewers in Cambridge, into and through which the sewers in said district are to discharge their sewage, all as provided for and referred to in said chapter two hundred thirty eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred ninety six, and especially in section five of said chapter) is hereby fixed at two dollars and eighteen cents per running foot, the same having been so found and determined, and the said fixed uniform rate to be assessed upon estates is hereby fixed and established at fifty (50) cents for each foot of frontage of estates on any street or way in which a sewer is constructed, and five (5) mills upon each square foot of area of such estates within said fixed depth of one hundred feet from such street or way, the said rates having been so found and determined and based upon the estimated average cost as aforesaid of all the sewers in said system and district.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 21.

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, entitled, "An Ordinance in regard to sewerage in the Tannery Brook District, so called," was Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence. (see subsequent record)

Ordinance ✓

The Committee on Sewers to which was referred the order to cause surveys to be made and orders prepared and such other proceedings taken as

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they shall deem necessary in regard to the construction of main drains and common sewers and also surface water drains in the "Tannery Brook District," referred to in said, as follows, namely, That in the judgment of said committee, the public convenience and the public health require that Main Drains or Common Sewers and a surface water drain should be laid, made, and maintained as referred to in the orders submitted herewith, and to that end that the land should be taken as in said orders referred to. That the said Committee visited the premises, and caused the admeasurements and boundaries of the said land, as proposed to be taken for the purpose of laying, making, and maintaining said surface water drains and said Main Drains or Common Sewers as aforesaid, to be distinctly marked out on the premises by the City Engineer, said admeasurements and boundaries, the manner in which said taking shall be completed, the names of all owners of land included therein and in any way sustaining damage by the said taking of said land, and the amount of damage fairly and reasonable to be awarded to each of said owners, being detailed and specified in the Redes and Orders herewith transmitted, which is made a part of this report, and the committee also reports the accompanying Orders of Notice for adhearing by the Mayor and Aldermen, and Redes and Orders for the taking of said land.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21 Accepted in concurrence

Orders of Notice taking of land for sewers and drains Tannery Brook District

Orders of Notice

City of Somerville,

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen May 21, 1896

Whereas,-

In the opinion of the Mayor and Aldermen and of the Common Council it is necessary, and it hereby so adjudged, for the public convenience and the public health that main drains or common sewers and also a covered drain, channel or water-course (hereinafter referred to as the surface water drain) for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm water or surface drainage and storm water from any overflow from main drains or common sewers as referred to in section 6 of chapter 231 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year 1896, should be laid, made, and maintained in Seven Pines Street, Lemuel Street, Elmwood Street, Gorham Street, Howard Street, private ways so called, and in certain private lands, adjacent to or lying between said streets,

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and from the dividing line on Seven Pines street, between Cambridge and Somerville to Holland street, all as hereinafter more particularly described, and for such purposes namely, for the purposes of said main drains or common sewers and said surface water drain and laying, making, and maintaining the same and for a right of way therefor through or in such private ways and lands it is necessary that private lands and lands in or forming said private streets or ways or parts thereof, all as hereinafter more particularly described, should be taken, the lands to be taken as aforesaid being bounded and described, as follows, namely.

Beginning at a point, as shown on the plan hereinafter referred to, in the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville and on the northeasterly side line of Seven Pines street, said point being distant one hundred forty-eight 17/100 feet northwesterly from the northwesterly side line of Cameron Avenue; thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly line of Seven Pines street one hundred forty-eight 17/100 feet to the northwesterly side line of Cameron Avenue; thence running southeasterly and a little more easterly sixty-one feet to the southeasterly side line of Cameron Avenue; thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly division line of land of the West End Street Railway Company ninety-eight 5/10 feet; then running southwesterly four 55/100 feet; thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly division line of land of Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy and crossing Elmwood street three hundred thirty-two 67/100 feet; thence running easterly on land in part of Roderick McIsaacs and in part on land of Martin W. Carr one hundred seventy-seven 85/100 feet to the northwesterly line of Gorham street; thence running easterly across said Gorham street to the southeasterly line of Gorham street forty-four feet to a point twenty-five feet on said Gorham street northeasterly from the northerly line of Howard street; thence running in a curved line, as shown on said plan, thirty-two 15/100 feet to the northerly line of Howard street to a point distant twenty-five feet easterly from the easterly line of Gorham street; thence running southeasterly on the northerly line of Howard street three hundred seventy-seven 85/100 feet to a point in the northerly line of Thorndike street; thence running easterly by land of Clifton A. Kennedy and on the northerly line of Thorndike street, twenty-two 43/100 feet; thence running southerly across Thorndike street and then by land of John Hyrnee one hundred thirty 95/100 feet; thence running southwesterly and nearly southerly by land of Daniel Demmon one hundred four 44/100 feet to the northerly line of the location of the Lexington and Arlington Branch

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Railroad of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, thence running southeasterly on the northerly line of the said railroad location four hundred seventeen 4/100 feet, thence running southerly on the westerly line of Holland street twenty two 7/10 feet, thence running northwesterly on a line distant fifteen feet from the northerly line of the location of said railroad and parallel thereto four hundred nineteen feet, thence running northerly to the northerly location line of said said-road twenty 7/100 feet, thence continuing and running northerly on lands of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company eighty four 4/100 feet, thence running northerly in a more westerly direction on land of John Byrnes ninety-one 1/10 feet to southerly line of Thorndike street, thence running northwesterly across Thorndike street seventy 7/100 feet to the intersection of the northerly line of Thorndike street and the southwesterly line of Howard street, thence running northwesterly along the westerly line of Howard street four hundred fourteen 7/100 feet, thence running northeasterly and directly northerly across Howard street forty feet to the northwesterly line of Gorham street, thence running westerly on lands of Martin W. Lowe one hundred fifty-five 75/100 feet, thence running southwesterly along the division line between said Lowe and heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy ten 50/100 feet, thence running northwesterly on lands of heirs of said McCarthy and across Glenwood street and then on other lands of said heirs and then on land of West End Street Railway Company four hundred twenty-eight 7/10 feet (in all) to the southwesterly line of Cameron Avenue, thence running northwesterly and more westerly across Cameron Avenue sixty-five feet to the northwesterly line of Cameron Avenue, thence running northwesterly on the southwesterly line of Seven Pines street ninetieth 27/100 feet to the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville, thence running northerly on said dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville and across Seven Pines street one hundred thirty-four feet to the point of beginning, be said admeasurements or any of them more or less or however otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described; the above described land and premises are as shown and delineated on a plan entitled "City of Somerville, January Book Sewer District. Plan showing Grade taken for Sewer and for Surface Water Drain, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, May 13, 1896" (which plan is hereby referred to as and is hereby made a part of this notice, and the land taken consists of the strips shown on said plan as colored sienna) and as referred to and described in a report of the Committee on Sewers and a form of Resolve and Order transmitted therewith, said plan and report and the resolve and order transmitted therewith being deposited in the office of the City Clerk

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Vice, therefore, hereby

Ordered:

That due notice in the manner provided by law, and to be served by any constable of the City of Somerville or by any other person thereto duly authorized, and to be published in the newspaper called the Somerville Journal be given to:- Benjamin J. Downs, Andrew A. Lamont, and William McDonald, Trustees, and West End Street Railway Company, mortgagee, West End Street Railway Company, Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy, Roderick McIsaac, and Fred Bailey, mortgagee, Martin W. Carr, and Cambridge Savings Bank, mortgagee, Charles J. Simpson, Silas S. Cummings, Clifton A. Kennedy and Elliott G. White, mortgagee, John Byrnes, and Evelina C. Stone mortgagee, Daniel Demmon, Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and all other persons and corporations interested that it is the intention of the Mayor and Aldermen and of the Common Council to take said lands as before described for the purposes of said surface water drain and said main drains or common sewers and for the purpose of laying, making and maintaining a surface water drain and main drains or common sewers therein and to lay out said surface water drain and said main drains or common sewers and to estimate the damages occasioned thereby, and also that due notice be given to all persons and parties owning or having any rights in estates that will be benefited by the said main drains or common sewers that it is intended to assess a proportional part of the charge of making and repairing the same and of the charge not already assessed of making and repairing other main drains or common sewers through which the said main drains or common sewers may discharge upon the estates benefited, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of a proportional part of the cost of laying main drains or common sewers, and that Wednesday, the tenth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, at eight o'clock, P.M., and the Common Council Room in the City Hall on Highland Avenue are assigned as the time and place for the hearing by the Mayor and Aldermen and the Common Council of all persons interested and of any objections which may be made thereto.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, May 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 21

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Order ✓

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Ordered,

That the Chief of Police, be and he hereby is, authorized and instructed, to retain the men now on the reserve police force, at a salary of $2.50 per day, until after the regular men in the department shall have had their usual summer vacations, the expense so incurred to be charged to Police account.

Read twice and adopted

Presented to the Mayor May 23

√ Reports

The Committee on Public Property,-

on an order of Jan 16, to consider the advisability of enlarging the Prescott school building by the addition of four rooms, reported inadvisable,

on the petition of Mrs. A. M. Mabie and others, that the Leather & Kelly schoolhouse be put in proper sanitary condition, reported that the building has been thoroughly cleaned, and that plans are being prepared for improved heating and ventilating apparatus,

on an order of April 17, to procure plans and specifications for the addition of four rooms to the Jacob T. Glines Schoolhouse, submitted plans by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, and recommended their adoption.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 21. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows

Ordered,-

That the plans submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, prepared by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, for an addition to the Jacob T. Glines school house, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the construction of such addition in accordance with said plans.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 21, Received its first reading, Second reading refused.

In Common Council May 27 Refusal of second reading of order re-considered and second reading given, Order adopted in concurrence by a yes and nay vote as follows, Councilmen Kerry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Sapham, Sowell, Carr, Cummings, Ball, Damont and the President (14) in the affirmative, and Councilmen Tarbox and Russell (2) in the negative

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Approved by the Mayor June 2

The Committee on Water - Reports ✓

on petitions for the watering of streets - from Mrs. G. C. Dunbar and others, Oliver street, from Cross to Glen - E. C. Lundgren and others, Harrison street, from Kent to Ivaloo - and L. Roger Wentworth and others, Munroe street, from Walnut as far as accepted - reported that in view of the large amount of watering now being done it is impossible to extend the routes, and recommended leave to withdraw.

on an order of April 22, for the purchase of a watering cart, reported that a cart has been purchased of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co. for $36700.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 21, Accepted in concurrence.

on an order of April 17, (referred not passed,) for the watering of the streets on Sundays reported inexpedient, as the appropriation is inadequate.

Acceptance lost by a yea and nay vote, Alderman Wright, Huntley and Andrews - 3, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Jones, Pratt, Chandler and Berry - 5 voting in the negative.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Water be and is hereby instructed to water the streets of this city on Sundays during the present season, the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Streets Accounts.

Read twice and adopted and sent sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 21, Received its first reading. Second reading refused by a yea and nay vote as follows, Councilmen Berry, Irving, Raymond, Tarbox, Russell, Lamont and the President (7) voting in the negative and Councilmen Timson, Barrows, Gapham, Carr, Cummings and Ball (6) voting in the affirmative.

In Common Council May 27, Reconsideration refused.

Alderman Wright offered the following order. Order ✓

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Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase a horse and exchange the old horse for the use of the superintendent of electric lines and lights, at an expense not to exceed $275.00, and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor May 23.

Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order:

Ordered,-

That section one of article one of the Joint Rules and orders of the City Council be amended by adding at the end of the clause numbered fourteen in said section, a new clause, as follows:

15. Electric Lines, — to consist of the first alderman on the Committee on Police, the Chairman of the Committee on Fire Department, and the Chairman of the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, together with one councilman from the Committee on Fire Department, and one Councilman from the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, and to have charge of the fire alarm and police signal system and all electric lines and apparatus of the city.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 29.

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order:

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Finance be and hereby is requested to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of $1000.00, for the purpose of fitting up a hall on the first floor, (with suitable ante-rooms on the second floor) for council rooms or other public purposes, or such other public purposes as such hall may legally be used for, of the building formerly used as an engine house on the corner of Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, and report to the City Council at its earliest convenience.

In Common Council May 21, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 21, Adoption lost.

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order:

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Whereas, a bay window in the second and third stories of a building now being erected on land on the southwesterly side of Highland Avenue, bounded southeasterly by the premises belonging to the Institution of the Little Sisters of the Poor, projects over the sidewalk of said Highland Avenue, - the said land and building being, as it is understood by this city council, owned by Henry H. P. Coleman, and Whereas, no permission has been granted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the projection of said bay window over the sidewalk of said avenue, - it is therefore hereby - Ordered, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to take the necessary legal steps to secure the removal of so much of said bay window as projects over said sidewalk

Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 25.

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the City Clerk be and he hereby is, directed to purchase and to submit to the city solicitor for revision and approval, a copy of the city charter as now in force, - omitting such portions as have become inoperative, and supplying all amendments that have been made by subsequent legislation, with such notes as may be necessary to explain the changes, and it is further Ordered, - That the committee on printing be, and hereby is, instructed to have printed three hundred copies of the charter as provided under the foregoing order, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence. - In Common Council May 21 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 25

Attest:

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville, May 27 1896

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed May 21, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Charles Drouet, for permission to project the coving of a four-story wooden building to be erected between Somerville avenue and Bow Street, at their junction, sixteen inches over the sidewalks of said avenue and street, notice having been published by the petitioner, as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed May 21, a hearing was given, for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Samuel B. Blethen, for a license to keep eight horses in a stable to be erected in rear of No. 5 Warren avenue, notice having been published as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed and approved May 21, a hearing was given for all parties interested in the petition of Nellie Dellea and others, for a hearing in remonstrance against the continued use of a stable at No. 212 Glen street, for ten horses, notice having been published as directed by said order.

Mr. Nason, of Nason & Proctor of Boston, Attorneys, appeared for the petitioners, and Mr. Albert M. Davis, the owner of the premises mentioned, appeared in opposition to the revocation of the license granted him, by this board, to keep ten horses in the stable referred to in the petition.

It appeared, by the testimony introduced, that the premises have been used until within a few months, in the sale of grain and coal; that the buildings, which were old, consisted of an office, 10 by 15 feet, and another building 20 by 30 feet, standing near the street and within a very few feet of the buildings on the adjoining

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lots; that two horses were then kept, on the premises, the manure being thrown upon the land in the rear; that the lot measures 32 by 114 feet; that Mr. Davis has removed the larger building to the rear of the lot, setting it lengthwise across the lot, and is fitting it up for a stable, with manure pit and perfect drainage facilities and with 7 open stalls and 2 box stalls; that a shed is to stand in front of the stable, 50 feet deep, leaving a space of 44 feet between the shed and the street; that Mr. Davis, for the last five years has not kept more than five horses, but has obtained a license for ten horses to have the privilege of increasing the number kept if he should so desire.

Testimony in support of the petitioner was given by:-

John Dellea, representing the premises, No. 20 Glen street;
Joseph T. Berry, owner of a double lot, with four tenements, adjoining the stable lot;
T. W. Adams, a tenant in No. 26 Glen street;
John H. Peaks, a tenant in No. 26 Glen street;
John T. Sellers, owner and occupant of 28 Glen street;
A. M. Perry, owner and occupant of No. 16 Glen street;
Charles Hughes, owner and occupant of No. 46 Glen street;
Charles E. Giles, owner and occupant at corner Webster and Glen streets;
P. G. Mooney, owner and occupant of No. 21 Glen street;
James G. Morrison, owner and occupant of No. 25 Glen street;
and Charles H. Bilgate, owner and occupant of No. 22 Glen street.

It was contended that as the street is used exclusively for residential purposes, - with the exception of a lodder factory at the corner of Broadway, and two stables besides the one under consideration, both of which are in rear of dwellings, the use of the entire lot owned by Mr. Davis, for so many horses, in a general teaming business, would depreciate the value of neighboring property, cause tenants to vacate, and impair the comfort and convenience of those living near, and of those having to face the premises in going to or from their street dwellings on Broadway or otherwise.

The stable was also objected to because it would be in use very early in the morning, before the usual hour for rising, it would draw flies and emit offensive odors, the employees would be of an objectionable character, rough in manners and language, and the usual quiet of Sunday would be disturbed by the work necessarily done at the stable on that day.

Testimony against the revocation of the license was given by Mr. Davis

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the owner, and by Mr. Wallace E. Dowley, who resides at No. 47 Glen Street, and keeps twelve draught horses in a stable in the rear of his residence.

The witnesses contended that the change on Mr. Dunn's premises would be an improvement, as the new stable would stand on the rear of the lot and would have all sanitary requirements, of which the old stable has none; stables now existed on Butler Street, immediately in the rear of several of the Glen Street houses.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearings

In pursuance of orders of notice approved April 23, hearings were given to all persons desiring to object, on the construction of sidewalks on

Broadway
Hudson Street
Pearl Street
and
Highland Avenue

all persons interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Returns recorded respectively on pages 77, 84, 85 and 86 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

Communication from Mayor returning with objections to return of reserve police

The Mayor presented the following communication:

City of Somerville,
Mayor's Office, May 27, 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the order adopted by your Honorable Board on the 21st day of the present month, authorizing and instructing the chief of police to return the men now on the reserve police force, at a salary of $2.50 per day, until after the regular men in the department shall have had their usual summer vacations, the expense so incurred to be charged to Police account.

My objections to the order are as follows:

First, There is no occasion for directing the chief of police to return the men now on the reserve police force, as he could not, under any circumstances, remove

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them. These men hold permanent positions, and can only be removed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

Second. The order undertakes to fix the compensation of the reserve police force, but this it cannot do, not having been acted upon by the common Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor.

Read for information.

The order returned with the foregoing communication from the mayor, instructing the Chief of Police to retain the men now on the reserve police force at a salary of $2.50 per day, until after the summer vacations of the regular men, - was

Reconsidered. Adoption lost by an unanimous vote, taken by yeas and nays.

Order ✓

The Mayor appointed subject to confirmation,

John A. Dadman,

as a police patrolman, said Dadman now being a permanent member of the reserve police force.

Action by the board deferred, and the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Appointment ✓

The Mayor presented a communication to him from the Clarendon Hill Improvement Society, stating that at a meeting of that society held May 11, Benjamin J. Towns, George M. Harmon and George W. Holden were appointed a committee to wait upon the Mayor and state the wishes of the society in the matter of the proposed fountain in Teele square.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 27, Read for information.

Communication ✓

The appointments made by the mayor at the last meeting of Charles A. Tucker, Amherst F. Durkee, Thomas W. Lane, Thomas H. Mickle, Charles E. Lockwell, Joel J. Fisher and C. Edward Byrnes, as Weighers of Coal and Weighers of Beef, and of John H. McKenna as a Constable of the City of Somerville, were

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confirmed by the board of aldermen.

√ Communication — Received a communication from Frederick C. Fuller, Inspector of Buildings, stating that, in his judgment, certain changes are desirable in Ordinance No. 50 being an ordinance in relation to the Construction of Buildings and asking that the matter receive early consideration.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Reference concurred in.

√ Request — Received a request from the Somerville Mystic Water Board, for an additional appropriation, from the earnings of the department, of $6,000.00, for Water Works Extension, for the purpose of laying water pipes in streets that are now supplied by Cambridge.

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Reference concurred in.

√ Request — Received a request from the School Committee, that a piano be procured for the use of the Kindergarten of the Prospect Hill district, to replace the one destroyed by fire in February last, at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Reference concurred in.

√ Request — Received the annual request of the School Committee, for repairs on school buildings and grounds.

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Reference concurred in.

√ Communication — Received a communication from Horace M. Parsons, Captain of Company M, 8th Regt. M.V.M. tendering the services of the company as an escort to the city government from the city hall to its position in the line of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day.

Proffer of escort accepted, with thanks. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Proffer of escort accepted, with thanks, in concurrence.

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Received drain layer's bonds, each in the sum of One thousand dollars, and approved as to form, by the City Solicitor, from	Drain Layer's Bonds ✓
Maurice Buttimer, with Richard Falvey as surety,	
Jeremiah Donovan, with Julius A. Durell and George F. McKenna as sureties,	
Richard Falvey, with Maurice Buttimer as surety,	
Charles A. Kelley, with George D. Goodrich and Allen F. Carpenter as sureties,	
Charles A. Morgan, with Charles S. Butters, as surety,	
Daniel W. Perry, with Joseph Miller of Cambridge and William A. Muzzy as sureties.	
Accepted and approved.	
Received petitions for licenses to give entertainments, from Edward M. Almeda, base ball game on Y.M.C.A. Grounds May 27, recommended by the Chief of Police, (license not issued as game was not played)	Petitions ✓
Placed on file.	
Edward Colden, concert and dance, in Union Hall, May 22,	
Henry Higgins, literary and musical, in Union Hall, May 22, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and licenses issued by the city clerk.	
Issuing of licenses approved.	
Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from Joseph Andelman and Charles Faulkner, both of Somerville, approved by the Chief of Police.	Petitions ✓
Licenses granted.	
Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from Joseph Andelman, Joseph Krenovich, Richard Canavan, Patrick H. Coakley, Charles Faulkner, Ira B. Rives and Thomas S. Russell, all of Somerville, approved by the Chief of Police.	Petitions ✓
License granted.	
Received petitions for licenses to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, from Michael Gibiberti and Willard A. Miller, both of Somerville.	Petitions ✓
Licenses granted.	

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✓ Petition	Received a petition for a licence to collect junk from Samuel Heilmann, Given leave to withdraw (he could not wait for action by the board)
✓ Petition	Received a petition for a licence to cry his goods in the streets, from Matthew O'Brien, of 14 Harding street, Cambridgeport, who keeps a coal and wood cellar at 75 Somerville Avenue. Referred to Committee on Licenses
✓ Petition	Received a petition from Giuseppe Mizzo, for a licence to play a clarionet in the streets. Referred to Committee on Licenses
✓ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for the 17th of June and the 4th of July, from Charles W. Coy, at 50 Union Square, Leonard M. Libbey, at 243 Holland St. Charles S. Lothrop, at 151 Elm St. Thomas McIntosh, at 375 Beacon St. Ada C. Burch, at 543 Somerville Ave. Amy Singleton, at 99 Medford St. Herbert H. I. Smith, at 277 Elm St. Emily & Hannah A. Stuart, at 38 Cross St. Lewis R. Stuart, at 312 Broadway Thomas Woods, at 418 Somerville Ave. Referred to Committee on Licenses.
✓ Petitions	Received petitions from Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows,- on Highland avenue, at westerly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, a projection in the second and third stories of a building to be erected, also the coving of said building as shown on plan, said first-named projection to project over the sidewalk one foot; also on Highland avenue, at the easterly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, a bow window in the second and third stories of the house now being erected,- to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches.

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Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Each of the foregoing petitions was accompanied by the following order

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that seven days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Journal of the 30th inst.

Adopted

Orders of Notice of hearings

Received petitions from

Petitions ✓

Dennis L. Collins for a drain in Eugenia lane,

Joseph F. Wilson and others for common sewer in Alpine street, extension, from the present Allston street (? Alpine street) to Lowell street near the intersection of Woodbine street in Princeton street, from Alpine street to Lowell street, and in Lowell st.,

Charles Booth and Malcolm McLean, for a sewer in Broadway, from the manhole in Bedford street southerly about 325 feet, and for a public hearing in the matter,

George H. Hadley, for a catch basin on the northerly side of Broadway between Union street and the Boston line

Otis Wentworth, for permission to drain that portion of his estate, No. 605 Broadway, that lies within the limits of the City of Medford, as well as the front thereof in Somerville, into the sewer recently laid in Broadway, opposite said estate

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received communications from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts waiving notice of hearings on change of locations of poles, - one on Vinal avenue, and one at the corner of Austin street and Broadway, also waiving notice of hearing on relocation of the company's pole line on Medford street between Beacon and Washington streets

Placed on file

Communications ✓

Received a petition from Hermon S. Church, for permission to project a

Petition ✓

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swinging signs about four and one half feet over the sidewalks on the northwesterly corner of Elm and Day streets.
Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions — Received petitions from
Josiah Barr, for a driveway across the sidewalks in front of his premises, No. 101 Wallace street, at his expense.
Joseph F. Wilson and others, for the acceptance of Albine street, from Bedford street to the new extension of Albine street.
Joseph F. Wilson and others, for the acceptance of Alpine street, from the present Albine street to Sewell street near Woodbine street.
Joseph F. Wilson and others, for the acceptance of Sewell street, from Highland avenue to the Sewell Railroad, or from Albion street to said Railroad.
Joseph F. Wilson and others, for the acceptance of Princeton street, from Albine street to Central (? Benton) street.
Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council May 27, References concurred in.

Order — Received from the Common Council an order requesting the committee on Highways to repair Derby street.
In Common Council May 27, Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen, May 27, Reference concurred in.

Petitions — Received from the Common Council petitions for street lights, from Wm. H. Young and others, Incandescent, on Pinckney st, opposite Wheeler street; H. E. Jabez and others, Arc, corner of Mystic Ave, and Auction street; Mrs. Mahoney and others, Incandescent, at the end of Murray street.
In Common Council, May 27, Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, and sent down for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen, May 27, References concurred in.

Petition — Received a petition from Horace H. Parsons, Captain of Company H, 9th Regt. M. V. M. that other quarters be provided for the company and suggesting that at the present time there are buildings owned by the city that

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could be remodelled to make a suitable armory, also stating that the present quarters are inadequate in that the drill hall is not of sufficient size for company drill instruction, - there is not sufficient room for the proper care of State property, - and the arrangement of the rooms is not suitable for an armory. It was also stated in the communication that the armory should be under the control of the commanding officer of the company, which is not the case in the present quarters (in the Police Building).

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions for permits to move buildings, from — Petitions ✓

George H. Johnson, wooden building, from Carver street to Highland Avenue.
Thomas C. Connor, " " 32' x 31' x 36' from Orchard st. to Cottage Avenue.
do. " " 43' x 22' x 32' " " " " "

each certified by the Superintendents of Streets and Electric Lines that the the statements as to measurements is substantially correct and that the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Moore offered orders granting permits to move buildings to — Orders ✓

George H. Johnson, wooden building, from Carver street to Highland Avenue.
Thomas C. Connor, " " 32' x 31' x 36' from Orchard street to Cottage Avenue.
do. " " 43' x 22' x 32' " " " "

as recorded, respectively, on pages 492, 493 and 494 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

The joint special committee to which was referred the petition of the — Report ✓

Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company for the written consent and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen and of the Common Council to use and occupy a building situated at Nos. 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, for the business of slaughtering neat cattle (including calves) and for a melting or rendering establishment namely, for rendering the fat of neat cattle (including calves) into oleo oil and tallow, - reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, May 27. Accepted in concurrence

Order permission to Sturtevant & Haley Beef & Supply Co slaughter neat cattle & render oleo oil & tallow 50 & 52 Somerville Ave

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That in pursuance of the power conferred by section ninety-two of chapter eighty of the Public Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred six of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the mayor and aldermen and the common council do hereby give their written consent and permission to the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company, (a corporation organized under the laws of Massachusetts and having an office and principal place of business at number forty in Faneuil Hall Market in Boston and being the lessees and occupants of the buildings and premises, as shown on the plan submitted with the petition to the City Council of said Company for a licence, as hereinafter granted, the buildings being at numbers fifty and fifty-two on Somerville Avenue in said Somerville and said buildings having been constructed and said premises being owned by Frank O. Squire,) to occupy and use the said buildings, now erected and upon the aforesaid premises, for carrying on therein the business of slaughtering neat cattle (including calves), and for a melting or rendering establishment, namely, for rendering the fat of neat cattle (including calves) into oleo oil and tallow, provided, however, that this licence is granted upon the express condition, that this consent and permission shall not be assigned or assignable or pass to any subsequent or other lessee, occupant, or owner of said buildings or to be used or available by or for any other party than said Company, it being merely a personal licence to said Company and not passing with the property, and that no other slaughtering, melting or rendering shall be carried on in said buildings or upon said premises except as hereinbefore particularly specified, and that the said business of slaughtering, melting and rendering shall be carried on at all times in such a manner as to cause no nuisance and to be satisfactory to the Board of Health, and upon any default in the performance or observance of any of the foregoing conditions this licence, consent, and permission shall be void, and all rights under the same terminated. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to forthwith deliver to said company an attested copy of this licence, consent, and permission.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, May 27. Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor May 27.

The Committee on Licenses. — Reports ✓

on the petition of Francesco A. Romano, for a licence to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of Ice Cream, reported an order,

on the petition of William F. Mills, for a licence for one pool table, in addition to two for which he now has, a licence, at 524 Medford street, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses as common victuallers from Jeremiah Shea, 216 Somerville Avenue and Nelson C. Diamond, 252 Elm street, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for licenses as common victuallers, from Daniel H. Rinn, 30 Union Square, James F. Rich, 139 A Cross street, and Jennie Turfry 10 Broadway corner of Mt. Pleasant street, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses to keep Intelligence offices, from George H. and Wm. S. Reckford, at 18 Union Square and Ellen L. Hodgdon, at 35 Dana Street, reported an order,

on petitions from sundry persons, for licenses to play on musical instruments in the streets, reported an order,

on petitions for licenses to slaughter cattle for the year ending May 11, 1897, from the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, Hortz Guncenhiser, and the Startevant and Baby Beef and Supply Company, reported an order,

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows. — Orders ✓

Ordered.

That a licence be issued to Francesco A. Romano, to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of ice cream, said licence to expire April 30, 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Ordered.

That a licence, under the laws of the Commonwealth, to keep, for public hire, Billiard, Pool, or Sippio Tables, or Bowling Alleys, as hereinafter stated, be issued to the following-named party when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for each table or alley

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to be kept under said license, such license to expire on the first day of May 1897 unless sooner revoked.

William F. Mills, one pool table, No 524 Medford street,

Ordered,

That a licence as a common victualler under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to each of the following-named parties, at the place of business hereinafter specified, said license to be issued when signed by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Daniel H. Rinn, 30 Union Square,
James F. Rich, 139 A Cross street,
Jennie Terfry, 10 Broadway corner of Mt Pleasant street.

Ordered,

That a licence to keep an Intelligence office, under the laws of the Commonwealth, be issued to each of the following-named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, which licence shall expire on the first day of May 1897, unless sooner revoked.

George H. & Wm S. Beckford, 15 Union Square,
Ellen L. Hodgdon, 30 Dana street,

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to each of the following named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of fifty cents for each person so licenced, such licence to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Giovanni Pia & Tomaso Meglicone (piano organ) 10 Greenough Lane, Boston,
Angelo Diaico & Nicola Meglicone (") 10 " "
Vincenzo & Antonio Amarena (") 46 Lewis street "
Giacomo Amarena & Donato Schena (") 227 North street "
Giuseppe Stacio & Nicola Joy (") 243 " "
Angelo & Louis Colaluco (") 10 Greenough Lane "
Felippa Farino & Giovanni Ciccoritti (") 8 " "
Valente Modesto & Giovanni Donanzio (") 10 " "
Carmine Nardelli & another (") 5 " "

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Nigro Pasquale & Giuseppe Saponara (piano organ) 2 Bakers Alley, Boston
Giuseppe Dimole and Francesco Fote (") 3 " "
Vincenzo Fiataroni & Vincenzo Fiataroni (") 333 North street "
Antonio Germani (hand organ) 135 Richmond st. "
Andrew Berzongey (") 127 North street "
Leonardo Darallo (") 364 " "
Venjenzo Solarence (") 46 Lewis street "
Vincenzo Amarena (") 10 Cleveland Place "
Gabriele Giganti and Pasquale Simmartino (harp + violin) 16 North St & 19 Clarke st "

Ordered

That a licence be and is hereby granted to each of the parties hereinafter named, to carry on the business of slaughtering cattle (including calves), within the limits of this city, for the year ending April 30, 1897, unless such licence is sooner forfeited or rendered void, upon the days, times, and conditions, and at the premises described in the said company's application for such licence.

New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company
Hertz Gunsenhiger
Stuttevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company

Adopted

The Committee on Licenses, on petitions for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, from — Report ✓

Charles H. Crane 154 Perkins street
Thomas H. Fenelon 44 Union Square
Julius E. Richardson 310 Broadway
George T. Unwin 173 Washington street

notices having been published as required by law, — reported recommending that the petitions be granted.

Alderman Huntley, a minority of the committee, dissented from the foregoing report, and recommended that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw.

Action postponed until the next meeting.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Walter H. Snow, for permission to build and maintain a bay window in the second story of a house No. 213 Pearl street, to project over the sidewalk three feet, reported — Report ✓

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were ordered

Accepted

Order — The orders submitted with the foregoing report were as follows,

Ordered,—

That a special licence to place upon a building a structure to project over the sidewalk, be issued to the following named party, as hereinafter stated, such structure to be placed on the building in such a manner as shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings

Walter H. Snow, 213 Pearl street, bay window in second story, to project over sidewalk three feet,—

Adopted

Order — Alderman Kenny offered the following order,

Ordered,

That a special licence, to place upon a building, a structure to project over the sidewalk, be issued to the following named party, as hereinafter stated, such structure to be placed on the building in such a manner as shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings

Charles Drouet, Somerville Avenue and Bow street, awning to project over the sidewalk sixteen inches

in accordance with plans made by Aaron H. Gould, Architect

Adopted

Report — The Committee on Fire Department, on petitions from sundry parties for licences to sell fireworks for the 17th of June and the 4th of July, reported an order

Accepted

Order — The orders submitted with the foregoing report were as follows,

Ordered,

That a licence to sell fireworks, on the following dates, to wit, from June 15th to July 4th, inclusive, be issued to each of the following-named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, upon the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of one dollar for each licence, which licence may be revoked at the pleasure of this board

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Joseph H. Defrez,	6 Holland street,
Justus E. Dunbar,	2 North Union street,
Sylvanus S. Grose,	45 Washington street,
Ellen S. Hodgdon,	35 Dana street,
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	203 Medford street,
Leonard M. Sibley,	243 Holland street,
Sarah E. Robinson,	308 Highland Avenue,
Bessie G. Stackpole,	18 Broadway

Adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department, on an order of April 22, submitted plans by plans by Loring & Phipps, Architects, for the repairing and improvement of the house of Engine Company #4 on Highland Avenue, at the corner of Grove street, and the following list of proposals received for the repairing and improvement of said building in accordance with said plans. — Report

Lord Brothers,	$9,359.00
Stanford & Johnson,	8,370.00
Frank B. Gilbreth,	8,106.00
Angus McDonald,	7,728.00
Fessenden & Sibley,	7,550.00
W. S. Clark & Co.	7,380.00

Said on the table.

Alderman Huntley offered an order for the making of a contract with W. S. Clark & Co. for the repairing and improvement of the house of Engine Company No. 4, in accordance with the plans submitted with the foregoing report, for the sum of $7,380.00 — Order

Said on the table.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. — Order

Ordered,

That the members of the reserve police force now engaged on police duty, in the service of the city, be continued on such duty until the first day of November next, at such rate of compensation as may be fixed by the City Council.

Read twice and adopted.

Wednesday

Presented to the Mayor May 29.

Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the members of the sewer police force, whom engaged on police duty, in the service of the city during the current year, be paid from Police Account, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, as compensation for such service.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 30.

Report — The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Otis Wentworth for permission to drain that portion of his premises, No. 666 Broadway, which lies within the limits of the City of Medford, into the sewer recently laid in said Broadway, reported an order.

Accepted.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,-

That the city engineer be and he hereby is authorized to insert a pipe for the drainage into the sewer recently constructed on Broadway, near to and west of Cedar street, of such portions of any of the estates abutting on said Broadway opposite the location of said sewer, as lie within the limits of the city of Medford, when the city treasurer shall have received from the owners of said estates, respectively, a sum equal to one-half of a cent for each square foot of land in their respective estates so situated in the city of Medford, the number of square feet to be certified by the city engineer and the sums so received to be credited to Sewer Construction account.

Adopted.

Report — The Committee on Sewers, on an order of May 14, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, on Medford street, Meacham street and Arlington avenue, from the manhole near East Albion street, - about 1095 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with about 595 feet of 6-inch underdrain and 4 manholes, the work involving about 470 cubic yards of rock excavation, and the pipe and

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manholes frames and covers to be furnished by the city.

Names of Bidder.	laying 8" sewer per linear ft	laying 6" underdrain per linear foot	manholes each	rock excavation per cubic yards	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$
Charles A. Morgan	0.75	0.25	45.00	5.50	3735.00
Charles A. Kelley	0.70	0.25	45.00	5.00	3445.00
Dennis B. Collins	0.90	0.10	49.00	3.95	3097.50
Timothy T. Brimmings	0.87	0.15	47.00	3.85	3039.40
John J. Doey	0.85	0.15	40.00	3.90	3013.00
Richard Halvey	0.58	0.24	46.00	4.25	2935.40
Maurice Kettimer	0.65	0.30	35.00	4.00	2910.25
J. H. Kayne & Co	0.65	0.15	35.00	3.25	2463.50
H. A. Hancock & Co	0.75	0.15	35.00	3.75	2813.00
Christopher Hurley	0.55	0.20	43.00	3.00	2303.25

and presented an order

Accepted

The Committee on Sewers, on an order of May 14, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in East Albion Street and 6th Avenue, from the manhole at Moreland street, - about 570 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with about 220 feet of 6-inch underdrains and 2 manholes, - the work involving about 175 cubic yards of rock excavation and the pipe to be furnished by the city.

Referred

Name of Bidder	laying 8" sewer per linear ft	laying 6" underdrain per linear foot	Manholes each	rock excavation per cubic yard	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$
D. B. Collins	0.89	0.12	45.00	3.45	1250.30
T. H. Brimmings	0.85	0.15	45.00	3.45	1160.25
H. A. Hancock & Co	0.75	0.15	35.00	3.75	1141.75
Charles A. Morgan	0.75	0.25	40.00	3.50	1042.50
Maurice Kettimer	0.60	0.30	35.00	3.25	1010.75
Charles A. Kelley	0.55	0.15	37.00	3.50	1010.60
J. H. Kayne & Co	0.65	0.15	35.00	3.24	1001.50
Richard Halvey	0.52	0.24	40.00	3.40	995.60
Christopher Hurley	0.60	0.20	40.00	3.00	995.00
John J. Doey	0.60	0.14	40.00	2.90	924.30

and presented an order

Accepted

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Orders

The orders accompanying the two foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it is hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Christopher Burke, for the construction on Moreland street, from the manhole at East Albion street southerly to Meacham street, thence southerly in Meacham street to Ash Avenue, and northerly in Ash Avenue, - of about 1095 feet of 8" pipe sewer, with about 575 feet of 6" under-drains, 4 manholes, and about 476 cubic yards of rock excavation, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with, John J. Dorey - for the construction in East Albion street, from the manhole at Moreland street southerly to Ash Avenue, - and thence southwesterly in Ash Avenue of about 510 feet of 8" pipe sewer, with about 220 feet of 6" under-drains, 2 manholes, and about 175 cubic yards of rock excavations, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date,-

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 29

Reports

The Committee on Highways -

on the petition of Everett P. Hines for permission to place a projecting sign over the sidewalk in front of his office, No. 2 Washington street reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of Alexander Rosenberg for permission to erect and maintain a swinging sign to project about two feet over the sidewalk in front of his premises No. 5 B. Davis Square, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of George H. Blake for permission to set a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of his estate No. 40 Prescott street, reported an order

Accepted.

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing reports is as follows,

Ordered,-

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That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to George W. Clarke, to set a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of his stable "40 Prescott street"

Adopted

Alderman Berry offered an order granting locations to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, in Broadway, corner of Curtis street - one post and Walnut Avenue, corner of Summit Avenue one post, - present locations to be abandoned - as recorded, respectively, on pages 106 and 107 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. Order ✓

Adopted

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in Broadway, London street, Pearl street, and Highland Avenue as recorded, respectively, on pages 78, 81, 84 and 87 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, Order ✓

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor June 2

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the West Somerville Board of Trade, that a suitable and substantial drinking fountain for the use of man and beast, be erected in Tufts Square, reported the order Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 27, 1896 Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and it hereby is authorized to purchase and erect in Tufts Square a suitable and substantial

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drinking fountains, at a cost not to exceed $ 140.00, and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 29.

√ Order — Alderman Kerry offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to board one of the city's horses used by the Superintendent of Streets at a public stable at a cost not to exceed $5.00 per week, the amount so expended to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 29.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, on an order of April 17, to procure plans and specifications, and proposals, in accordance therewith, for an addition to the city hall, submitted plans by T. M. Sargent, Architect, and the following list of proposals,

G. W. Morrison,	$ 23,149.00
Walter S. Sampson & Son,	20,950.00
Starbird & Johnson,	20,000.00
W. S. Clark & Co,	19,935.00
John J. Coon & Co	19,900.00
Alfred H. Kines,	18,400.00

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 27, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That the plans prepared by T. M. Sargent, Architect, and submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, for the erection of an addition to the City Hall, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract

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with Alfred H. Kimes for the erection of an addition to the City Hall in accordance with the said plans adopted herewith, for the sum of eighteen thousand four hundred dollars ($18,400.00), - the amount so appended to be charged to City Hall Improvement Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 27.

The Committee on Public Grounds, on an order of April 17, to request the Somerville Mystic Water Board to place four hydrants on Central Hill Park, for the purpose of watering the grass during the summer season, reported that in the judgment of said committee it is inexpedient to place hydrants on said park. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to have laid on Central Hill Park two water service pipes of sufficient size to supply water for hand hose, to be used for watering grass, - the amount so appended to be charged to Public Grounds Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Received its first reading. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds for an explanation.

In Common Council June 6. Received its second reading and adoption in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 11.

The Committee on Finance, on order of May 18, to consider the advisability of appropriations of $5,000.00 for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Jacob J. Glines schoolhouse and of $6,500.00 for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Luther Bell Schoolhouse, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Accepted in concurrence.

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Order making appropriations on Funded Debt Account

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That for the purpose of providing for the cost of a new system of heating and ventilation, proposed for the Luther V. Bell and Jacob T. Glines Schoolhouses, the following additional sums of money be, and they hereby are, appropriated to the following accounts, to wit:

Schoolhouse, Luther V. Bell, Heating, Ventilating and Sanitary apparatus the sum of $2000

Schoolhouse, Jacob T. Glines, Addition, the sum of $2000

And it is further

Ordered,

That for the purpose of providing for the purchase of a lot of land in Ward three upon which to erect at some future time, a schoolhouse of twelve rooms, the sum of six thousand dollars ($6000) be, and hereby is, appropriated, making in the aggregate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10000); and the committee on finance be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to include the same in the amount hereafter to be borrowed on funded debt account

Received its first reading and passed to a second reading by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Moore, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and Andrews - 6 - (two thirds) voting in the affirmative and Aldermen Wright and Berry - 2 voting in the negative.

Rules suspended, by an unanimous yea and nay vote. Received its second reading. Adopted by an unanimous yea and nay vote. All of the members of the board being present and voting. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27. Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage, in concurrence, by unanimous yea and nay votes, two thirds of all the members of the Common Council being present and voting.

Approved by the Mayor May 27.

Order for the issue of bonds

Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the bonds of the City of Somerville be issued for the aggregate principal sum of one hundred seventy seven thousand dollars, which bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, pay

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able semi-annually, and shall be of the denominations, and be dated, and made payable as stated in the following schedule entitled "Statement of Bonds", and the Treasurer of the City of Somerville be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell the said bonds under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the moneys received therefor (but the purchaser or purchasers of said bonds to be in no way responsible for the application or appropriation of such moneys) to be used for the purposes, and chargeable to the accounts respectively as stated in said schedule.

Statement of bonds, dated July 1, 1896. Interest at the rate of four per cent per annum.

When payable	Number of each bond	Years to run	Number of coupons	Amount of each coupon	Denomination of each bond	Total issue
Somerville City Loan Bonds, for the purchase of a lot of land for a fire station in Ward four, and to provide for the cost of a steam road roller, the sum of						$ 6000
July 1, 1897	2056	1	2	$ 20.00	$ 1000	$ 1000
1898	2068	2	4	20.00	1000	1000
1899	2078	3	6	20.00	1000	1000
1900	2088	4	8	20.00	1000	1000
1901	2098	5	10	20.00	1000	1000
1902	2107	6	12	20.00	1000	1000
					Total	$ 6000
Somerville City Loan Bonds, for the purchase of land, and erection of public buildings thereon, the erection of an addition to the City Hall, and the Jacob F. Glines schoolhouse, and to provide for the cost of completing other public buildings now in course of construction, the sum of						$ 124,000
July 1, 1897	2059 – 2065	1	2	$ 20.00	$ 1000	$ 7000
1898	2069 – 2075	3	4	20.00	1000	7000
1899	2079 – 2085	3	6	20.00	1000	7000
1900	2089 – 2095	4	8	20.00	1000	6000
1901	2099 – 2104	5	10	20.00	1000	6000
1902	2108 – 2113	6	12	20.00	1000	6000
1903	2116 – 2121	7	14	20.00	1000	6000
1904	2124 – 2129	8	16	20.00	1000	6000
1905	2132 – 2137	9	15	20.00	1000	6000

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1906	2140 - 2145	10	20	$ 20.00	$ 1000	$ 6000
1907	2145 - 2153	11	22	20.00	1000	6000
1908	2153 - 2161	12	24	20.00	1000	6000
1909	2164 - 2169	13	26	20.00	1000	6000
1910	2173 - 2177	14	28	20.00	1000	6000
1911	2180 - 2185	15	30	20.00	1000	6000
1912	2188 - 2193	16	32	20.00	1000	6000
1913	2195 - 2200	17	34	20.00	1000	6000
1914	2203 - 2207	18	36	20.00	1000	6000
1915	2209 - 2214	19	38	20.00	1000	6000
1916	2216 - 2221	20	40	20.00	1000	6000
					Total	$ 124 000

Somerville City Grove Bonds, issued under authority of Chapter 194, Acts of 1887, and Chapter 71, Acts of 1893, for the purpose of providing for the payment of outstanding indebtedness, the sum of $ 35 000

July 1 1895	2066 - 2067	1	2	$ 20.00	$ 1000	$ 2000
1898	2076 - 2077	2	4	20.00	1000	2000
1897	2086 - 2087	3	6	20.00	1000	2000
1900	2096 - 2097	4	8	20.00	1000	2000
1901	2105 - 2106	5	10	20.00	1000	2000
1902	2114 - 2115	6	12	20.00	1000	2000
1903	2122 - 2123	7	14	20.00	1000	2000
1904	2130 - 2131	8	16	20.00	1000	2000
1905	2138 - 2139	9	18	20.00	1000	2000
1906	2146 - 2147	10	20	20.00	1000	2000
1907	2154 - 2155	11	22	20.00	1000	2000
1908	2162 - 2163	12	24	20.00	1000	2000
1909	2170 - 2171	13	26	20.00	1000	2000
1910	2178 - 2179	14	28	20.00	1000	2000
1911	2186 - 2187	15	30	20.00	1000	2000
1912	2194	16	32	20.00	1000	1000
1913	2201	17	34	20.00	1000	1000
1914	2208	18	36	20.00	1000	1000
1915	2215	19	38	20.00	1000	1000
1916	2222	20	40	20.00	1000	1000
					Total	$ 35000

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Somerville Water Loan Bonds, issued under authority of Chapter 194, Acts of 1887, and Chapter 71, Acts of 1892, for the purpose of providing for the payment of outstanding indebtedness, the sum of $12,000.

July 1, 1897	448	1	2	$ 20.00	$ 1000	$ 1000
1898	449	2	4	20.00	1000	1000
1899	450	3	6	20.00	1000	1000
1900	451	4	8	20.00	1000	1000
1901	452	5	10	20.00	1000	1000
1902	453	6	12	20.00	1000	1000
1903	454	7	14	20.00	1000	1000
1904	455	8	16	20.00	1000	1000
1905	456	9	18	20.00	1000	1000
1906	457	10	20	20.00	1000	1000
1907	458	11	22	20.00	1000	1000
1908	459	12	24	20.00	1000	1000
					Totals	$ 12,000

Making in the aggregate the sum of $17,000.

Received its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yes and nay vote, two thirds of all the members of the board being present and voting. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yes and nay vote; two thirds of all the members of the Common Council being present and voting in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27.

Alderman Rowe offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the City Treasurer and he hereby is, instructed to transfer the sum of four thousand, eight hundred dollars, from Highways, Paving Medford Street, Somerville Avenue to the Cambridge Line, account, and place the same to the credit of Highways, Paving Washington street, Medford street to Joy Street, account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Adopted in concurrence.

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Order: Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to transfer the sum of twenty four hundred dollars from Fire Department Fire Station Ward Clerk Account, to Fire Department Fire Station No. Land Account.

Adoption lost.

Order: Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making an additional appropriation of five hundred dollars for Fire Station Ward Clerk Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 29.

Order: Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Mayor Albro A. Perry be, and he hereby is, authorized to seal with the corporate seal, sign, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville, the deed, dated May 27, 1896, which has just been read from the City of Somerville to Charles F. Spear of the rights, which the city acquired under deed from the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes to it, dated December 14, 1891, and recorded with Middlesex (South District) Deeds libro 2086, folio 525.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 29.

Order: Alderman Huntley offered the following order.

Ordered,

That a joint special committee, to consist of two aldermen, and such members of the Common Council as may be joined, be appointed, to confer with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in re-

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lation to making a uniform price for the rental of the telephones used by the city.

Adopted and Alderman Huntley and Andrews appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 27, Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Irving, Carr and Burrows appointed on the part of this branch.

Approved by the Mayor May 29.

Received from the Common Council the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That all laborers and mechanics in the employ of the city be granted a half holiday on Saturdays, without loss of pay, during the months of June, July and August.

Received its first reading, amended by striking out the word June, as amended received its second reading and final adoption by a yea and nay vote as follows: Councilmen Timson, Irving, Burrows, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Sowell, Carr, Damont and the President (10) voting in the affirmative and Councilmen Berry, Raymond, Cummings and Hall (6) voting in the negative. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, May 27, Received its first reading as amended. Second reading refused.

Received from the Common Council, the ordinance Numbered 61, and entitled An Ordinance in regard to Sewers in the Tannery Brook District, so called, which was passed to be enrolled, by this board, May 21, and is recorded on pages 456 to 458 inclusive, of the book of Enrolled Ordinances, in the City Clerk's office, endorsed as follows:- — Ordinance ✓

In Common Council May 21,

Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence.

Charles S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, May 21,

Enrolled — Charles S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, May 27.

The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within ordinance declare the same to be truly and correctly enrolled.

Arthur W. Berry }
John Hunnewell } Committee

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William M. Irving

In Common Council May 27,

Passed to be ordained.

George E. Whitaker, President

Attest: Chas. S. Robinson, Clerk

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen May 27,

The said committee having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

G. B. Chandler,
W. H. Berry,
J. N. Pratt,
} Committee

In Board of Aldermen, May 27,

Passed to be ordained

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Attest: George I. Vincent, Clerk

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Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Order.

On motion of Alderman Jones the board reconsidered the vote of the last meeting whereby it refused to adopt the following order, which was adopted by the Common Council May 21, namely:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Finance be and hereby is requested to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of $1000.00 for the purpose of fitting up a hall on the first floor, (with suitable ante-rooms on the second floor,) for a ward-room or other public purposes, or such other purposes as such hall may legally be used for, of the building, formerly used as an engine house, on the corner of Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, and report to the City Council at its earliest convenience.

The order was then adopted, in concurrence with the common council.

Approved by the Mayor May 29

Adjourned.

Attest

George I. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to act in the matter of the contract for the City Hall Addition and on the purchasing of land for a school house on Walnut Ave, and to transact any other business that may come before the Board, - all the members having been duly notified in writing, -
City Hall, Somerville, June 5, 1896 - 5 P.M.

The President, Alderman Jones presiding.
Aldermen Morse, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Received, from His Honor, the Mayor, the order passed May 21, for the purchase of a horse and the exchange of the entire wagon, for the use of the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights, - with the following message, -

Under with veto message from Mayor

City of Somerville,
Mayor's Office, June 2, 1896

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith the foregoing order, which I disapprove for the following reasons.

First, I feel that the subject matter of the order is of sufficient importance to require that it should be considered by some committee of the city council, before final action is taken thereon.

Second, The order makes no provision for the maintenance of the horse and wagon after purchase. The account to which the cost of such maintenance is to be charged should be indicated in the order.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert A. Perry,
Mayor

The message was read for information.

The order which was returned with the foregoing message was then reconsidered, and its adoption was lost, by ayes and nay vote, Aldermen Wright, Jones, Chandler and Huntley - 4, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Morse, Pratt, Berry and Andrews - 4, voting in the negative.

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Order with veto message from Mayor

Received from His Honor the Mayor the order passed May 27, and presented to the Mayor May 29, for the retaining of the members of the reserve police on active duty until the first day of November next, - with the following message, the message and order having been filed with the City Clerk June 2.

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, June 2nd, 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, without my objections, the order adopted by your Honorable Board on the 27th day of May last, directing that the members of the reserve police force now engaged on police duty, in the service of the city, be continued on such duty until the first day of November next, at such rates of compensation as may be fixed by the City Council. In a former communication to your Honorable Board I stated, at some length, the circumstances under which the reserve police force of the city was established and assigned to active duty. I deem it necessary only to say, at this time, that the order under consideration cannot be carried out without a large overdraft of the police department appropriation. Until some provision is made by the city council for paying the salaries of the reserve officers, I cannot approve an order for their continuance in active service.

I do not believe that a prudent business man, in the conduct of his own affairs, would incur heavy obligations without first making some provision for ultimately meeting them, and I see no reason for the adoption of such a questionable method in the transaction of the city's business.

If it is the deliberate opinion of your Honorable Board that all the reserve officers should be retained on active duty, you ought at least to transfer to the police department appropriation funds sufficient to meet the expenditures of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

The message was read for information.

The order which was returned with the foregoing message was then reconsidered, and its adoption was lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley and Andrews - 5, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Pratt and Berry - 3, voting in the negative.

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Received from John P. Squire and Sons, the licence which was granted them May 1, to slaughter cattle (including calves) at Nos. 50 and 52 Somerville Avenue, endorsed as follows; — | Licence John P. Squire & Sons slaughter cattle returned

Boston, May 15th, 1896

To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville,

We hereby consent that the within licence be revoked, after a licence to slaughter great cattle (including calves), upon the same premises, shall have been granted, by your honorable board, to the Stuart and Haley Beef and Supply Company.

Respectfully,

John P. Squire & Sons

Placed on file.

Received the annual jury exemption rolls of the Massachusetts volunteer militia, from | Jury Exemption Lists

Company B, 1st Regiment of Cadets, | Mass. Vol. Militia

" D. 1st " " "

" E. 5th Regiment of Infantry.

Placed on file.

Received a petition from Edward M. de Almeida, for a licence for a baseball game on the Y. M. C. A. grounds, Washington street, Tuesday afternoon, June 2, — | Petition

recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the mayor and licence issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licence approved.

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licencee, — that licences to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors; | Petitions

John M. Atkins, 23 Prescott street, Aged 11.

Patrick H. Murray, 180 Gilman street, " 10.

Francis P. Haley, 1 Putnam street, " 12.

George E. Roberts, 18 Higginson street, " 12.

also for a licence to sell newspapers, from

Joseph Galloway, one adult.

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all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

✓ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from John McDonald, and William Wright, both of Somerville the petitions being approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

✓ Petitions — Received petitions from Hess Goldstein, for licenses to collect junk and to cry his goods in the streets, both disapproved by the Chief of Police
Given leave to withdraw

✓ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from James Branagan, Terrance Campbell, Timothy Curran, Frank Gurfine, John McDonald, Harvey R. Silver, George R. Theofilis and William Wright, all of Somerville, and all the petitions being approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

✓ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks, from
George T. Bailey at 89 Marshall Street,
Geo. R. & Wm. S. Beckford, at 18 Union Sq.
Henrietta M. Bliss, at 27 C Summer St.
A. E. Burnham, at 27 Webster Ave.
Mary A. Canfield, at 2 Clyde St.
S. Louise Chandler, at 146 Perkins St.
Nellie Cotter, at 282 Lowell St.
Creighton & Clark, at 282 Elm St.
Foster P. Dowse, at 13 Medina Bldg. Elm St.
Mrs. Annette G. Field, at 90 Elm St.
Rebecca F. Francis, at 218 Holland St.
George E. Grover, at 146 Broadway
George F. Horton, at 115 Perkins St.
Addie S. Jones, at 138 A Pearl St.
Flora Macdonald, at 527 Medford St.
Alexander Munroe, at 46 Newton St.
Annie M. Pickett, at 60 Pearl St.

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Mary Riley, at 169 Washington street,
Philip Rubinoz, at 570 Somerville Ave.
Timothy B. Raney, at 95 Washington st.
Isabella H. Stewart, at 51 Franklin st.
Michael H. Tatton, at 460 Somerville Ave.
Hiram Turner, at 198 Highland Ave.
Edgar S. Weeks, at 420 Medford st.
Horatio Williams, at 22 Glen st.
Williamson & Forg, at 71 Concord Ave.
Williamson & Forg, at 188 Somerville Ave.

Voted that licences be issued, on receipt, from each of the fee of One Dollar, to sell from June 15, to July 4, inclusive, provided that any licence may be revoked at the pleasure of the Board.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

William J. Sely, for a licence as a common victualler, at 66 Union Street,
Walter S. Lord, for a licence to keep an Intelligence office at 45 Kingston street,
George E. Grover, for a licence of the 6th Class for the sale of intoxicating liquors at 146 Broadway, accompanied by the requisite certificate of the State Board of Registration in Pharmacy.
Raffaele Collaluco and another, for a licence to play a piano organ in the streets,
Domenico Colorcci and another, do
Matteo M. Domenico and another, do
Aniceto Trani and another, do
Domenico Negro and another, for a licence to play a hand organ in the streets.

Referred to Committee on Licences.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Alfred M. Sibley, for a drain layer's licence,
Jonathan Richardson, for a catch basin, with drain to the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, at Broadway, opposite his land at or near the entrance of the temporary river made by the Boston and Maine Railroad during the rebuilding of Willow Bridge, when said railroad stopped the original water way, as he intends, after reasonable time for the construction of such catch basin and drain, to stop the drain which now was

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across his land

Referred to Committee on Sewers

✓ Petitions

Received petitions from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,-

for location of poles in Medford street between Washington and Bruce streets, with permission for the attachment of span and guard wires by the West End Street Railway Company;

for permission to the Somerville Electric Light Company to attach wires to the poles of said telephone and telegraph company on Walnut street, between Broadway and Highland avenue, in accordance with said light company's petition of May 9, 1896.

Referred to Committee on Electric Lines

✓ Petition

Received a petition from the West End Street Railway Company for the right to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in Medford street between Somerville Avenue and Bruce street in accordance with its petition of February 8, 1896, and submitting plans for approval, showing locations for posts, the wires to be attached to new posts of the railway company between Somerville Avenue and Washington street and to the posts of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company between Washington and Bruce streets.

Placed on file.

✓ Petition

Received a petition from Arthur W. Berry for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on the northerly side of Tennyson street, near Medford street.

Permit granted.

✓ Communication

Received a communication from the City Solicitor enclosing a letter to him from S. Hagar Wentworth, stating that a complaint had been made to him by landowners adjoining the city land where the stone crusher is, that the crusher is a nuisance to them and a detriment to their land, preventing its sale, that steam and dust are issuing from it, upon and over the land, and suggesting that as he is told the city is about to put in a new crusher, the trouble might now be remedied.

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Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 5, Reference concurred in.

Received a notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of July next, and answer to John Stone of Somerville, in an action of Tort, to the damage of said Stone, the sum of four thousand dollars. — Notice of Suit ✓ Action of Tort

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, June 5, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Alderman Huntley offered an order granting to Orrice M. Gracey, permission to move a building from Washington street to Broadway, as recorded on page 495 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Adopted.

Aldermen Moore offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the licence granted by this board to George K. Porter Jr, to sell newspapers, be, and the same hereby is, revoked, the licence having surrendered his badge and licence.

Adopted.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. — Order ✓

Whereas, the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company has been granted by this board, a licence for the year ending April 30, 1897, to slaughter cattle in the premises #50 and #52 Somerville Avenue, which premises it is understood said company has leased from Mr. Frank O. Squire, and

Whereas, a licence for the same period had previously been granted to John P. Squire & Sons, to slaughter cattle in the same premises, which licence said John P. Squire & Sons, have returned to this board, endorsed with their written consent to its revocation, after a licence to slaughter cattle upon the same premises should have been granted to the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company.-

It is therefore hereby

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That the aforesaid licence to John P. Squier & Sons be and the same is hereby revoked.

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That a licence be, and hereby is, granted to Samuel B. Blethen, to keep eight horses in the stable to be erected, situated on the westerly side of Warren Avenue, near Bow street, in this city, and numbered 5 on said Warren Avenue, the said licence being revocable at the pleasure of this board.

Adopted.

Report — The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Dennis L. Bolline, for a drain layer's licence, reported an order

Accepted.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That a licence as a Drain Layer, under the provisions of the ordinances of the city, be issued to the following named person, when he shall have furnished a bond, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sureties, satisfactory to this board, such licence to expire on the first day of May 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Dennis L. Bolline.

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Berry offered an order granting locations to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in Medford st. between Washington and Bow streets, pursuant locations to be abandoned, and the West End Street Railway Company to be allowed to attach wires, as recorded on page 158 of Volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

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Alderman Berry offered an order granting, to the West End Street Railway Company, the right to operate its line by the single trolley electric system, in Medford street, between Somerville Avenue and Cross street. — Order ✓

Laid upon the table.

The Committee on Fire Department, on sunday petitions for licenses to sell fireworks, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That a license to sell fireworks, on the following dates, to-wit, from June 15th 1896, to July 4th 1896 inclusive be issued to each of the following-named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of one dollar for such licence, which licence may be revoked at the pleasure of this board.

Charles W. Coy,	50 Union Square,
Leonard M. Gibby,	243 Holland Street,
Charles S. Lothrop,	151 Elm street,
Thomas McIntosh,	375 Beacon street,
Ada L. March,	543 Somerville Ave
Amy Singleton,	99 Medford street,
Herbert H. J. Smith,	273 Elm street,
Emily & Hannah M. Stuart,	38 Cross street,
Lewis R. Stuart,	312 Broadway,
Thomas Woods,	418 Somerville Avenue

Adopted.

The Committee on Public Property, on an order of April 17, to procure a plan for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Luther & Bell school, presented plans by A. A. Sanborn, and recommended their adoption. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 5, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

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That the plans submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, prepared by A. A. Sanborn, for heating and ventilating apparatus to be placed in the Arthur W. Bell school-house, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals, for the placing of heating and ventilating apparatus in said building, in accordance with said plans.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to cause to be prepared and presented to the City Council, the necessary orders and votes for the taking for the purpose of a school-house of the lot of land on the corner of Glen Street and Brooks Street and the lot adjoining thereto on the northwesterly side thereof, both lots being shown on a plan entitled "City of Somerville, plan showing land taken for a school-house in Ward One, S. W. Bailey, City Engineer, April 27, 1896," which plan is in the office of the City Engineer and is referred to as a part hereof, and that the said committee be and hereby is authorized, if they shall deem it expedient, to purchase or make contracts for purchase of said lots at the corner of Glen and Brooks Streets, and to secure a deed thereof satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and cause to be paid therefor a consideration not exceeding the sum of Sixty-six hundred dollars ($6600.00), - the same to be charged to School-house, Ward One Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor June 10, (See subsequent record)

Order to amend contract for City Hall Addition

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That whereas by order, dated and passed by the City Council, May 27, 1896, the Committee on Public Property were authorized to contract with Alfred H. Kimes for the erection of an addition to the City Hall for the sum of eighteen thousand four hundred dollars in accordance with the plans in said order referred to, Now it is understood and ordered that the specifications, accom-

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panying said plans may (provided said Kines will accept and agree to such change, and will forthwith execute the contract for the said work and erection) be changed and modified by the Committee on Public Property by striking out the following clause therein:

Cut Granite. Furnish and set all the granite work as shown on drawings, also side entrance steps. To be of (sample to be shown by contractor), free from imperfections or stains. Exposed surfaces to be best & cut work, and all to have level beds and builds, plumb joints and backs. All cut stone to be set in best manner in one-third cement mortar. To match old as near as possible; — and by substituting in place of the clause thus stricken out the following:

Cut Granite. Furnish and set all the granite work as shown on drawings, also side entrance steps. To be of (sample to be shown by contractor) free from imperfections or stains. Exposed surfaces, excepting underpinning to be best & cut work, and all to have level beds and builds, plumb joints and backs. The underpinning to be rock face and correspond with the part under old building. All cut stone to be set in best manner in one-third cement mortar. To match old as near as possible. Except as above modified the said specifications and order are to be and remain in full force.

But it is ordered, that said specifications may be further amended by striking out on the first page thereof the words following: "The contracting party to do all heating required to dry plastering and for finishing building and to provide fuel and attendance up to the completion of the building. When heating apparatus is in, the contractor may have use of the same, but must provide temporary radiators and fuel, and leave the boiler clean and in perfect order before it will be accepted by the architect." And inserting in place of the words so stricken out the words: "The city will do all the heating required to dry plastering and for finishing building."

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

The Committee on Public Grounds, on an order of January 8, to keep the ice on the Broadway Park clear of snow and in condition for skating during the winter, — reported that such has been done. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, June 5, Accepted in concurrence

Reports

The Committee on Fire Department

on an order of March 6, to purchase furnishings for the new Fire Station on Ward Ave, reported such furnishings have been purchased,

on an order of March 6, to furnish the new Fire Station in Ward Ave, the cost to be provided for from Funded Debt Account, - reported that the building has been furnished,

on the petition of the call members of the Fire Department for an increase of pay reported that their pay has been increased (by the order of the city council making the annual appropriations)

on an order of May 18, for the purchase of three horses and harness for the new Fire Station in Ward Ave, reported that three horses have been bought for $485.00, and three harnesses for $187.25

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 5 Accepted in concurrence

Orders

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized to purchase a horse for the use of the Chief Engineer of Fire Department, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department Account

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized, to keep and maintain the teams owned by the Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, at the New Fire Station building in Ward Ave, situated at the corner of Broadway and Beer street, the cost of said maintenance to be charged to Fire Department Account

Read twice and adopted Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 11

Report

On motion of Alderman Huntley the report of the Committee on Fire Department, submitting plans, specifications and proposals for the repairing and improvement of the house of Engine Company No 4 - which report was

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laid on the table at the last meeting, — was taken from the table.

The acceptance of the report was lost.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the plans No. 2 prepared by Mess. Loring and Phipps Architects, for the alteration and improvements of Steamer four house situated on Highland avenue, and Grove street, be and the same are hereby accepted, and the Committee on Fire Department, be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to solicit proposals for the alterations and improvements of said building in accordance with said plans, and to submit the proposals when received to this board.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor June 10. (see subsequent record.)

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on petition for Arc lights, from — Report ✓

George H. Starbird and others, one on Glen street, east side opposite Dell street,

George Patterson and others, one at corner of Granite and Osgood streets,

Walter H. Shaw and others, one at corner of Grant and Derby streets, and

H. H. Harrington and others, one at corner of Carver and Porter streets, — reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to locate arc electric lamps as follows,

One on Glen street, opposite Dell street,

One on Granite street, at head of street,

One at the corner of Grant and Derby streets, and

One on Porter Street, opposite Carver Street,

the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved June 11.

✓ Order — Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of one thousand dollars from the appropriation for Police Station Incidentals Account, to the appropriation for Police

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 5, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

✓ Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to receive of the Home Insurance Company of New York, the sum of six hundred twenty two and 66/100 dollars ($6.32.66), and of the Manchester Fire Insurance Company of Manchester, England, the sum of four hundred ninety four and 34/100 dollars ($494.34) making in the aggregate the sum of one thousand one hundred seventeen dollars ($1,117.00) in full settlement for the loss and damage by fire, to the Prospect Hill schoolhouse, in accordance with the report of the referee under date of February 26th, 1896.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 5, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

✓ Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the city clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to make publication of Ordinance No. 61 entitled "An Ordinance in regard to Sewers in the Tannery Brook District, so called, in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, agreeably to the provisions of section 3 of Chapter One of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

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Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered;

That a joint special committee, consisting of two Aldermen and such number of the Common Council as may be deemed advisable, be appointed with full powers to arrange for a band of music and display of fireworks, on Central Hill Park, on the evening of July 4th, next, at an expense not to exceed six hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted, Aldermen Huntley and Henry appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence. Councilmen Seamont, Irving and Hannewell appointed on the part of this board.

Approved by the Mayor June 10

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, be and is hereby authorized to purchase a horse and harness, for the use of the superintendent of electric lines and lights, at an expense not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account; the horse, if purchased, to be kept at the Central Fire Station, and the cost of maintenance to be charged to Fire Department Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor June 10.

Somerville, June 22, 1896. The within order having been returned to me by the Mayor, without his approval, but unaccompanied by any objections, becomes operative this day.

George I. Vincent, City Clerk

The ordinance, (No. 6) entitled, An Ordinance to amend section two of Chapter Twenty of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, in relation to Wires of the Fire Alarm and Police Signal Systems, which ordinance is recorded on page 460 of the book of Enrolled Ordinances, in the City Clerk's Office, and was passed to be enrolled in this Board, May 18, was received back from the Common Council, endorsed as follows — Ordinance ✓

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In Common Council, May 13, Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, May 13, Enrolled. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council, May 21.

The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within ordinance, declare the same to be truly and correctly enrolled.

Arthur W. Berry } Committee.
Hans M. Irving }

In Common Council, May 21, Passed to be ordained.

George E. Whitaker, President.

Attest, Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Alderman, May 21.

The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

L. B. Chandler }
W. H. Berry } Committee.
J. N. Pratt }

In Board of Alderman June 5, Passed to be ordained.

M. D. Jones, President.
Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Attest George S. Vincent, Clerk.

June 11th, 1896. Approved. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered:

That the members of the reserve police force now engaged on police duty in the service of the city, be continued on such duty until the first day of November next, at such rate of compensation as may be fixed by the city council.

Read twice and adopted. Adoption reconsidered, amended by striking out all after the word "next" in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the following: "at the rate of compensation that has been fixed by the City Council"; as thus amended adopted.

Presented to the Mayor June 10. (see subsequent record)

Report

The report of the Committee on Licenses, (accompanied by a minority report) on sundry petitions for sixth class liquor licenses, on which report

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action was postponed May 27 until the next meeting — was taken up for action.

On motion of Aldermen Berry the minority report was substituted for the majority report, and the minority report was accepted.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution. Resolution ✓

Resolved,

That the City Council deems that it is for the interest of the City that Somerville shall remain in the Boston Postal District, and that the Pasco amendment, so called, to the bill, now pending in the United States Senate, or any other law should not pass, the effect of which will be to take Somerville out of the Boston Postal District. That the clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 10.

Adjourned.

Attest

George I. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 10, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order.
Ordered,
That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings, for all persons desiring to object,
1. upon the laying out of Cambria street,
2. upon the taking of land, for the purpose of common sewers, in the Tannery Brook District, so called,
3. upon the taking of land, for the purpose of a common sewer, in Fremont street,
orders for such hearings having been approved May 7th and May 21st, respectively.
Adopted and Alderman Jones, appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, June 10, Request granted and Councilman Irving appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention — In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Lapham, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Lamont present.

Hearings — In pursuance of orders passed May 7, May 21, and this evening, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object,

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1.- upon the laying out of Cambria street,
all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 275, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville,

2.- upon the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Fremont street,
all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 355 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville,

3.- upon the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer and drains in the Tannery Brook District, so called,
all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the following

Officer's Return

City of Somerville, Middlesex, ss. June 9th 1896

I hereby certify that in accordance with the order which is hereto annexed, I have notified the parties therein referred to, by leaving a true and attested copy of the said order at the usual place of abode of the following-named persons, to wit,

Benjamin J. Downs, Andrew A. Lamont & William McDonald Trustees heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy - Silas S. Cummings, Clifton A. Kennedy, John Byrnes, Evelina S. Stone,

and by delivering in hand a true and attested copy of the said order to the following-named persons, to wit,

Martin W. Carr, Charles J. Simpson,

and the following-named persons having no place of abode in this city and no tenants or authorized agents therein, known as such, or if resident in this city, not being known as such, I have duly notified them and all other persons and corporations interested, by posting up in two public places in this city a true and attested copy of said order,

West End Street Railway Company, Roderick McIsaacs - Fred Bailey, Cam Savings Bank, Elliott G. White - Daniel Demmon - Boston & Lowell Railroad Company - Boston & Maine Railroad Company,

and that I caused a true and attested copy of said order to be inserted in three publications of a weekly newspaper, published in said Somerville, called the Somerville Journal the first publication having been fourteen days at least before said hearing and that I did all the aforesaid acts more than fourteen days before the day of hearing in said order named

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Jairus Mann, Constable of Somerville.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss. Somerville June 9th 1896.

Then personally appeared the above-named Jairus Mann, and made oath that the above certificate by him subscribed is true before me,

George I. Vincent, Justice of the Peace.

Mr John Byrns, owner of two lots on Thorndike street, through which the proposed Tannery Brook District Sewer will be laid, appeared and said he did not object to the taking of his land for the purposes of the sewer, provided the city would make him a fair compensation.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, in either case, the hearings were closed.

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen,

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Hearings

In pursuance of an order approved May 6, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, upon the construction of sidewalks in,

Beacon street,

Broadway,

and

Elm street,

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers Returns, recorded respectively, on pages 89, 92 and 95 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, in either case, the hearings were closed.

Hearings

In pursuance of orders passed May 27 hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petitions of Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to project structures over the sidewalk on Highland Avenue,

1 - at the easterly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, - a bow window in the second

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and third stories, to project eighteen inches,
2. – at the westerly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, a structure to project one foot
and according to project as per plans submitted.
Notices of the hearings having been published by the petitioners, as directed by
the order.

Received a written remonstrance from Arthur W. Berry and others, against the granting of the said petitions of Henry W. P. Bolen as such projections detract from the good appearance of the avenue (thereby tending to depreciate the value of surrounding property), as can readily be seen by viewing the one said Bolen has already erected in violation of law. — Remonstrance ✓

The remonstrance was placed on file.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

Received from the Common Council, notice that on May 27, Councilmen Timson and Reed were appointed to the committee on Electric Lines. — Notice ✓

Read for information.

The appointment of Johnson A. Dadman as a Police Patrolman, made by the Mayor May 27, was confirmed. — Appointment ✓

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of May. — Report ✓

Placed on file.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of May. — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

Read for information.

Received a communication from the city clerk of U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the resolution passed at the last meetings of the city council, against any changes in the Postal laws that would exclude Somerville from the Boston Postal District, and saying that he had succeeded in having the proposed amendment so modified as not to affect the Massachusetts office, and that Somerville will not be disturbed. — Communication ✓

Read and sent down for information.

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In Common Council June 10, Read for information.

Constable's Bond. Received a constable's bond, in the sum of Three thousand dollars, and in form approved by the city solicitor, from John H. McKenna, with Joseph F. Wilson of Somerville and Harvey Taylor of Cambridge as sureties.
Accepted and approved.

Drain Layer's Bond. Received a drain layer's bond in the sum of One thousand Dollars, and in form, approved by the city solicitor, from William A. Muzzey, with Asa Durgin as surety.
Accepted and approved.

Jury Exemption Roll. Received the annual jury exemption roll of Company D First Regiment of Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.
Placed on file.

Petitions. Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors,
Frank S. Chase, 20 Thorpe Place, aged 14,
Albert L. Newell, 16 Montrose St. " 10
both approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

Petition. Received a petition of Maurice E. Rumey, of Somerville, for a license to cry his goods in the streets,
approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

Petitions. Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks from
Nathan H. Barrows, at 394 A Washington street,
Jerome Bumstead, at 248 Washington street,
James Burch, at 17 Harrison street,
Mary Carroll, at 68 Prescott street,
F. R. Cutter, at 326 Broadway,
Annie F. Gormley at 20 Fitchburg street,

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Agnes Lynch, at 2 Fitchburg street,
Mary J. Mack, at 77 Concord Ave
Mary S. Mack, at 216 Somerville Ave
Jennie McGarrett, at 372 A. Medford st
Willard A. Miller, at 508 Medford st
New York Tea Co. at 25 A Summer st
Timothy Reardon, at 83 Seinwood st
Charles W. Rice, at 366 Medford st
Margaret Shaw, at 117 Beacon street,
Salvatore Trani, at 264 A Elm street,

Licenses granted, to sell from June 15, to July 4, inclusive, subject to revocation by this board.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Henry P. Sappen, for a licence as an auctioneer.
Jacob Demont, for a licence as a common victualler at 145 Somerville avenue,
Mrs Margaret Shaw, for a licence as a common victualler at 117 Beacon street.
Karl Miller, for a licence for himself and five others, as a street band.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from Charles A Kennison and others, for the abatement of the nuisance now existing on the premises of Skilton, Foote & Co. on Walnut street. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Board of Health.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Thomas C. Connor, for a sewer in Cottage Circle, off Cottage Avenue,
James Tevlin and others, for a sewer in Hanson Avenue, from the sewer in Hanson street southeasterly about 235 feet,
S. C. Little and others, for a catch basin on the south side of Hudson street at the corner of Benton avenue,

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

C. C. Clarry, for permission to project a sign five feet over the sidewalk in front of his real estate and insurance office at No. 1 Washington street,

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Charles Drouet, for the removal of five trees in front of his estate on Somerville avenue near the corner of Row street,

Thomas C. Connor, for the removal of a maple tree on the southerly side of Cottage avenue about 245 feet westerly from Russell street, as it obstructs the entrance to a new street or way to be called Cottage Circle.

John Duff, for permission to blast rock in excavating for two cellars in Ibbetson street, and one cellar in Sowell street, for Mr Whitfield Porter.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from E. G. Weeks and others, for a street crossing on Medford street at the corner of Tennyson street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Reference concurred in.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from the Somerville Veteran Firemen's Association, for the privilege of purchasing for a nominal sum, the old abandoned wooden fire house recently occupied by Hose Company No. 1 on Webster street, the same to be removed from the lot by the association, which anticipates purchasing a lot of land on Washington street near Union Square, for the purpose of establishing permanent quarters.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Reference concurred in.

✓ Report — The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of William J. Esty for a common victualler's licence, reported an order.

Accepted.

✓ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered:-

That a Common Victualler's licence, be and is hereby granted to William J. Esty of No. 66 Union Square, said licence to remain in force until April 30, 1897, unless sooner forfeited or rendered void.

Adopted.

✓ Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order:

Ordered:-

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That permission be, and is hereby granted, to Henry W. P. Colson, to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows:-

On Highland Avenue, at the westerly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, a projection in the second and third stories of a building to be erected, also the coving of said building as shown on plan, said first named projection to project over the sidewalk one foot.

Also, to build and maintain projections over the sidewalk, at Highland avenue at the easterly corner of Spring Hill Terrace, a bow window in the second and third stories of the house now being erected, to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches; the structures projecting over the sidewalks, as aforesaid to be placed upon the buildings in such manner, as shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, on petitions from Charles Booth and H. McLean, for a sewer in Broadway, from Cedar street southeasterly, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report, for the construction of a common sewer in Broadway, is recorded on page 568 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and was — Order ✓

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Fremont street, as recorded on pages 356 to 360, inclusive of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was — Order ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 12.

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in Broadway — Orders ✓

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Beacon street

and

Elm street

are recorded respectively on pages 90, 93 and 96 of volume 3 of the records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor June 11.

Report

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks, from

F. E. Seacey and others, edgestones both sides Derby street, from Temple to Grant st

Fred J. Menthall and others, edgestones northerly side Elm street, from Cherry street to Willow Ave.

Howard D. Moore and others, edgestones both sides Kenwood street from Elm to Billingham street,

Alexander Munroe and others, brick, southerly side Newton street, from the railroad to Concord Avenue,

A. L. Barker and others, edgestones School street, from Highland avenue to Madison street,

reported orders of notice of hearings.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders of notice, accompanying the foregoing report of hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

Derby street,

Elm street,

Kenwood street,

Newton street,

and

School street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 97, 100, 103, 106 and 109 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor June 11.

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The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for posts or poles in Summer street, northerly side, between Cedar and Belmont, present poles to be removed, - Crescent street, southerly side, one pole, present pole to be removed, - Bonair street, one pole, - Broadway Parkway, immediately west of Walnut street, one pole, - Munroe street, east of Walnut street, 3 poles, - ten poles in Walnut street, between Broadway and Vaughn, two in Munroe street, east of Walnut, and one in Wellington Avenue, corner Walnut street, to be removed, also for permission to occupy the poles of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Walnut street, between Broadway and Highland Avenue, as agreed upon with said company, - reported two orders.

Accepted.

Report ✓

The orders accompanying the foregoing report, granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company, locations for posts or poles, and permission to attach wires, and to remove certain poles now standing, in Bonair st, Broadway, Munroe st, and Walnut street, - and in Summer street and Crescent street, are recorded respectively on pages 109 and 110 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

Orders ✓

Acceptance & Agreement filed June 25 1896.

Acceptance & Agreement filed June 25 1896.

Alderman Berry offered the following order.

Ordered.

That the plans laid before this board this evening, of date as hereinafter stated, for the numbering of the following named streets, to wit -

Ash Avenue, dated Nov 7, 1894.
Dresden Circle, dated June 10, 1896.
East Albion Street, dated June 8, 1896.
Electric Avenue, dated June 10, 1896.
Elmwood Court, dated June 10, 1896.
Harvard Place, dated May 20, 1896.
Ibbetson Street, dated June 10, 1896.
Monmouth street, dated May 27, 1896.
Richardson Terrace, dated June 10, 1896.
Richmond Highlands, dated June 10, 1896.

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Sargent Avenue, dated May 25, 1896
Spring Hill Terrace, dated Jan 14, 1896
West Street, (in Ward Four) dated Jan 29, 1896

be and the same are hereby adopted, and the numbers thereon are hereby designated as the proper numbers to be affixed to the several buildings on said streets, respectively; and the city engineer is hereby directed to inform the owners of buildings on said streets what are the proper numbers to be affixed to their several buildings in accordance with said plans, and in compliance with the requirements of section five of chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891

Adopted

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of S. J. Rand and others, for the laying out of Wigglesworth street, submitted a favorable report, as recorded on page 281 of volume 2 of the record of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 10, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing, on the laying out of Wigglesworth street, as recorded on page 282 of volume of the record of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 11

√ Order

A resolve an order for the laying out of Cambria street, as recorded on pages 276 to 280, inclusive of volume 2 of the records of the Laying out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 12

√ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be, and is hereby authorized,

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to purchase a road scraper, at a cost not to exceed four hundred dollars, the expense so incurred, to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 11.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to place edgestones around the William H. Hodgkins school-house on Holland and Paulina streets and Simpson Avenue, the cost of the edgestones to be charged to School-house in Ward Four Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order of May 21, submitted the following list of proposals received for the construction of an addition to the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse in accordance with plans by Aaron H. Gould, Architect. — Report ✓

William T. Eaton,	$ 20.450.00
Kellamy & Harris,	18.965.00
W. S. Clark & Co,	18.768.00
Alfred H. Hines,	18.300.00
Starbird & Johnson,	18.110.00
Fessenden & Libby,	17.650.00
Orne & Lawrence,	17.500.00
Walter S. Sampson & Son,	17.500.00
H. P. Cummings & Co.	17.360.00

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 10, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, au-

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thereby to make a contract with H. P. Cummings & Co. for the construction of an addition to the Jacob J. Glass school-house, in accordance with plans prepared by Howard Gould, Architect, for the sum of seventeen thousand, three hundred and sixty dollars ($17,360.00), - the amount so expended to be charged to School-house Jacob J. Glass, Addition, Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to procure plans and specifications and solicit proposals for improved sanitary arrangements for the Latin school-house, and to submit the same when received to the City Council, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house Incidentals Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to sell the gravel on the William H. Hodgkins school-lot on Holland street, - the amount so received to be credited to School-house in Ward Four Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 11.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to grade the William H. Hodgkins school-lot and build fence, and to furnish furniture and fixtures for the building, at a total expense of not exceeding eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00), - the amount so expended to be charged to School-house in Ward Four Account.

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Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor June 11.

The Committee on Public Property, on an order of June 5, for the preparation of the papers for the taking, by the right of eminent domain, of land at the corner of Glen and Brook streets, for a school lot, reported inexpedient to so take the land, for reasons stated in an opinion from the City Solicitor, presented (and filed) with the report. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 10, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized and instructed to transfer from Water Works Extension account the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and place the same to the credit of Water Maintenance Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 10, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, June 11.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Ordered ✓

Ordered,

That the release, dated June 9, 1896, herewith laid before the Board, from the Boston and Maine Railroad and the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to the City of Somerville of a right to lay a main drain or common sewer and a surface water drain within the location of said companies in a strip of land extending westerly of Holland Street and in a small triangular piece of land adjacent thereto, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City of Somerville and the conditions and provisions as in said release stated are agreed to, and that the city clerk cause said release and the thereto annexed plan to be recorded in the registry of deeds.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 10, Adopted in concurrence.
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✓ Order	Alderman Chandler offered the following order
	Ordered:-
	That his honor the Mayor, be and he hereby is requested, to cause the flags to be displayed, and the bells rung throughout the city, in the morning, at noon and at sunset on June 17th and July 4th the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account
	Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council, June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
	Approved by the Mayor June 11.
✓ Resolution against the granting of liquor licence in Boston near the Somerville line	Alderman Huntley offered the following resolution
	Whereas:-
	Notice has been published by the Police Commissioners of Boston, under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Theodore Roessle, William F. Conley, as William F. Conley & Co. and William T. Patten, have applied for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors as victuallers of the first class, and wholesale dealers of the fourth class, at No 141 Cambridge street, Charlestown District, in said Boston, in three rooms first floor, with stock in cellar of said building, it is hereby
	Resolved:-
	That in the judgment of this City Council, it is a detriment to the residential section of this city bordering on the line of the Charlestown District in said Boston, to grant any licences of this nature, to any party or parties applying in this section, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Police Commissioners of Boston.
	Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
	Approved by the Mayor June 11.
✓ Order	On motion of Alderman Berry, the order of June 5, granting a relocation of posts or poles to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, in Medford street, was reconsidered.
	On motion of Alderman Berry it was voted to amend the order by striking out the word "westerly" in the clause, "Medford street, on the westerly side thereof;" and inserting in place thereof the word "easterly". As thus amended,

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adopted.

On motion of Alderman Berry it was voted that the order, which was laid upon the table June 5, granting to the West End Street Railway Company the right to operate its lines in Medford street, between Somerville avenue and Broadway street, by electric power, was taken from the table. Under ✓

On motion of Alderman Chandler it was voted that the order be again laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act in the matter of making improvements in the house of Engine Company No. Four, and to transact any other business that may come before the Board, all the members of the Board having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville June 18, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Order

The order passed by this board June 5, and presented to the Mayor June 10 which read as follows, namely -

Ordered,

That the members of the reserve police force now engaged on police duty in the service of the city, be continued on such duty until the first day of November next, at such rate of compensation as may be fixed by the City council.

was returned by the mayor to the city clerk June 15, with the following message:-

Veto Message from Mayor on foregoing order

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, June 13, 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the order adopted by your Honorable Board on the 5th day of the present month, by which order it was directed that the members of the reserve police force now engaged on police duty in the service of the city be continued on such duty until the first day of November next, etc.

My views upon the subject of assigning to regular police duty all of the members of the reserve force have been so fully stated in former communications to your Honorable Board, that very little need be said at the present time. I

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am inclined to the opinion that the reserve officers are now performing police duty, and drawing compensation therefor, without having been properly assigned to such duty during the present year. If such is the case, the order under consideration is, in effect, a mere assignment to duty of the reserves, men, and, as no appropriation has been made for the payment of their salaries, the order would seem to be in direct violation of Section 2, Chapter 4, of the City Ordinances. It is there provided that "after the annual order of appropriations has been passed, no subsequent expenditure shall be authorized for any object, unless provision for the same shall be made either by special transfer from some of the appropriations contained in said annual order, or by loan on funded debt account." It is certain that the annual order of appropriations was passed long before the date of the order under consideration, and it is equally certain that no provision was made in said annual order for the payment of the reserve force. Furthermore, it has been repeatedly stated in meetings of your Honorable Board, by members who favored the retention of the reserve force on duty, that such retention was sure to result in an overdraft of the police appropriation.

Whatever may be my views as to the desirability of increasing the regular police force of the city, I cannot approve an order which calls for the expenditure in one of the departments of a much larger sum than has been appropriated therefor, and which would seem to be in direct conflict with the provisions of the city ordinance.

If your Honorable Board, in compliance with the ordinance provision which has been cited, will transfer from some other appropriation a sum sufficient to pay the salaries of the reserve officers, I will then approve of their assignment to duty. A transfer of $100 has already been made from police station incidentals account to police appropriation, and this will provide for the compensation of one member of the reserve force. The compensation of another reserve officer has been provided for by his promotion to fill a vacancy in the regular police force. I shall be very glad if your Honorable Board can find some means by which other members of the reserve force can be retained in active service, but it should be done, if at all, by methods conformable to sound business principles and in keeping with the spirit and letter of our laws and ordinances.

Respectfully submitted

Allison A. Perry, Mayor

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The message was read for information.

The order was then reconsidered, and was adopted, - the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding, by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and Andrews - 6, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore and Berry, - 2, voting in the negative.

✓ Order

The order passed June 5, and presented to the Mayor June 10, adopting plans and authorizing the Committee on Fire Department, to solicit proposals to make alterations and improvements in the house of Engine Company No. 4 at the corner of Highland avenue and Grove street, was returned by the mayor to the city clerk, June 15, with the following message.

✓ Veto message from Mayor on foregoing order

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, June 18th 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen,

I return herewith, with my objections, an order which originated in your Honorable Board, by which order plans were accepted for the alteration and improvement of the Fire Station No. 4, on Highland avenue and Grove street, and the Committee on Fire Department was instructed to solicit proposals for the work called for by said plans.

From reliable information which I have received, I am satisfied that radical alterations should be made in the above mentioned plans before they are adopted by the City Council. I do not consider it necessary to point out the required changes at this time, as I am informed that the Committee on Fire Department is aware of the defects in the present plans, and will ask from the City Council authority to make the necessary modifications.

Respectfully submitted

Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

The order was then reconsidered, and its adoption, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding was lost, by a unanimous yea and nay vote, all the members of the board voting in the negative.

✓ Order

The order passed June 5, and presented to the mayor June 10, instructing the Committee on Public Property to cause to be purchased, and presented to the city council, the necessary orders for the taking for the purpose of a school house lot, of the land at the corner of Glen and Brook streets, was returned by the mayor

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to the city clerk June 15, with the following message,

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, June 15th 1896

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen,

I return herewith, with my objections, the order which originated in your Honorable Board, authorizing and instructing the Committee on Public Property to cause to be prepared and presented to the City Council, the necessary orders and papers for the taking for the purpose of a schoolhouse of the lot of land on the corner of Glen street and Broadway street and the lot adjoining thereto on the northwesterly side thereof, etc."

In view of the statements of fact and law relative to the subject, contained in this communication from the learned City Solicitor, read in your Honorable Board at its last meeting, I cannot approve of the taking of a lot of land for schoolhouse purposes under the authority conferred by the statutes of the Commonwealth. I think you will agree with me that land, upon which the city is to erect a public building at a cost of many thousand dollars, should be held by a clear and indefeasible title. It is plain, from the language of the statute quoted by the Solicitor, that such a title can only be obtained under a deed from the lawful owners of the land. If such a deed can be obtained, and the land purchased for a reasonable price, I shall heartily approve of the transaction, for the location of the lot in question makes it eminently desirable for schoolhouse purposes. My only objection relates to the taking of the land by the right of eminent domain, in the manner prescribed by the statute. By such taking, it appears that the city, after paying full value for the land and largely increasing its value by the erection of buildings, may be completely divested of its title if, for any reason, it shall fail during the term of one year to maintain a public school upon the premises.

Unless the legal objections, pointed out by the Solicitor, can be overcome, I believe it will be for the advantage of the city to select another location for the Ward Nine Schoolhouse. If such a selection must be made, steps in that direction should be immediately taken, to the end that the erection of the building may not be unnecessarily delayed.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison A. Perry,

Mayor.

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The message was read for information.

The ordinance then reconsidered, and its adoption, the objections of the mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding, was lost by an unanimous yea and nay vote, all the members of the board voting in the negative.

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order.

In Common Council, June 16, 1896.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Ordinances be, and it hereby is instructed to report a draft of an ordinance, providing that all contracts for public works shall, if exceeding $300.00 in amount be made in writing, after notice for proposals therefor has been published at least three times in any local paper, and no contract shall be made with, or proposals received from any person or persons other than Citizens of the United States.

In Common Council June 16, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen June 18, Laid on the table.

Drain Layers Bond — Received a drain layers bond in the sum of One thousand dollars and in form approved by the City Solicitor, from

Dennis L. Collins, with William Armstrong as surety.

Accepted and approved.

Petition — Received a petition from the Newtonville Club, for a license for a base ball game on the Y. M. C. A. Grounds on Washington street, Wednesday morning June 17.

recommended by the Chief and approved by the mayor and license issued by the city clerk.

Issuing of license approved.

Petition — Received a petition from the Middlesex Bicycle Club, for a license for a base ball game on the Y. M. C. A. Grounds on Washington street, Saturday afternoon June 20.

recommended by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Petitions — Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed

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licenses – that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors;

Charles H. W. Brown, 64 Berkeley street, aged 13
Guy S. Coates, Joseph st. Medford, " 11
Nicholas McAvoy, 157 Somerville Ave " 13
Arnold T. Ryan, 74 Oxford street " 15
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received a petition for a licence to collect junk, from Julius S. Glauser, 5 Poplar street, approved by the Chief of Police
Licence granted. — Petition ✓

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from John C. Cameron, Cornelius Corkery, and Julius S. Glauser, all of Somerville, approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted. — Petitions ✓

Received a petition for a licence to cry his calling in the streets, from Vincent Sullivan, of 3 Beach street, an umbrella mender, approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted. — Petition ✓

Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks, from
Charles H. Bradbury, at 55 Elm street,
Raphael Caterino, at 265 Washington street,
Thomas R. Cross, at 59 Elm street,
Thomas A. Cunningham, at 62 Beacon street,
Jacob Dumont at 145 Somerville Ave
Mary E. Hutchell, at 528 Medford street,
Samuel S. Hayden, at 261 Highland Ave
John G. Jones, at 25 Bow street
Mrs Catherine Lynch, at 30 Linwood street,
Samuel Radley, at 202 Washington street,
Mrs Alice Keating, at 47 Kent street — Petitions ✓

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Licences granted to sell from this date until July 4th inclusive, unless sooner revoked.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from
Samandel C. Studley, for a licence as an auctioneer,
Leonard M. Libby, for a licence as a common victualler at 243 Holland street,
Jeremiah Shea, for a licence as a common victualler at 216 Somerville Avenue,
Michael Demarco, for a licence to play on bag pipes in the streets.
Referred to Committee on Licences.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Edgar L. Weeks, for a licence to keep six horses in a stable at No. 10 Hartlett street.
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

√ Petition

Received a petition from F. A. Gray, for permission to build and maintain structures to consist of two bay windows on Pearl street and two on Walnut st. in the second and third stories of an apartment house, with stores on the first floor, to be erected at the southeasterly corner of Pearl and Walnut streets, each of said bay windows to project eighteen inches over the sidewalk.

Ad

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

the said petition being accompanied by the following order.

√ Order of Notice for Hearing

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, that notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that the board will on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1896, at 8 o'clock, P.M. at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Citizen of the 19th inst.

Adopted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from James Driscoll for a drain layers licence.
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petition

Received a petition from the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect three electric light poles on the westerly side of Hancock street as per plan filed.

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Placed on file

Received petitions from

Elmer A. Stevens, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on the corner of Hall and Liberty avenue. — Petitions ✓

Samuel S. Hayden, for permission to project a sign (a druggist's mortar) three and one half feet over the sidewalk at 265 Highland avenue.

John C. Rowe, for the removal of a dead elm tree standing on the northwesterly corner of Somerville Avenue and Granite street.

Franklin A. Hobart and others, for edgestones on each side of Francesca avenue.

Jose Cabeceiras and others, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones, on the southerly side of Joseph street, from Newton street to Sanborn Field.

J. Alfonce and others, for curbstones on the southerly side of Washington street, from the lower end of the Sanborn Field to the corner of the Y.M.C.A. base-ball grounds.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

George F. Hughes, for the lowering of the edgestone so as to provide for a driveway at his premises No 267 Highland avenue.

J. H. Edgerly, that the driveway may be moved from the northwesterly to the southwesterly side of the lot, in front of his premises Nos 222 & 224 Medford street at his expense; also that the sidewalk be repaired.

Herbert Luce and others, for a crossing across Highland avenue between Walnut street and Vinal avenue opposite the asphalt walk across the Central Hill Park.

Helen Kowalskye, that the division fence between her premises No 12 Summer street and the city stables grounds be rebuilt, as it is now insufficient and in want of repair.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Reference concurred in.

Alderman Jones offered an order for the construction of a common sewer in Mystic avenue, as recorded on page 576 of volume 1 of the records of the Taking of land for and Orders to construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen — Order ✓

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of the City of Somerville
Read twice and adopted
Approved by the Mayor June 22

Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order
Ordered,

That upon payment to the City of Somerville of the sum of sixty-eight dollars ($68.00) by Burnett T. Shelton, a permit be issued by the City Engineer for the laying of a private drain from the sewer in Elm Street to connect with that portion of the estate owned by the said Shelton, situated in the City of Cambridge, at the southwesterly corner of Elm and Davenport Streets, which lies within twenty feet of said Elm Street with a frontage of eighty feet on said Street, and contains 5800 square feet, more or less, and is bounded and described as shown on a plan in the City Engineer's office, said private drain to conduct the drainage of said portion of said estate and no other drainage whatever, into said sewer, and if at any time any other drainage than that of the said portion of said estate shall be conveyed into said drain, the City of Somerville shall have the right to cut off and forever terminate all connections of said drain with said sewer.
Adopted

Report — The Committee on Electric Lines, on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that the Somerville Electric Light Company may be granted permission by this board to attach its wires to the poles of said telephone and telegraph Company, on Walnut Street, between Broadway and Highland avenue, reported that such permission was granted by an order of this board passed June 16th inst.
Accepted

Order — Alderman Berry offered an order granting locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company in Hancock Street as recorded on page 111 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
Adopted.
Agreement filed July 24

Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of John Duff for per-

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mission to blast rock in excavating for two cellars in Elliot street and one cellar in Lowell street, for Mr. Whitfield Porter, reported on order.
Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, — Order ✓
Ordered,-
That permission be and it hereby is granted to John Luff to blast rock in excavating for two cellars in Elliot street and one cellar in Lowell street, for Mr. Whitfield Porter.
Adopted.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓
Ordered,-
That the Chief of Police, and he hereby is, instructed to prohibit the carrying of umbrellas by patrolmen while on duty.
Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, on the communication from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts stating that it is prepared to begin the work of placing its wires underground and presenting a draft of an ordinance under which it could satisfactorily undertake the work, - reported recommending the placing of the wires underground and that the draft of ordinance be referred to the Committee on Ordinances for consideration. — Report ✓
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 18. Reference concurred in.

Alderman Wright offered an order for the construction of a street crossing across Highland avenue in front of the First Unitarian Church. — Order ✓
Read once and referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 18. Reference concurred in.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓
Ordered,-
That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, di-

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rected to employ in the work of trimming trees, only such men as shall have a thorough knowledge of such work.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 20

Report — The Committee on Public Property submitted plans by Aaron K. Gould, Architect, for heating and ventilating apparatus to be placed in the Jacob T. Glines Schoolhouse, and presented an order.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Adopted in concurrence.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered,

That the plans prepared by Aaron K. Gould, Architect, and submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, for heating and ventilating apparatus to be placed in the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals, for the placing of heating and ventilating apparatus in said building in accordance with the said plans.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 18.

Report — The Committee on Fire Department submitted plans No. 3, by Loring and Phipps, architects, for the repairing and improvement of the house of Engine Company No. 4, situated at the corner of Highland Avenue and Grove street, and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Accepted in concurrence.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered,

That the plans prepared by Messrs. Loring and Phipps, Architects and submitted this evening, for the repairing and improvements of house of Engine Company No. 4 situated on Highland avenue at the

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corner of Grove street, be and the same are hereby accepted and the committee on Fire Department be, and is hereby instructed to solicit proposals for the repairs and improvements of said building in accordance with the plans submitted.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 19, 1896.

The Committee on Finance on the request of the Water Board for an additional appropriation of $6,000, for Water Works Extensions, to be expended in streets now supplied by Cambridge, reported an order. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: Order ✓

Ordered,

That for the purpose of defraying the expense of laying water supply pipes through streets portions of the city of Somerville now supplied with water by the city of Cambridge, the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated to Water Works Extension Account, and the city treasurer is hereby directed to provide for said appropriation by charging the same to account of City of Boston, return on water rates.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 20.

The Committee on Claims, - Reports ✓

on the petition of John H. Kennney for compensation for injuries received on Moreland street by being struck by a ladder carried on a ladder truck of the Fire Department, recommended no action, as the case has been already disposed of in the courts.

on the petition of Francesco Frangos for compensation for injuries Jan. 4, 1896 caused by a horse carriage of the city running against his shop No. 2 South street, and knocking down the barber pole there affixed, which pole struck and injured him, reported inexpedient to take any action.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, June 18, Accepted in concurrence

Report — The Committee on Ordinance, on the petition of Ezra D. Souther and others, that measures be taken to stop the Derby Deck Company from causing sawdust to be scattered about the neighborhood of its factory, reported inexpedient to take any action as the matter has been adjusted to the satisfaction of the petitioners.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 18, Accepted in concurrence

Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order
Ordered:-
That the city clerk be, and he hereby is directed to make publication of Ordinance No 62 entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 20 in relation to wires of the Fire Alarm and Police Signal Systems in one issue of the Somerville Journal, agreeably to the provisions of section 3 of Chapter One of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor June 20

Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order
Ordered:
That the Board of Health be, and it hereby is requested to burn such old rubbish at the dump at Wyatts Pit as may be liable to float upon the water or be blown about.
Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, June 18, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor June 20

Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order
Ordered:-
That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is requested to consider the advisability of amending Section 1, of Chapter 15, of the

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Revised Ordinances of 1891, in such a manner as to provide for the acceptance of such streets or ways of a width less than forty feet, as were common thoroughfares previous to the first adoption, by the City Council, of an ordinance providing that no street or way of a width less than forty feet, should be laid out and accepted.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 18, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 20

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order

In Common Council, June 18, 1896

Ordered,

That the Committee on Ordinances be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of passing an ordinance, to provide that all plans and specifications for the erection or alteration of any building of the city, be submitted for inspection to the inspector of buildings and the superintendent or other head of the department for which the building is to be provided, or for which it is to be used, before such plans and specifications are submitted to the City Council or any order is offered authorizing a contract in accordance therewith.

In Common Council, June 18 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, June 18, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 20

On motion of Alderman Huntley the following order which was laid on the table June 5th and again June 16th, was taken from the table, namely:— — Order acceptance & agreement filed July 3 1896

City of Somerville

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, June 5th 1896

Ordered.

That consent and permission be, and it hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish, construct, maintain and use the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power so called, in the operation of its cars on Medford street between Broadway and Somerville avenue, and to erect, construct, lay, maintain and use the wires and appliances and such electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the under-

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grounds and surface alterations in, and on said front of Medford street, necessary for that purpose, and to that end to erect and maintain poles as follows, on the easterly side thereof, between Somerville avenue and Washington street, and one pole on the westerly side of Somerville avenue near the easterly corner of Medford street.

The wires to be erected under this order are to be attached to the poles before mentioned, and to the poles of the Somerville Electric Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectively, under authority of orders passed by this board September 13, 1893, November 8, 1893 and this day, granting locations for such poles to the said electric light company and telephone and telegraph company, with the privilege of attaching thereto the wires of said railway company.

The rights and privileges granted by this order are subject to all the terms and conditions specified in an order passed by the Board of Aldermen of this city December 23, 1891, granting similar rights and privileges to said railway company on certain of the streets of this city.

This order shall be null and void, unless the same be accepted by said West End Street Railway Company, and notice of such acceptance filed with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage hereof, and unless within said thirty days said company shall give to the city an agreement in writing, satisfactory to the City Solicitor to save harmless and indemnify said city from and against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses, loss, or compensation for, on account of, or in any way growing out of, the rights or privileges herein granted, or the erection, maintenance or use of said poles or the wires thereon, or of said electric system of motive power, and that it, said company, accepts, receives, and holds this license and permission, and its rights and privileges under the same upon the terms and provisions aforesaid, and that it agrees to and adopts as its agreement all the terms and provisions aforesaid, and will fully carry out, observe, perform and be subject to the same.

Adopted.

Adjourned.

Attest:

George S. Vincent

Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 24, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received the annual roll of members of Company A First Battalion of Calvary, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, who are exempt from jury duty. — Jury Exemption Roll ✓

Placed on file.

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors; — Petitions ✓

Tyler E. Carpenter, 29 Quincy street, aged 12
A. Frank Dooling, 339 Washington street, " 12
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from — Petitions ✓
Maurice McDonald, 30 Murdock street,
Abraham Sowks, 6 Michael Pl, Chelsea, a tin pedler, holding a county license
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions ✓
Vera F. Breck, Clarence T. Conant, Maurice McDonald, Michael O'Neill, Jose M. Soares, James H. Welch, - all of Somerville -
petitions approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

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Petitions ✓ Received petitions for licenses from
Pietro Guidi, to ring a bell for the sale of Ice Cream, and to cry his goods, in the streets.
Benjamin A Prince, to ring a bell for the sale of Ice Cream in the streets, both parties being of Somerville, and both petitions approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted

✓ Petitions Received petitions for licenses from
Raffaele Cooper, to ring a bell for the sale of ice cream in the streets
J. Edward Murphy, to cry his goods in the streets.
both disapproved by the Chief of Police
Given leave to withdraw

✓ Petition Received a petition for a license to sell fireworks from
Antonio Correia, 484 Medford st
Licence granted, to sell from this date until July 4th inclusive

✓ Petition Received a petition from Walter E. Barton and others, that a license be granted to Signet Commandery No 188, Knights of Malta, to march from Union Square to Odd Fellows' Hall, Winter Hill, under the escort of the Hub Martial Band, for the purpose of attending divine service in Odd Fellows' Hall Sunday afternoon, June 28.
Licence granted

✓ Petitions Received petitions from
Edgar J. Howland that his petition for a sixth class liquor license be withdrawn.
Somerville American Section of the Socialist Labor Party, for permission to hold lectures on economic questions in the following places on weekly evenings, viz, - Union Square, Inman Square, Magoun and Davis Square, and on Sundays in Central Hill Park.
Referred to Committee on Licenses

✓ Petition Received petitions from the West End Street Railway Company for a li-

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cence for the erection of a brick building to be used for the storage of oils, including petroleum oils, on land in rear of its car house standing on the southerly side of Washington street, near Hyslop street, said building to be eleven feet in length and the same in width and height, to have a concrete or a granite foundation, a concrete floor, a wire lath and plaster ceiling, a tin roof and a fire proof door.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received a petition from F. A. Gray, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows, at the southeasterly corner of Pearl and Walnut streets - bay windows in the second and third stories of an apartment house, with stores on first floor, - two bay windows on Pearl street and two on Walnut street, each to project over the sidewalk, eighteen inches — Petition

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Appended to the foregoing petition were the following orders:

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that seven days notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this board will on Wednesday the 8th day of July, 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M. at its room in City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Citizen of the 26th inst. — Order of Notice

Received a petition from Charles King Jr. and others, for a catch basin on the southerly corner of Bartlett and Ames streets. — Petition

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions

Irwin W. Townsend, for permission to blast rock for the purpose of sinking a shaft at the corner of Locust street and Willow Avenue.

James Howard and others, for a curbing on both sides of Burnside Avenue.

James G. Kickey and others, for edgestones on both sides of Summit street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions

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George A. Maynard and others, for edgestones in front of their respective estates on Alford street, the cost of the edgestones to be paid by by the petitioners.

Thomas A. Dewire and others, for a crossing across Beacon street, from the westerly corner of Museum street, to the westerly corner of Kent st.

Henry W. P. Colson, for a crossing on the southerly side of Highland avenue, across the end of Spring Hill Terrace.

Wilbert S. Bartlett and others, for the laying out of Alpine street, from the end of the former Alpine street to Lowell street, a distance of about 688 feet.

Charles A. Mason and others, for the laying out of Cameron Avenue, from Holland street to the Cambridge line.

Wilbert S. Bartlett and others, for the laying out of Princeton street, from Alpine street to Lowell street, a distance of about 648 feet.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, References concurred in.

✓ Report — Received the report of the Committee of the cities of Boston and Somerville on the perambulation of the boundary line between said cities, as recorded on pages 14 and 15 of volume 1 of the records of the Perambulation of Boundary Lines, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Accepted.

✓ Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Edgar S. Weeks for permission to occupy a wooden stable for six horses at No. 10 Bartlett street, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

✓ Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for permission to erect a brick building on land in rear of the car house of said company on the southerly side of Washington street, near Mystic street, said building to be used for the storage of oil, including petroleum oil, reported an order.

Accepted.

✓ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows.

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Ordered:

That a licence be, and hereby is, granted to the West End Street Railway Company, for the erection of a brick building, on land in rear of the car-house of said company situated on the southerly side of Washington street, near Mystic street, in this city, said building to be used for the storage of oil, including petroleum oil and to be of dimensions and materials as stated in the petition of said company, for such licence, presented to this board, and to be constructed in such manner as shall be approved by the inspector of buildings.

Adopted.

Alderman Jones offered the following resolve and order

City of Somerville,

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, June 24, 1896.

Resolved and adjudged, that it is necessary for the public convenience and the public health, and they require, that main drains or common sewers, and also a covered drain, channel or water course (hereinafter referred to as the surface water drain) for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm water or surface drainage and storm water from any overflow from main drains or common sewers, as referred to in section six of chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, should be laid, made and maintained in Seven Pines street, Cameron Avenue, Elmwood street, Gorham street, Howard street, private ways so called, and in certain private lands adjacent to or lying between said streets, and from the dividing line on Seven Pines Street between Cambridge and Somerville to Holland street, all being in said city and as hereinafter more particularly described, and for said surface water drain and said main drains or common sewers and for said purposes, namely, for the purposes of said main drains or common sewers and said surface water drain, and for a right of way therefor through or in such private ways and lands it is necessary to take private lands and lands in or forming said private streets or parts thereof, all as hereinafter more particularly described, and including the several parcels of land within the boundaries and limits as hereinafter described, and the owners and areas of said parcels of land respectively (the number of square feet of land of each being as stated opposite their respective names), being as follows, namely:-

Order ✓ taking of land for sewers in Tannery Brook District

Names of Owners — No. of Square Feet more or less

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Benjamin J. Downs, Andrew A. Dumont and William McDonald, Trustees, West End Street Railway Co. Mortgagee,	4432.4
West End Street Railway Company, (On Dorchester Avenue)	852.5
West End Street Railway Company	2418.2
Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy,	2000.
Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy,	800.
Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy,	3828.7
Roderick McLeanee	161.8
Fred Bailey, Mortgagee,	
Martin W. Lane,	3066.9
Charles J. Simpson,	2163.8
Silas D. Cummings,	2125.8
Charles J. Simpson,	2407.7
Clifton A. Kennedy	2695.5
Elliott G. White, Mortgagee,	
John Byrnes,	596.
John Byrnes,	1364.7
Carlisle Stone, Mortgagee,	
Samuel Lemmon,	781.
Boston and Lowell Railroad Company	6272.8
Boston and Lowell Railroad Company	636.3
(Boston and Maine Railroad Company appeared to have a leasehold interest in said land of Boston and Lowell Railroad Company.)	
Martin W. Lane	9314.8
Cambridge Savings Bank, Mortgagee,	

And, whereas, the matter of taking said parcels of land for the purposes aforesaid was referred to the Committee on Sewers, and, whereas, as appears by the report hereto annexed, the said committee was of opinion that the public convenience and the public health require that said surface water drains and said main drains or common sewers should be laid, made and maintained, and the said committee has caused the admeasurements and boundaries of said parcels of land and of said land taken for the purposes aforesaid, to be distinctly marked out on the premises by the City Engineer, and also upon a plan thereof, and to be de-

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scribed in its report and the profile accompanying the same, and has specified the manner in which such taking shall be completed, and reported the names of all persons sustaining damage by such taking, with the amount of such damage, proper and reasonable to be awarded to each of said owners, as fully appears in said report; and, whereas, said report and profile have remained in the City Clerk's office for the term of seven days, at least, before the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council proceeded to act thereon; and, whereas due notice has been given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the intention of the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council to take said parcels of land for the purposes of said main drains or common sewers and surface water drains, as by the Order of Notice for a hearing by the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council and the return thereto annexed will fully appear; and, whereas, at the time and place in said Order of Notice appointed, the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council met and heard all parties interested who claimed to be heard.

It is therefore Ordered, that under the provisions of chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and by virtue of all other power and authority hereto enabling, and under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of a proportional part of the charge of making and repairing main drains and common sewers and of the charge not already assessed of making and repairing other main drains and common sewers through which the same may discharge, the lands and the parcels of lands, as hereinafter more particularly described, be and the same hereby are taken for, and for the purposes of, main drains and common sewers of the said City, and also for, and for the purposes of, a covered drain, channel or water course, in this order referred to as a surface-water drain, for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm water or surface drainage and storm water from any overflow from main drains or common sewers, as referred to in section six of said chapter two hundred thirty-eight, and for any and all purposes and uses for which such surface water drains may lawfully be used, and that the said lands be and the same hereby are taken and laid out both for said main drains and common sewers and said surface water drain, and for the purpose of laying, making and maintaining the same on said lands and for all the purposes thereof; that the said lands taken as aforesaid are shown and designated upon the plan (deposited in the office of the City Clerk) hereinafter referred to and the lower-

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dance, location and admeasurements of said land are all as shown upon said plan, which is hereby made a part of this order, and as hereinafter stated and said land is bounded and described as follows, namely.

Beginning at a point, as shown on the plan hereinafter referred to, in the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville, and on the northeasterly side line of Seven Pines street said point being distant one hundred forty-eight 17/100 feet northwesterly from the northwesterly side line of Cameron Avenue, thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly line of Seven Pines Street one hundred forty-eight 9/100 feet to the northwesterly side line of Cameron Avenue, thence running southeasterly and a little more easterly sixty-one feet to the southeasterly side line of Cameron Avenue, thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly division line of land of the West End Street Railway Company ninety-eight 5/10 feet, thence running southwesterly four 55/100 feet, thence running southeasterly on the northeasterly division line of land of Heirs of Jeremiah B. Carthy and crossing Elmwood Street three hundred thirty-two 57/100 feet, thence running easterly on land in part of Godwick B. Isaacs and in part on land of Martin W. Carr one hundred seventy-seven 85/100 feet to the northwesterly line of Gorham street, thence running easterly across said Gorham street to the southeasterly line of Gorham street forty-four feet to a point twenty-five feet on said Gorham street northeasterly from the northerly line of Howard Street, thence running in a curved line, as shown on said plan, thirty-two 15/100 feet to the northerly line of Howard street to a point distant twenty-five feet easterly from the easterly line of Gorham street, thence running southeasterly on the northerly line of Howard street three hundred seventy-seven 85/100 feet to a point in the northerly line of Thorndike Street, thence running easterly by land of Clifton A. Kennedy and on the northerly line of Thorndike Street twenty-two 43/100 feet, thence running southerly across Thorndike Street and then by land of John Byrnes one hundred thirty 95/100 feet, thence running southwesterly and nearly southerly by land of Daniel Demmon one hundred four 14/100 feet to the northerly line of the location of the Lexington and Arlington Branch Railroad of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, thence running southeasterly on the northerly line of said railroad location four hundred seventeen 5/100 feet, thence running southerly on the westerly line of Holland street twenty-two 9/10 feet, thence running northwesterly on a line distant fifteen feet from the northerly line of the location of said railroad and parallel thereto four hundred nineteen feet, thence running northerly to the northerly location line of said railroad twenty 97/100 feet, thence continuing and running northerly on land of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company eighty-

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four 14/100 feet; thence running northerly in a more westerly direction on land of John Byrnes ninety-one 1/100 feet to southerly line of Thorndike Street, thence running northwesterly across Thorndike street seventy 96/100 feet to the intersection of the northerly line of Thorndike street and the southwesterly line of Howard street; thence running northwesterly along the westerly line of Howard Street four hundred fourteen 79/100 feet; thence running northeasterly and nearly northerly across Howard street forty feet to the northwesterly line of Gorham street; thence running westerly on land of Martin W. Carr one hundred fifty-five 93/100 feet; thence running southwesterly along the division line between said Carr and heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy ten 52/100 feet; thence running northwesterly on land of heirs of said McCarthy and across Elmwood street and then on other land of said heirs and then on land of West End Street Railway Company four hundred twenty-eight 7/10 feet (in all) to the southeasterly line of Cameron Avenue; thence running northwesterly and more westerly across Cameron Avenue sixty-five feet to the northwesterly line of Cameron Avenue; thence running northwesterly on the southwesterly line of Seven Pines street nineteen 24/100 feet to the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville; thence running northerly on said dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville and across Seven Pines Street one hundred thirty-four feet to the point of beginning, be said admeasurements or any of them more or less, or how otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described; the above described land and premises are as shown and delineated on a plan entitled "City of Somerville, Tannery Brook Sewer District. Plan showing Land taken for Sewer and for Surface Water Drain, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, May 13, 1896," which plan is hereby referred to as and is hereby made a part of this order, and the land taken consists of the strips shown on said plan as colored sienna, - but it is expressly understood and ordered that the use only of the land described as taken as aforesaid within the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad (Lexington and Arlington Branch), is taken for the purpose of carrying, constructing and maintaining said main drains or common sewers and said surface water drain under and within such location and the strip thereof, as hereinbefore described, and in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct the said railroad or location, or to interfere with the use or operation of the railroad in said location, and such use and the taking thereof is subject to the use of the land for railroad purposes and to the express exception, reservation, proviso, and disclaimer hereby made, that the right, title, and ownership in the land and to use the land

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within said location for railroad purposes, and the right to and use of the location necessary to the enjoyment of the franchise of the railroad and of the company or companies, owners of or interested in the same, is recognized and admitted, and that the city will not interfere with the use of the land within said location for railroad purposes, and there is taken the right, in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct the same, to enter upon and dig up such railroad or location thereof, for the purpose of laying, maintaining, and repairing such main drains or common sewers and surface water drains.

That the proprietors, occupants or owners of the land taken as aforesaid, are allowed until the first day of July of the present year, 1896, to take off their trees, fences and other property which may obstruct the laying of said surface water drain and main drains or common sewers, and that the following is an estimate and award of the damages sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of said land namely,

Names	Damages awarded
To Benjamin J. Downs, Andrew A. Seamont	
and William McDonald, Trustees,	Nothing
West End Street Railway Co. Mortgagee,	
West End Street Railway Company	Nothing
Heirs of Jeremiah McCarthy	Nothing
Roderick McIsaacs	Nothing
Fred Bailey, Mortgagee,	
Martin W. Carr	Nothing
Cambridge Savings Bank, Mortgagee,	
Charles J. Simpson	Nothing
Clifton A. Kennedy	Nothing
Elliott G. White, Mortgagee,	
John Byrnes	Nothing
Evelina L. Stone, Mortgagee,	
Daniel Desmond	Nothing
Boston and Lowell Railroad Company	Nothing
Silas S. Cummings	Nothing
Boston and Maine Railroad Company	Nothing

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

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Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order

Ordered,-

That the City Clerk cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds the Resolve and Order for taking of land for Sewers and Surface Water Drains in the Tannery Brook District, which Resolve and Order have this day been adopted by the City Council.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order

Ordered,-

That the release in form, as submitted, herewith from the Boston and Maine Railroad, to the City of Somerville, of right to lay and maintain a common sewer or drain pipe, under land of said railroad, near the ends of Waverly street, be accepted, and the City of Somerville agree to the provisions and conditions thereof, and that the Committee on Sewers be authorized to accept said release when executed, and cause it to be recorded.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

The Committee on Sewers, — Reports

on the petition of James Driscoll, for a drain layer's license, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Alfred H. Sibley, for a drain layer's license, reported an order, in pursuance of an order of June 10, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Broadway, from the manhole at Bedford street, southerly, - about 350 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole and about 5 cubic yards of rock excavation, - the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city,

Names of Bidder	Manhole	8" Sewer per lin. ft.	Rock excavation	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$
Richard Falvey	42.50	0.90	4.00	404.50
Charles A. Morgan	38.00	0.65	3.50	302.50
Maurice Buttimer	38.00	0.65	3.00	300.00

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Charles A Kelley	36.00	0.60	3.50	281.50
John J Dorey	40.00	0.48	5.00	247.40

and presented an order

on the petition of Thomas C Conner, for a sewer in Cottage Circle, reported an order

in pursuance of an order of June 24, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Fremont street, from the manhole at Meacham street to the centre of Main street, - about 670 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer with about 300 feet of 6-inch under drain, 3 manholes, and about 50 cubic yards of rock excavation, the pipe and the manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city, -

Name of Bidder	8" Sewer per lin. ft	6" under drain per lin. ft	Manholes each	Rock excavation per cu yd	Estimated Aggregates
Charles A Kelley	$ 1.00	$ 0.20	$ 48.00	$ 4.00	$ 1.074.00
Charles A Morgan	0.95	0.25	45.00	3.50	1.021.50
Richard Falvey	0.72	0.24	38.00	3.00	818.40
Maurice Buttimer	0.68	0.20	40.00	3.20	795.60
John J Dorey	0.48	0.14	40.00	4.50	780.60

and presented an order

on the petition of James Tevlin and others, for a sewer in Hanson avenue, from the sewer in Hanson street southeasterly about 285 feet, reported an order,

on an order of June 24, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Hanson avenue, from the sewer in Hanson street, southeasterly - about 250 feet of ten-inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole, the pipe to be furnished by the city,

Name of Bidder	Manhole	10" Sewer per lin. ft	Estimated Aggregates
John J Dorey	$ 40.00	$ 0.48	$ 160.00
Maurice Buttimer	35.00	0.49	157.50
Richard Falvey	34.00	0.49	156.50
Charles A Morgan	30.00	0.45	142.50
Charles A Kelley	28.00	0.40	128.00

and presented an order

in pursuance of an order of June 18, submitted the following list of propo-

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sals received to construct in Mystic Avenue, from Winthrop avenue northwesterly to Wheatland street, about 730 feet of 18-inch pipe sewer, with about 15 cubic yards of Portland brick masonry, 17 cubic yards of American brick masonry, 70 cubic yards of American concrete, 25 chimnies, and about 60 cubic yards of earth excavation for tide gate manhole, the pipe to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Chimnies each	18" sewer per cu. ft.	Portland brick masonry per cu. yd.	American brick masonry per cu. yd.	Am. concrete per cu. yd.	Earth excavation per cu. yd.	Estimated Aggregates
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charles A. Morgan	6.50	4.00	17.00	15.00	6.00	1.00	3922.50
H. A. Hanecom & Co.	5.00	3.00	17.00	14.00	6.00	2.50	3378.00
Richard Falvey	—	3.08	18.00	14.00	5.00	1.60	3262.40
John J. Dorey	—	2.70	17.50	15.00	5.00	1.00	2898.50
T. F. Lynch & Co.	1.00	2.67	14.00	12.00	6.25	0.82	2874.80
A. W. Kenney Construction Co.	1.00	2.50	14.00	13.00	5.00	1.00	2691.00
Maurice Kuttimer	5.00	1.95	15.00	13.50	5.50	0.80	2436.00

and presented an order.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Jones, are as follows: Orders

Ordered:-

That a licence as a Drain layer, under the provisions of the ordinances of the city, be issued to the following named person when he shall have furnished a bond, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sureties, satisfactory to this board, such license to expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked. Alfred M. Sibley.

Adopted.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers, be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with John J. Dorey, for the construction in Broadway, from the manhole at Cedar street southeasterly, of about 380 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole and about 5 cubic yards of rock excavation, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Orders for the construction of common sewers in

Cottage Circle

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Fremont Street

and

Hanson Avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 572, 574, and 576, of volume 1 of the records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is authorized to make a contract with John J. Doey for the construction in Fremont street from the manhole at Meacham street southwesterly to the centre of Main street of about 670 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with about 360 feet of 6 inch under drain, 3 manholes and about 50 cubic yards of rock excavation, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers, be and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Charles A. Kelley for the construction in Hanson Avenue from the sewer in Hanson street southeasterly of about 250 feet of 10 inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Maurice Huttimer for the construction in Mystic avenue from Winthrop avenue northwesterly to Wheatland street, of about 730 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with about 15 cubic yards of Portland brick masonry, 17 cubic yards American brick masonry, 70 cubic yards American concrete, 25 chimneys and about 80 cubic yards of earth excavation for tide gate manhole, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Head twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor June 25.

Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of George Voelker and others, for a brick sidewalk on the westerly side of Central street, from Gibbons street to the estate owned by John Haigh, reported an order of notice of a hearing.

Accepted.

Order of Notice

The order of notice, accompanying the foregoing report of a hearing on

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the construction of sidewalks on
Central street
as recorded on page 112 of volume 3 of the Record of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were
Read twice and adopted
Approved by Mayor, June 25

The Committee on Public Property, on the request of the School Committee, for the purchase of a piano for the Kindergarten of the Prospect Hill District, - reported an order — Report
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 25, Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, — Order
Ordered, -

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby authorized, to purchase a piano for the use of the Kindergarten department, of the Prospect Hill District, at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars the expense so incurred to be charged to School House Incidentals Account
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor June 26

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order
Ordered, -

That all men employed by the city, and working by the day under the supervision of the Committee on Public Property be paid weekly
Ordered, -

That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to settle with the insurance companies, for the loss and damage by fire to the Prospect Hill school house, and contents, for the sum of one thousand fifty nine and 32/100 dollars, ($1059.32) instead of one thousand one hundred seventeen dollars, ($1117.00) as stated in an order of the City Council passed June 11, 1896
Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 25, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor June 26

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Report

The Committee on Fire Department, on an order of June 18, submitted the following list of proposals recorded to make repairs and improvements on the house of Engine Company No 4, on Highland Avenue at the corner of Grove Street

Names of Bidders	Amount
W. S. Clark & Co	6.210.00
Fessenden & Sibley	5.560.00
Starbird & Johnson	5.167.00
Lord Bros	5.100.00

and submitted an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 25, Accepted in concurrence

Orders

The order submitted with the following report, an an additional order offered by Alderman Huntley are as follows:-

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to make a contract with Messrs Lord Bros for the repairs and improvements of house of Engine Company No Four, situated on Highland Avenue at the corner of Grove street, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in this committee's report of this date, namely, fifty one hundred dollars ($5100.00) the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department, Fire Station No 4 Addition Account

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fire Department be, and is hereby authorized, and instructed to make a contract with Albert B. Franklin, for the changing of the heating apparatus as may be necessary, at the house of Engine Company No 4 situated on Highland Avenue, at the corner of Grove street, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars ($172.00) the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department No 4 Addition

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor June 26

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,-

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That the City Treasurer, be, and he hereby is instructed, to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars from Fire Department, Fire Station Fund New Account, to Fire Department, Fire Station No. 4 Addition.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

The Committee on Finance, on the order of May 21, to consider the expediency of making an appropriation of One thousand dollars, for the purpose of fitting up the abandoned engine house at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, with a hall on the first floor and ante-room on the second, reported that said committee considered it a matter of some importance, but thought it should be considered, in the first instance, by some other committee, and recommended its reference to the committee on Public Property. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common June 25, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, in pursuance of an order of May 13, submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish fuel for the schoolhouses and other public buildings, until January 1, 1897. — Report ✓

Names of Bidders	Coal (per ton)			Wood (per cord)	
	Furnace	Egg	Stove	Soft	Hard
Horatio Wellington & Co.	$ 4.18	$ 4.41	$ 4.66	$ 5.50	$ 6.50
R. F. Wild & Co.	4.18	4.41	4.66	5.50	6.50
J. L. Smith	3.97	3.97	3.97	5.50	6.50

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing report are as follows: — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, be and it hereby is authorized to purchase of J. L. Smith, such fuel as may be required for the schoolhouses and public buildings of the city, until January 1, 1897, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date, namely

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ly, - for furnace, egg and stove coal, $3.97 per ton, for soft wood, $5.50 per cord, and for hard wood, $6.75 per cord.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Grounds, be and is hereby instructed to remove or dispose of the tool house now standing in the rear of the City Hall, the expense so incurred, if any, to be charged to Public Grounds Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

Order — Alderman Haight offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That half holidays on Saturdays during the months of July and August, without loss of pay, be granted to all employees of the city, except those in the Water, Fire and Police Departments.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

Adjournment — Adjourned until Friday evening the 26th inst. at 7:30 o'clock.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 26, 1896 - 7.30 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓
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Ordered -
That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized to make a contract with Miss Wemyss Bros. for the furnishing of the following articles for the manual training department of the English High School, namely -
Cabinet for blue prints - Clay bin - Sink - Key Cupboard - Triple black-board - Three pattern makers benches for 4 boys - Six pattern makers for 2 boys and Six Combination Speed Gathe Benches, for the sum of $1489.00 the expense so incurred to be charged to Schoolhouse English High Account.
In Common Council, June 25, Read twice and adopted sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen June 26. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Property. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 1. Read twice and referred to Committee on Public Property in concurrence.

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that appointments, for the probationary term of six months, be made as follows: - — Recommendation ✓
John F. Bartlett, Assistant Engineman of Engine No 2
Arthur C. Sellon, Driver of Engine No 2,
Lewis G. Seymour Jr, Driver of Hose Wagon of Engine Co No 2
Appointments, as recommended, made by the Mayor, and under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received the following communication, to the City Clerk, from the Boston — Communication

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Board of Police

City of Boston,

Police Department, Office of the Board of Police,

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George I. Vincent,

Clerk, City of Somerville.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated June 13, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of your city, in regard to the application of William F. Conley & Co. to do a liquor business at 141 Cambridge street. The Board of Police of the City of Boston have taken action on the same and have rejected the said application this day.

Yours very truly

(Signed) C. P. Curtis Jr.

Commissioner.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council July 1, Read for information.

Petition — Received a petition from Nicholas Siraco, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on Somerville Avenue at the corner of Ibbetson street.

Permit granted.

Petition — The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Walter S. Sword, for a licence to keep an Intelligence Office at No. 45 Kingston street, reported an order. Accepted.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered:

That a licence to keep an Intelligence Office under the laws of the Commonwealth, be issued to the following named party at the place of business hereinafter specified, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, which licence shall expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Walter S. Sword, 45 Kingston street.

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order:

Ordered:

That the City Engineer be, and he hereby is, authorized to

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sions or permit to lay a private drain from the sewer in Elm street, to the lot of land numbered 3 on a plan entitled "Plan of House Lots for R. I. Shelton, Cambridge, Mass., June 10, 1896, Damon & Perkins, C. E., a copy of which is on file in the City Engineer's office, said lot being forty feet in width and seventy feet in depth, and in the City of Cambridge, on the southwesterly side of said Elm street, distant northwesterly forty feet from Davenport street, - when the City Treasurer shall have first received the sum of thirty-four dollars ($34.00), for the privilege of discharging the drainage of the buildings on said lot of land into said sewer.

Adopted.

Alderman Jones offered the following order: — Order ✓

Resolved and adjudged that it is necessary for the public convenience and the public health and they require that main drains or common sewers, and also a main drain or common sewer (herein designated as surface water drain) for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm waters from any overflow from main drains or common sewers or storm water and surface drainage, all as referred to in chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the acts of the legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and all as further referred to in a Resolve and Order for taking of land for sewers and Surface Water Drains in the Tannery Brook District, which resolve and order have this day been adopted by the city council, should be laid, made and maintained in and through the land (or such parts thereof as herein-after more particularly described), as described in and by said resolve and order and taken thereby and as shown and delineated on a plan entitled, "City of Somerville, Tannery Brook Sewer District. Plan showing land taken for Sewer and Surface Water Drain, Everett W. Bailey, City Engineer, May 13, 1896," which plan is hereby referred to as, and is hereby made a part of, this order, and said land consists of the strips shown on said plan as colored sienna; - and in and through said strips of land such main drains and common sewers and surface water drains are to be laid and constructed, as follows: from a point on the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville to a point on the northerly location line of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, being the location of the Lexington and Arlington Branch, said surface water drain is to be laid and constructed, and a main drain or common sewer is to be laid and constructed on each side of said surface water drain between said dividing line between Cambridge and

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Somerville to the two points, as shown and designated on the plan hereinafter referred to, which two points are a short distance northwesterly from the northerly location line of said Lexington and Arlington Branch, and said drain or sewer, known as the surface water drain, is to continue and be laid and constructed from said point on the northerly location line of the Lexington and Arlington Branch to Holland Street, as shown on said plan; and then is to continue and to be laid and constructed in and through said Holland Street to Davis Square at a point thereon nearly opposite to the southeasterly line of Day Street, and such connections are to be made for receiving and conducting away at Davis square or elsewhere overflows from main drains or common sewers, or storm water or surface drainage, and the particular locations of said drains and sewers are more particularly shown on a plan on file in the office of the city engineer, entitled "City of Somerville, Contract Plan, Tannery Brook, Storm Water Drain and Sewer, May 27, 1896, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer."

And it is, Therefore,

Ordered, - that said drains and sewers be laid, made and constructed as aforesaid, and that the Committee on Sewers be and hereby is authorized and instructed to cause the said drains and sewers to be laid, made and constructed as aforesaid, the details of construction to be as determined by them, and to report to the Mayor and Aldermen after the completion of said drains and sewers a list of assessments upon estates benefited, such assessments to be made in accordance with the provisions of the Order establishing System of Sewerage for Tannery Brook District, adopted by the City Council on the twenty-fifth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six. The expenses of said construction and incurred in pursuance of this order are to be charged to Sewers, Construction Account.

Resolved and adjudged, -

That it is necessary for the public convenience and public health, and they require, that main drains or common sewers, and also a main drain or common sewer (herein designated as a surface water drain) for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm water from any overflow from main drains or common sewers or storm water and surface drainage, all as referred to in chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the acts of the legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, should be laid, made and maintained in Cambridge from the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville to Blaren

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dge Avenue and in the location (or such parts thereof as hereinafter more par-
ticularly described) to be taken by the City of Cambridge therefor and as shown
on a plan, entitled "Plan A Tannery Brook Sewer District, showing sewers
as proposed to be built by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville under an
Act of Legislature approved April 4, 1896, S. M. Hastings, City Engineer,
April 1, 1896; a copy of which plan is kept in the office of the City Engi-
neer of Somerville; and said main drains and common sewers and surface
water drain are to be respectively continuations, which are to be constructed
in Somerville from the northerly location line of the Lexington and Arlington
Branch Railroad and from Railroad Street and Davis Square respectively to
the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville under and in pursuance
of an order of even date herewith for such construction, to which order and other
orders in regard thereto reference is hereby made for a more particular de-
scription thereof, and in and through said strip of land and location said
main drains and common sewers and surface water drain are to be laid and
and constructed, as follows, said surface water drain to be constructed un-
der this order is to be constructed from the dividing line between Cambridge
and Somerville to the northwesterly side line of Clarendon Avenue, at which
point it is to empty and discharge into Tannery Brook through which the
drainage from said drain is to flow into Alewife Brook, and from said divi-
ding line between Cambridge and Somerville to a point in said strip of
land or location opposite the center line of Yorktown Street a main drain
or common sewer is to be laid and constructed on each side of said surface
water drain, and from said point opposite Yorktown Street to a point in the
center line of Clarendon Avenue a single main drain or common sewer is
to be built, and from said point in Clarendon Avenue such main drain
or common sewer is to be continued and built continuously under the
surface water drain to a point, where it will connect with the sewer to be
built by the City of Cambridge, and proper connections are to be made in
and with said surface water drain for receiving and conducting cross over-
flows from main drains and common sewers or storm water or surface
drainage, and the particular locations of said drains and sewers more
particularly shown on a plan on file in the office of the city engineer, enti-
tled "City of Somerville, Contract Plan Tannery Brook, Storm ~~Sewer~~ Water Drain
and Sewer, May 27, 1896. Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, and it is, therefore,
Ordered, that said drains and sewers from the dividing line between Cam-

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bridge, and Somerville to and from Blanchard Street as aforesaid be laid, made, and constructed as aforesaid, and that the Committee on Sewers be and hereby is authorized and instructed to cause the said drains and sewers to be laid, made, and constructed as aforesaid, and that, if they shall deem it advisable, cause such drains and sewers to be constructed under the same contracts, as those which are to be constructed as aforesaid in Somerville from said dividing line to Holland Street and to the location of the Lexington and Arlington Branch Railroad respectively and to Inman Square, and the details of construction of all said drains and sewers are to be as determined by said Committee on Sewers. The expenses of said constructions and incurred in furtherance of this order are to be charged to Sewer Construction Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor June 26.

Report

The Committee on Sewers, submitted the following report.

To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville,

The Committee on Sewers submits the following list of proposals which have been received for constructing a storm water drain and sewer in the Tannery Brook Valley District.

The proposals are compared on the basis of the estimate of quantities of work to be done, as made by the City Engineer, which are as follows:-

1600 lin. ft. excavation for 7 ft. X 4 ft. drain, and pipe sewer,

700 lin. ft. excavation for 5 ft. X 4 ft. drain, and pipe sewer

1300 lin. ft. excavation for 4 ft. X 4 ft. drain, and pipe sewer

4000 lin. ft. of 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch pipe sewer,

2700 lin. ft. of 5 to 8 inch under drain

1000 cu. yds. American cement concrete

100 cu. yds. Portland cement concrete

350 cu. yds. brick masonry

1100 cu. yds. rubble stone masonry

3300 sq. yds. Portland cement lining

These quantities are to be considered as approximate only, being given merely as a basis of comparison.

Name of Bidder	Excavation 7 x 4 feet per lin. foot	Excavation 5 x 4 feet per lin. foot	Excavation 4 x 4 feet per lin. foot	6, 8, 10 & 12 inch pipe sewer per lin. foot	5 to 8 inch under drain per lin. foot	American cement concrete per cubic yard	Portland cement concrete per cubic yard	Brick masonry per cubic yard	Rubble stone masonry per cubic yard	Portland cement lining per sq. yd.	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charles F. Morgan	3.25	3.25	4.25	4.25	0.20	5.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	0.50	45,675.00

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John J. Dorey	4.00	4.40	5.00	0.12	0.25	6.00	7.00	15.00	5.00	0.25	33.786.00
Frank L. Allen	2.25	4.00	6.50	0.15	0.50	6.00	9.00	12.00	5.00	0.50	33.700.00
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	3.00	3.00	3.50	0.15	0.15	5.75	6.82	13.00	5.50	0.60	29.667.00
Craib & Trumbull	1.20	1.20	5.00	0.30	0.15	6.00	8.00	15.00	5.50	0.50	29.895.00
Richard Falvey	2.50	3.25	3.50	0.30	0.15	5.60	7.75	13.50	5.00	0.50	29.180.00
J. B. O'Connell	2.00	2.80	4.50	0.15	0.20	5.10	6.00	13.00	5.00	0.40	28.020.00
Dennis F. O'Connell	2.45	3.03	4.80	0.17	0.12	4.50	6.00	14.25	4.25	0.30	27.567.50
A. W. Bryne Construction Co.	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.50	0.15	4.50	6.00	11.00	4.50	0.50	22.455.00
Timothy F. Crimmings & Dennis F. Collins	2.20	2.40	2.00	0.10	0.15	3.70	5.00	10.50	4.05	0.25	20.440.00

Accepted.

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers, be and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with the A. W. Bryne Construction Company, for the construction of a storm water drain, and sewer from Clarendon Avenue in Cambridge to Davis Sq. Somerville, in the Tannery Brook Valley District, at the prices named in its proposal and submitted in said committee's report of this date; and that the said Company be required to furnish a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, satisfactory to the said Committee on Sewers and to the City Solicitor.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, June 26.

The joint special committee, which was appointed by an order dated May 27th to confer with The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co of Massachusetts, in relation to making a uniform price for the rental of the telephones used by the city, reports that the committee has waited upon the New England Telephone Co. and received from said company a proposition to furnish telephones used by the city at the usual rate with a discount of twenty-five per cent, and submits the accompanying order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1st Accepted in concurrence.

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered:-

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That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is, requested to sign a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for the use of telephones rented by the city, at the usual rates of rental charged by the said Company, with a discount of 25%.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

(see subsequent records)

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Chandler it was voted that when the board adjourns, it adjourn until Wednesday evening July 1, at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George A. Vincent

Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, July 1, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Received a petition - signed by a parent of the proposed licensee - that a licence to sell newspapers be granted to — Petitions ✓
Merrill S. Sovering, 86 Myrtle street, aged 15 years
approved by the Chief of Police.
Licence granted.

Received petitions for licences to sell fireworks from — Petitions ✓
Mrs Elizabeth Guscomb, at 138 Tremont st
Mrs Jennie Smith, at 274 Somerville Ave
Licences granted to sell until July 4th inclusive.

Received a petition from William W. Colby, for permission to discharge a toy cannon and to explode and display fireworks on the vacant lot at the corner of Park and Morgan streets, on the 4th inst. — Petition ✓
Given leave to withdraw.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
C. W. Sowell, for edgestones in front of his estate on Kidder avenue at the corner of Liberty avenue, the cost of the edgestones to be paid by the petitioner.
Quincy A. Vinal - Trustee, that an opening be made in the sidewalk on the easterly side of Central Street, for a passageway 25 21 feet in width, less the usual allowance for sidewalks distant 142 25 feet from Broadway.
Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 1, Reference concurred in.

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on the petition of Matthew O'Brien, for a licence to cry his goods in the streets, reported an order,

on petitions for auctioneers licences from Edgar W. Evans, Walter H. Gleason, Henry P. Lappen and Samuel C. Studley, reported an order,

on petitions for licences as common victuallers, from Jacob Demont, at 145 Somerville Ave and Jeremiah Shea, at 216 Somerville ave, reported an order,

on petitions for licences as Common Victuallers, from Leonard M. Lilley at 243 Holland street, and Mrs Margaret Shaw at 117 Beacon street, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for licences to play piano and hand organs in the streets, from Aniceto Tiani and another, Matteo M. Domenico and another, Domenico Solorosi and another, Raffaele Sollaluco and another, and Domenico Niegro, reported an order,

on the petition of Karl Miller and five others for a licence as a street band, reported an order,

on the petition of Michael Demarco for a licence to play on bag-pipes in the streets, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of Giuseppe Miggo for a licence to play a clarionet in the streets of the city, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for sixth class liquor licences, from George E. Grover at 146 Broadway, Edgar J. Howland, at 376 Somerville avenue, and Milton H. Plummer at 25 Union Square, reported leave to withdraw,

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That a licence be and is hereby granted to Matthew O'Brien of 14 Harding street Cambridgeport, with a place of business at 95 Somerville avenue in this city, to cry his goods in the streets of this city (said goods consisting of wood and coal) under the provisions of Ordinance No. 30, said licence to remain in force until May 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Ordered,

That a licence as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May, 1896, be issued to each of the following-named persons, when the city clerk shall have received,

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for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, provided that no charge for such licence shall be made to any soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion, and received an honorable discharge from such service.

Edgar W. Evans, Walter E. Gleason 13 Dartmouth street, Henry P. Sappen, 17 Cedar street, and Samandel L. Studley.

Ordered,

That a licence as a Common Victualler under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to each of the following named parties, at the place of business hereinafter specified, said licence to be issued when signed by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth day of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Jacob Demont, 145 Somerville Avenue,
Jeremiah Shea 216 Somerville Avenue

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to each of the following named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of fifty cents for each person so licensed, such licence to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Aniceto Tiani and another, 10 Greenough Lane Boston, piano organ,
Matteo M. Domenico " 10 " " "
Domenico Colorossi " 10 " " "
Rafaele Collalaco " 8 " " " rd
Domenico Negro 10 Cleveland Place " hand organ,

Ordered,

That a licence be issued to each of the following named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licence, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of fifty cents for each person so licensed, such licence to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Karl Miller, Jacob Miller, Jacob Miller Jr, Frederick Miller, August Schig, and August Dillman, (area street band) and all residing at No. 34 Ware street, Roxbury.

Adopted

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✓ Report

The Committee on Sewers, on an order of June 24, reported the following list of proposals received to construct one Cottage Circle, from the sewer in Cottage avenue southwesterly, about 90 feet of 6-inch pipe sewer, with 1 chimney, the pipe to be furnished by the city,

Name of Bidder	Chimney	Laying sewer per lin. ft.	Estimated Aggregate
Richard Foley	$ 5.00	$ 0.48	$ 48.20
Patrick Barker	1.00	0.43 1/2	46.15
John J. Dorey	3.00	0.35	34.50
T. B. Conner	2.00	0.12	13.20

and submitted an order

Accepted

✓ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Sewers, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with T. B. Conner for the construction of a common sewer in Cottage Circle, from the sewer in Cottage avenue southwesterly about 90 feet, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 2

✓ Reports

The Committee on Public Property,-

on an order of June 5, submitted the following lists of proposals received to place heating and ventilating apparatus in the Smithwell Hill school house in accordance with plans adopted by the city council June 5,

Name of Bidder	Including one new boiler and retaining old boiler	Including two new boilers
Walworth Construction & Supply Co.	$ 8167.00	$ 8357.00
Boston Furnace Co.	7752.00	7972.00
Kramer Furnace Co.	7734.00	7900.00
A. A. Sanborn	7495.00	7755.00
Albert B. Franklin	7141.00	7491.00
Mugler Furnace Co.	6484.00	6632.00

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Foster, Ellingwood & Harvey	6396.00	6570.00
Lynch & Woodward	6366.00	6566.00

and presented an order

on an order of June 15, submitted the following list of proposals received to place heating and ventilating apparatus in the Jacob S. Glines schoolhouse, in accordance with plans prepared by Aaron H. Gould Architect,-

Ingalls & Kendricken	$ 6498.00
Boston Furnace Co.	6397.00
Braman Dow & Co.	6376.00
A. A. Sanborn	6150.00
Foster, Ellingwood & Harvey	5925.00
Lynch & Woodward	5888.00
Walworth Construction and Supply Co.	5845.00
Albert B. Franklin	5842.00
Mayes Furnace Co.	5270.00

and presented an order

submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish furniture and fixtures for the Manual Training department at the English High School.-

A. B. & E. S. Shaw	$ 1962.75
Moulton & Webb	1950.00
Wemyss Brothers & Co.	1489.00

and presented an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 1, Accepted in concurrence

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, Orders ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to make a contract with Lynch & Woodward, for heating and ventilating apparatus, including two new boilers, to be placed in the Luther V. Bell school-house, in accordance with plans adopted June 5, 1896, for the sum of six thousand, five hundred and sixty-six dollars ($5566.00), as submitted in said committee's report this evening, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, Luther V. Bell, Heating, Ventilating and Sanitary apparatus

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Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with the Magee Furnace Company for heating and ventilating apparatus to be placed in the Jacob J. Glines schoolhouse in accordance with plans proposed by Lorenzo Gould, Architect, for the sum of five thousand, two hundred and seventy dollars ($5270.00) as submitted in said committee's report of this date, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house Jacob J. Glines Addition.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with the Wemyss Brothers & Co. for furniture and fixtures for the Manual Training department of the English High school, at the prices named in their proposal submitted this evening namely, one thousand four hundred and eighty nine dollars ($1489.00), the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, English High Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

Order. Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

That the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars ($2.100) be, and hereby is, transferred from Reduction of Funded Debt Account, and placed to the credit of the following accounts, viz.-

Schoolhouse, Jacob J. Glines, Addition	$ 2000
Schoolhouse, Luther V. Bell, Heating, Ventilating and Sanitary Apparatus	100
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Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

Order. Alderman Pratt offered an order authorizing the Committee on Public Property to erect a building in rear of the English High School for the housing of bicycles for the scholars of the English and Latin High schools, at a cost of not more than $2500.00

Read twice and referred to Committee on Public Property, sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council July 1. Reference concurred in.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Grounds, be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of placing a fountain and basin on Central Hill Park, and to report on the subject matter to this board at an early date.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fire Department, be and is hereby authorized to sell the two horse wagon in service of the Fire Department, and to purchase two horses, the expense so incurred not to exceed two hundred dollars and to be charged to Fire Department Account.

Read twice and adopted, sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the ringing of the chimes on the church bells connected with the First Unitarian Society of Highland avenue be discontinued on the coming fourth of July on account of severe sickness in the immediate neighborhood of said church edifice.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

The Committee on Highways on the petition of Butler L. Crowell and others, for the laying out of Benton Avenue from Highland avenue to Hudson street, presented a favorable report as recorded on page 289 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the — Report ✓

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 1 Accepted in concurrence

Order of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the laying out of Winter avenue from Highland avenue to Hudson street as recorded on page 290 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 1 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 2

Order

Received from the Common Council an order instructing the Committee on Highways to have the gutters in Hudson street from Central street to Broadway street

In Common Council July 1 Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen July 1 Reference concurred in

Order

On motion of Alderman Huntley it was voted that the adoption of the order passed June 26, requesting the Mayor to sign a contract with The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for the use of telephones rented by the city, was reconsidered

The order was then laid upon the table

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, requested to sign on behalf of the city, contracts with The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the use of the telephones rented by the city at the following named places, for the year beginning July 1, 1896, at the usual rates of rentals charged by said company, as hereinafter specified, less a uniform discount of twenty-five per cent, the form of contract to be such as is commonly used by said company

Location of Telephones	Rate of Rentals from which 25% is to be deducted
City Hall, Clerk of Committee office	$ 156.00

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City Hall Clerk of Assessors office	$102.00	
Pumping Station Cedar st. Water Dept.	100.00	
Central Fire Station, Medford Street,	96.00	
Police Station, Row Street,	90.00	
Overseers of the Poor, Row Street,	90.00	
Office of Water Dept. Prospect Street,	81.00	
Chief of Fire Dept. Summit Street,	72.00	
City Stables, Broadway,	66.00	
Supt. of Schools, English High School Building	66.00	
Chairman of Water Board, Austin Street,	51.00	
Supt. of Water Board, Emerson Street,	51.00	

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 1, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 2.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George F. Vincent

Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, July 1, 1896 - 8 P.M.

The president, Alderman Jones, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed June 24, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of F. A. Gray for permission to project bay windows in the second and third stories of a building to be erected at the southeast corner of Pearl and Walnut streets, eighteen inches over the sidewalks, two of the bay windows to project over Pearl street, and two over Walnut street, due notice having been published by the petitioner, as directed by the order.

No person interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Reports

Received the reports for the months of June of the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Electric Lights.

Placed on file.

Drain Layer's Bond

Received a drain layer's bond in the sum of One thousand Dollars and in form approved by the City Solicitor, from Christopher Burke, with Patrick Shannon as surety.

Accepted and approved.

Petitions

Received petitions each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors,

Horace A. Colby,	5 Morgan street,	aged 15
Clarence F. Hill,	49 Cherry street,	" 13
Walter E. Robertson,	24½ Vernon street,	" 13
George E. Shelfley,	46 Drake street,	" 11

all approved by the Chief of Police.

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Licenses granted

Received a petition for a license to collect junk from — Petition ✓
Frank Fine, 20 Poplar street,
approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from — Petitions ✓
Frank Fine, Patrick H. McBrosnan, and Morris J. McDonald, all of Somerville.
petitions all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received a petition from Harry E. Sanders, that his license as — Petition ✓
common victualler at 77 Broadway may be transferred so as to apply to No. 82 Broadway, to which place he proposes to remove his business.
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from the Somerville Gold and Silver Mining Company, by Isaac H. Townsend, President, for permission to blast rock for the purpose of sinking a shaft and working therein, at the junction of Willow avenue and Foster and Lowden streets — Petition ✓
Permission granted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Owen Cunningham & Son, for permission to blast rock on land owned by H. H. Coffin, on Moreland street
Somerville Electric Light Co. for locations for round poles on Boston avenue between the Medford lines and Mystic River, 5 poles, for the purpose of supplying 2 incandescent lights;
Somerville Electric Light Co. for locations for poles in Broadway, cor Waterhouse street, 1 pole — Broadway, cor Victoria street, 1 pole — Elm street, east of St. James avenue, 1 pole — Jaques street cor Grant street, 1 pole — Grant street between Jaques and Derby, 3 poles — Elm street opposite Dell street, 1 pole, Dell street, 2 poles — Grant street, 2 poles —

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also for permission to remove poles as follows,
Broadway opposite Hutchinson street, 1 pole - Broadway opposite Victoria street, 1 pole - Elm street, east of St. James Avenue 1 pole - Jaques street, west of Grant street, 1 pole - College avenue, 2 poles - Powder House Square, 1 pole.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions — Received petitions from

Edward R. Morgan and others, that trees may be planted by the city on the easterly side of Fanning avenue, in place of the trees that were removed by the city when the edgestones were set in the year 1895.

Silas S. Cummings and others, that the two crosswalks be laid across Holland street, at its junction with Holland and Thorndike streets.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 9. Reference concurred in.

Report — The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of the Somerville American Section of the Socialist Labor Party, for permission to hold meetings on week-day evenings in Union Square, Gilman Square, Magoun Square and Davis Square, and on Sundays on Central Hill Park, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of F. A. Gray, for permission to project two bay-windows over the sidewalk of Pearl street and two over the sidewalk of Walnut street, all of said windows to be in the second and third stories of a building to be erected at the southeast corner of said streets and to project eighteen inches over the sidewalks, - reported an order.

Accepted.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That permission be and is hereby granted to F. A. Gray to play bay windows to project eighteen inches over the sidewalks, on an a-

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partment house situated on the corner of Pearl and Walnut streets, two bay windows in the second and third stories on Pearl street and two in the same stories on Walnut street; said bay windows to be constructed in such manner as shall be satisfactory to the Inspector of Buildings.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways,— Reports

on the petition of O. C. Clarry, for permission to affix a sign to his real estate office at 8 Washington street, which shall project five feet over the sidewalk, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Samuel S. Hayden, for permission to project a druggist's mortar over the sidewalk at No. 263 Highland Avenue, reported an order;

on the petition of Elmer A. Stevens, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on the corner of Hall and Liberty avenues, reported an order;

on the petition of Thomas C. Conner for the removal of a maple tree standing on the southerly side of Cottage avenue, about 250 feet from Russell street, as it obstructs the entrance to Cottage Circle, reported an order;

on the petition of John C. Rowe, for the removal of a dead tree standing on the northwesterly corner of Somerville avenue and Granite street, reported that the said tree has been cut down and removed.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports with two additional orders offered by Alderman Berry are as follows: Orders

Ordered,

That permission be and it hereby is granted to Samuel S. Hayden to project a druggist's mortar over the sidewalk at #263 Highland Avenue.

Adopted.

Ordered,

That permission be and it hereby is granted to Elmer A. Stevens, to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on the corner of Hall and Liber-

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ty assumes

Adopted

Whereas,

In the opinion of this Board the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit, - A maple tree standing on the southerly side of Cottage Avenue about two hundred and five feet westerly from Russell Street, it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing an attested copy of this order to be published in one issue of the Somerville Journal, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon the tree before mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said tree, and that Wednesday, the 22nd day of July 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen room in the City Hall are assigned as the time and place for the hearing by this Board of any objections which may be made thereto

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 16

Whereas,

in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that the superintendent of streets be and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said tree, to wit, - Two trees standing about three feet in the roadway on Willow avenue between Broadway and the Boston and Maine Railroad, said trees being dangerous to public travel.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 16

Ordered,

That the plan dated July 8 1896, for the re-numbering of Russell street, and laid before this board this evening, be, and the same is hereby adopted, and the numbers thereon are hereby designated as the proper numbers to be affixed to the several buildings on said street, respectively, and the city engineer is hereby directed to inform the owners of buildings on said street, what are proper numbers to be affixed to their several buildings in accordance with the said plan, and in compliance with the requirements of section five of chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891

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The Committee on Highways.

Reported

on an order of March 25, to construct, in front of the estate of Edward H. Fox, 395 and 397 Elm street, a gravel sidewalk with edgestone, recommended no action under said order, as a sidewalk is to be constructed on Elm street, from Harrison street to the Metropolitan Tufts Park, which will embrace the estates of said Fox,

on the petition of Sidney B. Bowles, for edgestone in front of his estate No. 9 Brooker street, and for permission to lay a sidewalk of Portland cement in connection with said edgestone, reported an order,

on petition of J. S. Nelson and others, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones on Highland avenue, between Brooker street and Porter st. with a strip of sods, three feet wide, between the edgestones and the bricks, reported an order,

on the petition of B. W. Bowles, for edgestone in front of his estate on Ridder avenue, corner of Liberty avenue, reported an order,

on the petition of George F. Bayrard and others, for edgestones in front of their estates on Oxford street, reported an order,

on the petition of Josiah Brown, for a driveway in front of his estate No. 101 Wallace street, reported an order,

on the petition J. H. Edgerly, that the driveway in front of his estate Nos. 222 & 224 Medford street, be moved from the northwesterly to the southeasterly side of the lot, at his expense, also that the sidewalk be repaired, reported an order,

on the order of May 13, to make contracts with H. Gover & Co. for the paving of Washington street, between Joy street and Medford street, and for the paving of Medford street, between Somerville avenue and the Fitchburg Railroad, reported that contracts had been made as authorized,

on the order of April 17, to make a contract with the Pigeon Hill Granite Co. for such quantities of paving blocks as may be required for the paving of Washington street, between Tufts street and Medford street, reported that a contract had been made as authorized,

on the order of March 11, to make a contract with S. & H. J. Lombard, for such edgestones, and paving stock as may be required during

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the year, reported that such contract had been made.

on order of Mayor and May 13 to purchase a steam road roller at a cost not to exceed $3500, reported that a roller has been purchased of the R. S. Kelley Company of Springfield Ohio, for $3500.00.

on an order of April 8 to sell the old stone crusher at the Holland street ledge and to exchange the engine at said ledge for one of forty horse-power, reported that the crusher had been sold to the Massachusetts Broken Stone Company for $150.00, and that the engine exchanged with S. A. Hammond of Boston, at an expense of $375.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 9 Accepted in concurrence.

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to set edgestones in front of the estate of Sidney S. Crosby No 9 Brooker street, when he shall have placed with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money required to pay for the edgestones, also that he be granted permission to construct a sidewalk of Portland cement at his own expense, said sidewalk to be laid to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of streets.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones on Highland avenue, between Brooker street and Potter street, with a grade flat three feet wide in front of the estates of J. S. Kelsey, S. H. Malone, James H. Piper, and Henry B. Thompson, when they shall have deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones and bricks used, the balance of the expense including labor, tools and materials used, to be charged to Highway Account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized to set edgestones in front of the estate of E. W. Powell on Kidder avenue at the corner of Liberty avenue, when he shall have placed with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones.

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Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct gravel sidewalks with edgestones in front of the estates of George A. Maynard, George A. Bruce, J. F. Merry, Geo. O. W. Servis and George H. Derby, said estates being situated on the northerly side of Oxford street, when the petitioners shall have deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money to cover the cost of the edgestones, the balance of the expense for the construction of said sidewalks to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct a driveway for Josiah Carr in front of his estate No. 81 Wallace street, when he shall have deposited with the City Treasurer a sum sufficient to cover the approximate cost of the construction of said driveway.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to change the location of a driveway from the northwesterly to the southeasterly side of the lot, in front of the premises Nos. 222 & 224 Medford street, belonging to T. H. Edgerly, when said Edgerly shall have placed in the hands of the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money to cover the expense. Also that the committee repair the sidewalk, the expense for said repairing to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 9. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 16.

The Committee on Public Property submitted the following lists of proposals received to furnish electric motors, shafting, belting, machinery etc. for the Manual Training department of the English High School. Report ✓

Electric Motors

William H. Field	15 H.P.	$ 415.00
do	10 H.P.	335.00
Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co.	12 H.P.	300.00
H. N. Rabe	12 H.P.	295.00

Shafting, Belting, etc.

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William H. Field	$574.48
Akron Iron Co	456.66
H. N. Bates	440.79
A. B. Pitkin Co	417.09
J. H. Roberts & Co	373.00

Machinery

A. J. Wilkinson & Co	$1383.05
Chandler & Farquhar	1366.62
A. B. Pitkin Co	1361.93

and presented an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 9, Accepted in concurrence

Orders

The order submitted with the foregoing report, and three additional orders offered by Alderman Chandler are as follows

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase electric motors, machinery, shafting, belting, etc. for the Manual Training Department of the English High School, as follows,-

× Electric motor of the Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co for $300.00

Shafting, Belting, etc of J. H. Roberts & Co for 373.00, - and

Machinery of A. J. Wilkinson & Co for 1383.05,-

the amount so expended to be charged to School-house English High Account

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be and it hereby is authorized to employ the Somerville Electric Light Company to connect the motor in the English High School with the Cambridge motor circuit, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars ($200.00), - the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, English High Account

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to expend a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars ($7000) for the Manual Training Department of the English High School - the amount so expended to be charged to School-house English High Account

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is,

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authorized to make repairs and improvements in the sanitary apparatus at the Forster school-house, at an expense not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2000.00). The amount so expended to be charged to School-house Incidentals Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 16

The joint special committee appointed to arrange for a band of music and a display of fireworks on Central Hill Park on the evening of July 4, reported that the fireworks and music were provided as authorized, at a cost of $592.25 — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 9 Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That chapter three hundred twenty-four of the Acts of the General Court for this year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, which act is entitled "An Act to extend the time for taking land for a Public Park in the City of Somerville," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Adopted, unanimously, by ayes and nays vote. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 9 Adopted, unanimously, by ayes and nays vote, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 16

Alderman Andrews offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2500.00) be, and hereby is, transferred from Reduction of Funded Debt Account and placed to the credit of Police Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council July 7. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor July 14 and approved by him July 16.

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on proposals to place new sanitary appliances in the Forster schoolhouse and to transact any other business that might come before the board - all the members having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, July 16, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Alderman Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received, from the Common Council, a petition from S. Frank Arnold, Executor of the Estate of Leonard Arnold, for a driveway at his expense, across the sidewalk in front of his premises No. 56 Bow street. — Petition ✓

In Common Council July 16. Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen July 16, Reference concurred in.

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that James H. Banks be discharged from the Fire Department, as he has left the state and his whereabouts are unknown to the Chief. — Recommendation ✓

Discharge, as recommended, made by the the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of June, containing notice of the death of Frederick G. French a member of Engine Co. No. 3 which occurred June 11. — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council July 16, Read for information.

Received the annual rolls of members of the volunteer militia of the State, living in Somerville, who are exempt from jury duty, from Company C. 2nd Corps cadets. — Jury Exemption Rolls ✓

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Company B. Naval Brigade
Placed on file

✓ Petitions — Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets, from Timothy Curran, 31 Merriam st.
Peter Predaris, 42 Commercial St. Boston - having a $50 State licence,
Constantine Verdilos, 219 Endicott street, Boston, having a $50 State licence,
all approved by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from W. H. Evans - Agent for Huntings' shows - for a licence to give an exhibition of acrobats and trained animals in the field, Washington street, Saturday afternoon and evening, August 1.
Approved by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from James E. Newsom, that the sewer in Sycamore street, from Medford street southwesterly may be extended in a southwesterly direction to a point opposite Pembroke street.
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from John Duff for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on land of Mr. Johnstone on the westerly side of Lowell street, near Somerville Avenue.
Permission granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from William A. Smith and others, that Lowell street, between Highland avenue and Albion street, be put in safe condition.
Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 16. Reference concurred in.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from the Trustees of the Broadway M. E. Church, for permission to move a wooden building 66 feet long, 45 feet wide and about 53 feet high, from the northerly side of Broadway at the westerly corner of Grant street, across Grant street, to land of said trustees on the north

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ely side of Broadway at the easterly corner of Grant street, certified by the Superintendent of Streets and the Superintendent of Electric Lines that the statement as to construction and measurement is substantially correct and that in their opinion the removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Andrews offered an order granting permission to the Trustees of the Broadway M. E. Church to move a wooden building across Grant street, as recorded on page 478 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, on an order of May 13, to construct brick sidewalk, with a grass plat of suitable width, between the brick and the edgestone, in front of the estate of Michael Kelley, Nos. 253 and 255 Broadway, reported that such sidewalk has been constructed, the petitioner having furnished the bricks. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Kerry offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to purchase a double cart, at a cost not to exceed One hundred and sixty-five dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July

Alderman Kerry offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to pave Summer street on the northerly side from Bow street to the

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paving already laid near Putnam street, the expense so accrued to be charged to Highways Accounts.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor

Order — Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby, requested to consider the advisability of constructing concrete or asphalt sidewalks on the southwesterly side of Bedford street in front of the Central Hill Park and extending from Walnut street to the railroad bridge.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor

Report — The Committee on Fire Department, on an order of June 24, to make a contract with Lord Brothers & Co. for repairs and improvements on the house of Engine Company No. 4 at the corner of Highland avenue and Grove street, for the sum of $51,000, reported that such contract has been made.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence

Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fire Department be, and it hereby is, authorized to have the projections on the Grove street side of the Fire Station No. 4 constructed of brick, instead of wood, as provided for by the plans and specifications adopted by the city council, at an expense not exceeding two hundred twenty-five dollars ($225.00,-) the amount so expended to be charged to Fire Department, Fire Station No. Four, Improvement account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor

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The Committee on Accounts, reported that in pursuance of orders dated respectively, April 22, April 16, and April 22, bills had been approved as follows, — Reports

favor Company H. 8th Regt. M.V.M. for expenses of rifle practice for the current year, $250.00.

favor Estate of Ammiel Colman, for salary of said Ammiel Colman deceased as sealer of weights and measures for quarter ending March 31, 1896, — $75.00.

favor Willard B. Kinsley Post No 139, G.A.R. for the observance of Memorial Day, $350.00

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order of June 4, submitted plans and specifications and the following list of proposals received to place improved sanitary apparatus in the Exeter schoolhouse, — Reports

Names of Bidders	Amount
James Tucker & Son,	$ 1350.00
W. E. Moore,	1030.00
Frank A. Titus,	720.00

and submitted an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order

Ordered, —

That the plans submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, for improved sanitary apparatus for the Exeter School-house, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to make a contract with Frank A. Titus for improved sanitary apparatus, in accordance with said plans, for the sum of seven hundred twenty dollars ($720.00), — the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Report — The Committee on Public Property submitted the following list of proposals received for tools and equipments for the manual training department of the English High School

Name of Bidder	Amount
Chandler & Farquhar	$ 1682.97
A J Wilkinson & Co	1495.00
Chandler & Barber	1471.00

and presented an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase of Chandler & Barber, tools and equipments for the manual training department of the English High School, for the sum of One thousand four hundred seventy-one dollars ($1471.00), - the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, English High Account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to concrete the schoolyard in front of the C S Knapp schoolhouse, at an expense not exceeding seven hundred dollars ($700.00), the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals Account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor

Report — The Committee on Public Property, on an order dated April 17, to consider the selection of a suitable lot of land in Ward One, for the site for a twelve room schoolhouse, reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council July 16, Accepted in concurrence

The orders accompanying the foregoing report are as follows, — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase land with the buildings thereon situated at and near the corner of Webster and Rush streets as follows,-

of Samuel A. Madgett, part of lot 23, containing 3651 square feet, more or less, with the building thereon numbered 36 Webster street, for the sum of three thousand dollars ($ 3,000 00),-

of Augusta Dickens, lot of land containing 3376 square feet more or less, with the building thereon numbered 38 Webster Street, for the sum of three thousand three hundred dollars ($ 3300.00),- and

of Anna M. Porter, lot of land containing 2470 square feet, more or less, with the building thereon numbered 47 Rush street, for the sum of three thousand nine hundred dollars ($ 3900.00),-

making an aggregate cost of the three lots, with buildings, of $10 200.00, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, Ward Five, account,- and the said Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to sell together with the aforesaid lots of land, the purchase of which is hereby authorized, the abandoned fire station lot on Webster street, containing 3416 square feet, more or less, for the erection thereon of a school-building. The said committee is also hereby authorized to dispose of the buildings now located on said lots,- the amount so received to be credited to School-house, Ward Five, Account.

Read twice and adopted under suspension of rules

In Common Council July 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor

Alderman Pratt offered the following resolution — Resolution on death of Hon. Wm. E. Russell.

City of Somerville,

In Board of Aldermen, July 16, 1896

Sudden death has taken away from a people, who loved, honored and respected him, William E. Russell. The Mayor of our sister City of Cambridge, as Governor of the Commonwealth, and in other public positions, he has been for many years a prominent figure before the public, and yet even in the heat of political contests there has

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never been, even from his political opponents, the slightest imputation cast upon his honor, integrity, and ability. He has performed all the important duties confided to him, with the highest honor to himself and for the benefit of those whom he represented. Although young in years, he has acquired a national reputation, and his loss will be mourned, not only by the people of this Commonwealth, but by many throughout the country. His life, although short in years, was long in its accomplishments.

The City Council of the City of Somerville desires to offer its tribute of admiration and respect to his memory, and to place upon record its appreciation of his recent services and virtues.

Therefore, it is

Resolved: - That the City Council adopts this, as an expression of its feeling in regard to the great loss which the community has suffered, and it is confident that in this it represents the feeling of the people of our city; - that it extends its sympathy to his family, and at the same time congratulations, that he leaves behind him, as a consolation to them and to his many friends, the memory of so honored and useful a life; - that this resolve be recorded in the records of the city, and that a copy be sent to his family. Read twice and adopted, unanimously, by rising vote. Sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, July 16 Read twice and adopted, unanimously, by a rising vote in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor, July 16.

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order

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Ordered: -

That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is requested to cause the flags of the city to be raised at half mast in honor of the late Ex-Gov. William E. Russell, and to be continued so raised until after the funeral services.

In Common Council, July 16 Adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, July 16 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, July 16

Order — Alderman Wright offered an order for the appointment of a joint special committee to consider the advisability of employ-

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ing an assistant to the Inspector of Buildings, and to report to the city council at an early date.

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, July 16, Reference concurred in.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, July 22, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Perry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved July 16, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of a maple tree standing on the southerly side of Cottage avenue, about 205 feet westerly from Russell street, - due notice having been given as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved June 11 and 25, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in

Derby street,
Elm street,
Kenwood street,
Newton street,
School street,
and
Central street.

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Returns, recorded respectively on pages 98, 101, 104, 107, 110 and 113 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

√ Remonstrance

In the Elm street hearing, a remonstrance against the construction of the sidewalk, because the present sidewalk is sufficient and the remonstrants do not wish to incur the necessary expense, was received from Ida M. Bossey, Irene D. Rice, Sarah A. Rice, Timothy Tufts, Laura J. Hovey, S. J. Janes, and James H. McArdle.

In the Newton street hearing -

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Thomas A. Bent, in behalf of Rebecca H. Bent, appeared and objected because the present sidewalk was good enough, he had no complaint against it, and he did not wish to bear the expense of the proposed sidewalk; Robert C. Graham appeared and objected because he deemed the proposed sidewalk unnecessary; George Donovan appeared and favored the proposed sidewalk because the present one is very muddy in the winter season.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered:-

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings, for all persons desiring to object:-

1.- upon the laying out of Wigglesworth St. from Pearl to Bonair St.

2.- upon the laying out of Benton Ave. from Highland Ave. to Hudson St.; orders for such hearings having been approved, respectively June 11th and July 2nd.

Adopted, and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council July 22, 1896. Request granted and Councilman Irving appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council. Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Berry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Berry and Andrews, President, pro tem. Lamont and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Burrows, Irving, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Lapham, Lowell and Cummings, present.

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Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved, respectively, June 11 and July 2, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, on the laying out of Higglesworth street, and the laying out of Benton avenue, from Highland avenue to Hodgson street; all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Returns recorded respectively, on pages 285 and 291 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Remonstrances

In the Higglesworth street hearing, - remonstrances were received from Samuel and Emma F. Porter, - because the cutting down of the street would be an injury to their property, - and Caroline H. Richardson, - because the proposed laying out would be a detriment to her property, as it would leave the house too high, and necessitate the lowering of the fence and changing of the doorsteps, besides making the stable of no use. Arthur H. Richardson, representing the same premises referred to in the remonstrance received from Caroline H. Richardson, appeared and objected on the same grounds as stated in said remonstrance. Charles H. Hodgdon and H. C. Moore appeared and favored the proposed laying out because the street is in a very rough condition, it being dangerous on the slope where the ledge comes to the surface and on the level at the foot of the slope the water stands two or three inches deep after a rain.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

Convention dissolved

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen,

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Berry and Andrews present.

Request

Received a request from D. H. Sanborn, General Superin-

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tendent of the Boston and Maine Railroad, addressed to the Mayor, for the appointment of Thomas H. Sutherland, General Manager, Southern Division, as a Special Police (without pay). — and appointment

Appointment, as requested, made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department stating that, in his opinion, the ordinance relating to the Fire Department should be amended so as to provide for the appointment of relief drivers and for a change in the organization of chemical engine companies. — Communication

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 22, Reference concurred in.

Received a drain layer's bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor from William J. Fitzgerald, with John Walsh and Maurice Fitzgerald as sureties. — Drain Layer's Bond

Accepted and approved.

Received the annual roll of jury exemption of members of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, from Company G 2nd Regt. of Militia. — Jury Exemption Roll

Placed on file.

Received petitions, each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee, that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors:— — Petitions

Walter A. Donnell,	27 Putnam St.	aged 12 years
Ralph P. Robinson,	204 School St.	" 12 "
George G. Kilby,	69 Franklin St.	" 10 "

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the — Petition

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streets, for the sale of ice-cream, from
Len E. Brown - 40 Lake St.
approved by the Captain of Police
License granted.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from -
Vinzenso Solarence and James Langino, for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.
Philip J. Fitzpatrick, for a license as an undertaker
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Communication

Received a communication from the Somerville Section of the Socialist Labor Party, protesting against the action of this board in giving leave to withdraw, in its petition for a license to hold meetings in the public squares and grounds of the city, and renewing such petition.
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from
John Fenton and others, for a sewer in Endicott Avenue
W. K. Fletcher, for a sewer in Sycamore and Pembroke streets from the manhole at the end of Richdale avenue to a point in Pembroke street about 75 feet from the middle of Sycamore street
Referred to Committee on Sewers

√ Petitions

Received petitions from
the Somerville Electric Light Company, for a location for an electric light pole in Gilman street, southerly side, about 120 feet west of Aldrich street, - the present pole near this location to be removed
Howard Lowell, for the removal of a tree in front of the middle of his premises Nos 72 and 74 Gilman St
Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

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Henry H. P. Polson, for a crossing on the easterly side of Belmont street, across the end of Spring Hill Terrace;

Alden B. Giles - Trustee of Estate of George H. Simonds, for a driveway, at his expense, across the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 20 Summer street;

William Bryant, that the driveway across the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 79 Webster avenue, may be moved about two feet, in a southerly direction, at his expense.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, July 22, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Henry H. P. Polson, for an arc light in Spring Hill Terrace. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, July 22, Reference concurred in.

Alderman Jones offered orders for the construction of common sewers in — Orders ✓

Mystic avenue and Fremont street,

and

East Albion street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 550 and 578 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for, and Orders to Construct sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, July 23.

The Committee on Sewers, in furtherance of an order of this date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Mystic Avenue and Fremont street extended, from the manhole at Moreland street to near East Albion street, about 500 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 500 feet of — Report ✓

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six inch sewer-drain, 2 manholes, 1 chimney, and 30 cubic yards of rock excavation, – the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city:–

Name of Bidder	Manhole	Chimney	Rock excavation per cu. yard	Sewer per lin. foot	Sewer-drain per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charles A. Morgan	45.00	2.00	3.50	1.50	0.35	1073.00
A. Buttimer	55.00	6.00	3.80	0.70	0.30	696.00
Daniel A. Doney	40.00	5.00	5.00	0.55	0.15	600.00
H. A. Hanson & Co.	35.00	5.00	3.80	0.70	0.15	600.00
A. Foley	35.50	4.00	3.25	0.63	0.15	562.50

and presented an order

Accepted.

✓ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order of this date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in East Albion street, from the manhole at Tremont street northerly to the Medford City line, about 150 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 150 feet of 6-inch sewer-drain, 1 manhole and 10 cubic yards of rock excavation, – the pipe and manhole frame and cover to be furnished by the city:–

Name of Bidder	Manhole	Rock excavation per cu. yard	Sewer pipe per lin. foot	Underdrain per lin. ft.	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$
H. A. Hanson & Co.	25.00	3.50	0.60	0.15	175.50
Daniel A. Doney	40.00	3.00	0.55	0.15	175.00
A. Buttimer	36.00	3.50	0.45	0.20	173.00
Charles A. Kelley	34.00	3.00	0.50	0.15	161.50
A. Foley	30.50	3.25	0.53	0.12	160.50

and presented an order

Accepted.

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:–

Ordered:–

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is,

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authorized to make a contract with Richard Falvey for the construction of a common sewer in Mystic avenue, from the manhole at Moreland street, northwesterly to Tremont street extended, thence southwesterly in Tremont street extended, to near East Albion street, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee report of this date.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 23

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Richard Falvey for the construction of a common sewer in East Albion street, from the manhole at Tremont street, northwesterly to the Medford City Line, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, July 23

The Committee on Highways,- — Reports ✓

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for pole locations in Boston avenue, between the Medford line and Mystic River,- reported an order

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for pole locations in Broadway, Elm St., Jaques St., Grant St., Glen St., Dell St., and Granite St., and for permission to remove poles in Broadway, Elm St., Jaques St., College Ave. and Powder House Square, reported an order

Accepted

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports for the granting of pole locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company, — Orders ✓

in Boston Avenue — Acceptance & Agreement filed - Oct. 3. 1896

and in

Broadway, and Elm, Jaques, Grant, Glen, Dell and Granite streets, with permission to remove certain poles in Broadway, Elm St., — Acceptance & Agreement filed - Oct. 3. 1896

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Jaques St., Kellogg Ave., and Powder House Square, are recorded, respectively, on pages 112 and 113 of volume 1 of the Records of Grades and Lines, Street Railways, and Moving Buildings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, public notice having been given and hearing thereon having been had according to law, it is therefore hereby

Ordered:-

That the superintendent of streets be and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said tree, to wit,- A maple tree standing on the southerly side of Cottage avenue, about two hundred and five feet westerly from Russell street.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, July 22

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in

Derby street,
Elm street,
Kenwood street,
School street,
and
Central street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 99, 102, 105, 111, and 114, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, Hearings and Constructions of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted.

Order for sidewalk School street, approved by the Mayor, July 23, remaining orders approved by him July 23.

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of a brick sidewalk with edgestones, on the southerly side of Newton

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street, from Webster avenue to Concord avenue to be of the width of six and 5½ feet.

Read once and laid upon the table

Resolve and orders for the laying out of — Orders ✓

Higgleworth street

and

Preston avenue, from Highland avenue to Hudson street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 284 to 288 and 292 to 296, inclusive, of volume 8 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 23

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of Joseph S. Gilman for a driveway at 28 Preston street, and George F. Hughes for a driveway at 267 Highland Avenue, reported an order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 22, Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct a driveway in front of the estate of Joseph S. Gilman No. 28 Preston street, when said Gilman shall have deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of ten dollars, said sum being the estimated cost of said driveway. Also to construct a driveway for George F. Hughes in front of his premises number 267 Highland avenue, when said Hughes shall have deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of fifteen dollars, said sum being the estimated cost of said driveway.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 23

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Reports — The Committee on Public Property, to which was referred an order of July 1, for the construction of a building for the storage of bicycles on rear of the English High School, reported inexpedient to take any action.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 22, Accepted in concurrence

Orders — Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase a buggy for the use of the City Messenger, at a cost not to exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars ($275.00), - the amount so expended to be charged to Miscellaneous Account

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 23

Reports — The Committee on Claims, - on the notice of Mary Healey of injuries received by falling on Linwood street March 7, - and on the notice of Frank V. Fonseca of injuries received by falling on Heath street March 16, reported orders,

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 22, Accepted in concurrence

Orders — The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Accounts be, and it hereby is instructed to approve in Pay Roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of Frank V. Fonseca for the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) for settlement in full for all claims for injuries received by falling on Heath Street, March 16, 1896

Ordered, -

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That the Committee on Accounts be, and it hereby is, instructed to approve in Pay Roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of Mary Healey, for the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00), for settlement in full of all claims for injuries received by falling on Linwood street, March 7, 1896.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 23.

Alderman Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the City of Somerville does hereby ratify, confirm, and adopt the two notices, copies of which are hereto annexed, one of which was caused by the City Solicitor to be served upon William P. Rice in regards to said Rice's assuming the defence of suit of John Stone vs. City of Somerville, and the other of which was caused by the City Solicitor to be served upon the Somerville Union Hall Company in regards to said Company's assuming the defence of suit of George Arthur Southward pro ami vs. City of Somerville.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 22, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 23.

Alderman Knight offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter four hundred fifty-three of the Acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the provisions of section seven of chapter four hundred fifty-five, entitled, An Act relative to the Licensing of Plumbers and the Supervision of the Business of Plumbing, of the acts of the Legislature of the year eighteen hundred ninety-four be and they hereby are accepted.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 22, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 22.

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Reports	The Committee on Ordinances on the communications from the Inspector of Buildings and the Inspector of Plumbing representing that in their judgment certain changes are desirable in Ordinance No 45, entitled An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing reported an ordinance Accepted and sent down for concurrence In Common Council July 22, Accepted in concurrence
Ordinance	The ordinance presented with the foregoing report, entitled An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing was Read twice and referred to a joint special committee to consist of two aldermen, with such number of councilmen as may be joined, Alderman Pratt and Andrews appointed to the committee on the part of this branch Sent down for concurrence In Common Council July 22, Read once and referred to a special committee in concurrence, Councilmen Cummings, Berry and Hassell appointed on the part of this branch
Adjournment	On motion of Alderman Berry it was voted that when the board adjourn it adjourn to Wednesday September 9th 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned

Attest

George S Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
duly called by the Mayor to act on petitions for
permission to move buildings and on the matter
of the purchasing of hose for the use of the Fire
Department and to transact any other business
that might come before the Board, all the
members having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall, Somerville, August 18, 1896. - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

In the absence of the City Clerk, the board proceeded to ballot for a clerk of the board, pro tempore.

Clerk pro tem.

Aldermen Moore and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes and, having performed that duty, they reported as follows:-

Whole number of ballots, 8
Necessary for choice, 5
William P. Mitchell, has 8

and William P. Mitchell was declared by the chair elected, and was duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, the oath being administered by His Honor, the Mayor, Albion A. Perry Esq. Justice of the Peace, which oath is duly recorded, subscribed and certified on page 37 of volume 3 of the Book of Oaths of Office, in the city clerk's office.

Record approved.

Received the following communications.

Communication from Mayor on death of Capt. Thos. Cunningham.

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office, August 18th 1896.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

Since the last meeting of your respective boards, a prominent and respected citizen of Somerville has passed from the scene of his earthly activities, dying in the fulness of years and of honors nobly won. I deem it fitting to make brief mention at this time of this sad event.

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You will all agree with me that our city has sustained a great loss in the death of Captain Thomas Cunningham. During his long residence in Somerville, he rendered distinguished service to the town and city, in many capacities, bringing to the performance of every public duty clear intelligence, tireless energy, uncompromising integrity. Cupid his heart and conscience into his work. As selectman, town treasurer, assessor, overseer of the poor, and a member of the state legislature he was called upon to deal with a variety of public questions and interests, and this he did with a zeal and sagacity to the general acceptance of the public whom he served. His tireless labors as a recruiting officer during the War of the Rebellion, strengthened the spirit of patriotism which was abroad in this loyal community, swelled the ranks of our volunteer militia, and redounded to the honor of Somerville. The veterans who returned to their homes at the close of the war found no firmer friend or more generous benefactor than Capt. Cunningham.

He was a man of pronounced opinions upon all important public questions, and he never hesitated to give expression to his convictions in the plainest and most emphatic language. Upright and honest in every fibre of his own being, he abhorred in others every trait suggestive of insincerity or chicanery. He demanded that his associates should disclose their true selves, and not masquerade in the cloak of borrowed opinions and assumed virtues.

I had known Capt. Cunningham for more than twenty years, and greatly admired his many sterling qualities. I knew what kindly and benevolent impulses were hidden beneath an exterior which sometimes seemed a little stern and forbidding to those who approached him for the first time. Strangers sometimes heard in his voice a little of the roar which it had caught in bygone days from the restless sea, while his friends, who knew the real characteristics of the man, heard only a deep-toned chant of tenderness, sympathy and goodwill coming from the deep places of his nature. In his intercourse with the humble and needy he exhibited a woman's tenderness and delicacy and the tears came quickly to his eyes at the narration of any tale of real suffering or grief. But when occasion demanded, he could exhibit a firmness and austerity of manner which immediately put an end to all trifling, and convinced his associates that they were dealing with a man who was earnest and sincere in every act and thought.

His fellow-citizens respected him for his intelligence, energy and devotion

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to duty. Those who were admitted to the inner circle of his friendship—and numerous was the company—loved him, for they quickly learned that he was a warm-hearted, liberal-minded, generous-souled man, always ready to give freely of his time and money to every worthy cause. I have referred to a certain sternness of demeanor which he sometimes displayed. To me it always seemed that, in his manners, there was a suggestion of the changing mood of the sea, whose companionship he had known and loved during the earlier years of his life. At times his soul seemed as calm and unruffled as the ocean's surface on one of these mid-summer mornings, and anon you heard in his voice and saw in his movements the untamed fury and resistless force of that same ocean when angered by the winter's storm. But whatever the mood of the man, there was never aught which suggested the slightest concealment of true motives, or trifling with deep-seated convictions. To him no one would ever have thought of applying Carlyle's epithet of "a mere stuffed-clothes-cuit."

During the later years there was a marked change in the outward demeanor of the man. Much of the abruptness and intensity of speech, which he had learned in his sailor life, disappeared. The gentler traits of character, always known and admired by his friends, were more clearly revealed. The fruitage of a long and useful life was ripening in the autumn sun, and Religion cast her resplendent halo around the closing scenes. His peaceful death was a fitting close to an earnest, helpful life.

One by one the fathers of Somerville, the men who guided its destinies in the earlier days, are passing away. They did their work faithfully and well, often building "better than they knew." They have left their names imperishably inscribed upon the records of the town and city, and high upon that roll of honor will ever stand the name of Capt. Thomas Cunningham.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Aug 27 Read for information.

Received a petition from Andrew R. Coleswarthy, Janitor of William R. Hodgkins school, for appointment as a Special Police. Appointment

The Mayor appointed Andrew R. Coleswarthy a Special Police, without compensation, and the appointment was confirmed by the board, under a

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suspension of the rules.

Appointment — Received a petition from J. L. Rooks, Fuel Agent of the Boston and Maine Railroad, that Alfred F. Waldron who is employed by said railroad at Mystic Wharf, in Somerville, may be appointed a weigher of coal.

Appointment, as prayed for, made by the Mayor and action by the board referred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.

Reports — Received the reports, for the month of July, of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines.

Placed on file.

Communication — Received from Mrs William E. Russell a card, expressing her heartfelt appreciation of the helpful sympathy extended to her on the occasion of the sudden death of her husband, the late Ex-Governor William E. Russell.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Aug 18. Read for information.

Petition — Received a petition signed by the father of the proposed licensee that a license to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minor.

Elmer L. Shiver, 210 Elm, Aged 18 years

approved by the Chief of Police.

Licence granted.

Petitions — Received petitions for licences to collect junk, from

Llewellyn Lodge, 40 Joy st.

Reuben Winthrop, 18 Arthur St.

both approved by the Chief of Police.

Licences granted.

Petitions — Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets, from Llewellyn Lodge, Thomas Ford, Jacob Goldberg, Henry Gormley, William H. Martin, Patrick J. McLaughlin, Francis P. Moran and Robert Winthrop, all of Somerville, and from

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Theodore Karahalios and Mattio Karmini, both of Boston and both holding Fifty dollar state licenses
All approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Della F. Jenkins and Edna M. Cooley, for a license as common victuallers at 10 Broadway
the Evangelical Association Church - W. E. Fredericks, Pastor - for a license to hold ladies meetings in the pavilion on the Broadway Park Thursday afternoons, also for a license to hold preliminary meetings in said pavilion, or if that be not favorably considered, then in front of the hall No. 271 Broadway, on Sunday evenings, immediately before the regular church meeting, which is held in said hall
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from Martha R. Tufts and others, for a common sewer in Mystic street from Somerville avenue to Washington street — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
the Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for two poles in Porter street and one pole in Williams court, also for permission to remove one pole from Wigglesworth street opposite Otis street,
Thomas Kreen for the removal of a dead balm of gilead tree standing in Granite street at the easterly corner of Somerville Avenue,
A. H. Huff and others, for edgestones on the easterly side of Bartlett street, from Vernon street to Medford street,
Sr. C. H. Williams and others for edgestones on the westerly side of Bartlett street, from Vernon street to Medford street,
Hattie E. Hopkins and others for edgestones on both sides of Tennyson street from Forster street to Medford street
Referred to Committee on Highways

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Petitions — Received a petition from Rufus K. Wade and others for brick sidewalks in front of their respective estates on Chandler street, the cost of the bricks to be paid by the petitioners.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug 18, Reference concurred in.

Petitions — Received petitions from

the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company for a brick sidewalk with edgestones on the westerly side of Central street from Highland avenue to Gibbens street, the petitioner agreeing to pay the cost of the materials.

Frank E. Adams that the curbing and paving be changed to conform to the lines of Cleveland street, off Central street, a forty foot street as surveyed and laid out through the Nichols estate.

E. S. Sparrow and others for a crossing on Elm street opposite the Post Office at No 1 Medina Building.

William Sweeney and Luke T. Seaver for the acceptance and grading of Winchester street from Broadway to the Medford line.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug 27, References concurred in.

Petitions — Received a petition from Joseph J. Giles and others, that Burnside avenue be properly lighted.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug 18, Reference concurred in.

Notices — Received a notice from Mary H. Knowles of injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on the easterly side of Franklin street, at a point between the houses numbered 78 and 80 on said street, at about 9.30 O'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday the 28th day of July, 1896, her fall being caused by striking her foot against a large iron frame and cover set in said sidewalk and projecting dangerously high above the same, which frame and cover are supposed to have some connection with the water service pipe in said street.

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Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council August 18, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions for permits to move wooden buildings, from — Petitions. ✓
Jacob W. Wilbur - two from Ruch street to Meacham street
Margaret A. Brown - one from Webster street to near No 24 Cutter street
all certified by the Superintendents of Streets and of Electric Seines,
that the statements given as to measurements are substantially correct
and that, in their opinions, the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.
Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered orders granting permits to move wooden buildings to — Orders ✓
Jacob W. Wilbur, two from Ruch street to Meacham street, and
Margaret A. Brown - one from Webster street to Cutter street,
as recorded, respectively, on pages 497, 498 and 499 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railroads and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, - on the renewal of the petition of the Socialist Labor Party, for a licence to hold meetings in the public square and grounds of the city, reported that, after giving a hearing to the petitioners, it is deemed inexpedient to grant the petition and therefore recommended leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Alderman Moore dissented from the report of the majority of the committee and recommended that the petitioners be granted a licence to hold meetings week-days and week-day evenings in Union Square, Gilman Square and Davis Square, first notifying the Chief of Police of the time and place of each meeting, said licence to be subject to revocation at any time by the Board of Aldermen.
The majority report was accepted.

The Committee on Licenses - — Reports ✓
on the petition of Harry E. Sanders, that his licence as a common victualler

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at No. 77 Broadway may be transferred so as to apply to the premises No. 82 Broadway, to which place he proposes to remove business, - reported an order

on the petition of Vingenzo Solarence and James Sangino, for a license to play a piano organ in the streets.

reported an order

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompany the foregoing reports with an additional order offered by Alderman Moore, are as follows.

Ordered.

That the license granted to Harry E. Sanders as a common Victualler at No. 77 Broadway, be and is hereby transferred to No. 82 Broadway, to which place he has removed his business.

Ordered.

That a license be issued to the following named persons to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licenses, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city, the sum of fifty cents for each person so licensed, such license to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Vingenzo Solarence and James Sangino (piano organ)

Ordered.

That the licenses to sell newspapers granted by this board, to Harry M. Baker, Carl S. Harris and Arnold T. Ryan, be and they are hereby revoked, the said licensees having surrendered their badges and licenses.

Adopted.

Orders

Alderman Jones offered the following orders.

Ordered.

That the City Engineer be, and he hereby is authorized to issue a permit to lay a private drain from the sewer in Broadway, to that part of the lot numbered 7 on a plan entitled "Plan of House Lots in Somerville and Medford, belonging to Malcolm McLean, J. O. Goodwin Surveyor, August 1892, a copy of which is on file in the City Engineers office, which is contained between the Medford and Somerville City lines, and a line 100

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feet northeasterly and parallel to the northeasterly line of Broadway. Said part of lot 7 being about 44.8 feet in width and about 61 feet in depth, and in the City of Medford on the northeasterly side of Broadway distant southeasterly 57.55 feet from Alfred street, — when the City Treasurer shall have first received the sum of thirteen and 67/100 dollars ($13.67) for the privilege of discharging the sewage of the building on said part of said lot of land into said sewer.

Adopted.

Ordered,

That the sum of ninety-nine and 37/100 dollars, awarded April 10, 1895, to Mary R. Nelson as a benefit accruing to her estate on Pitman street, by the laying of a common sewer in Pitman street, be and the same is hereby abated.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways,

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on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for permission to erect one pole and to remove another on the southerly side of Gilman street, reported accordingly;

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for location for two poles in Porter street and one in Williams Court and for permission to remove one pole from Highworth street, reported accordingly;

on the petitions of Byron N. Stone for the removal of a dead elm tree in front of the estate No. 26 Marshall street, reported that the tree has been removed;

on the petition of George E. Elliott, for permission to move, a distance of about six feet in a southwesterly direction, the most southwesterly of two maple trees standing in front of his premises, No. 63 Jenny Lind Avenue, as said tree obstructed the driveway into said premises, reported that permission has been given the petitioner to move said tree;

on the petition of Howard Sewell, for the removal of a tree standing on the southerly side of Gilman street opposite the estate Nos. 72 and 74, reported accordingly.

Accepted.

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Acceptance of [illegible] filed October 3, 1896

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:

Orders granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company locations in Gilman street and in Porter street and William court, with permission to remove a pole in Gilman street and another in Wigglesworth street as recorded, respectively, on pages 114 and 115 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned to wit, a tree standing on the southerly side of Gilman street opposite the middle of the estate numbered 72 and 74 and owned by Howard Sowell,

it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing an attested copy of this order to be published in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon the tree before mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said tree, and that Wednesday, the 9th day of September 1896, at eight o'clock P. M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall are assigned as the time and place for the hearing, by this Board, of any objections which may be made thereto.

Reports

on an order of May 1, for the setting of edgestones in Central street, in front of the premises of J. F. Berry, extending from Westwood Road to the premises of John Haigh, and granting permission to said Berry to lay a cement sidewalk in Westwood Road and Central street in front of his said premises, reported that the edgestones have been set by the city and the cost of the stone paid by said Berry and that he has laid said cement sidewalk;

on the petition of William N. Young for edgestones in front of his estate on the southerly side of Pinckney street, from Wheeler street northerly, operated an order;

on the petition of George W. Badley for the relaying of the sidewalk in front of Nos. 9 and 11, Cross street and for a crossing on Cross street place, reported that the sidewalk has been repaired and crossing laid as prayed for;

on the communication from John Walch requesting that the sidewalk in front of No. 37 Oak street be repaired, reported that the sidewalk has been repaired;

on the petition of Alden E. Viles, Trustee of the estate of George H. Simonds, for a driveway at his expense, across the sidewalk in front of

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his premises, No. 28 Summer Street, reported an order
on the petition of William Bryant that the driveway in front of his premises,
No. 79 Webster avenue, may be moved about ten feet in a south-
erly direction, at his expense, reported an order
on the petition of S. Frank Arnold, Executor, for a driveway in front of the
estate, No. 56 Bow street, at his expense, reported an order,
on an order of June 10, for the purchase of a road scraper, at a cost not to
exceed $400.00, reported a scraper has been purchased of
W. C. Oastler, for $360.00,
on an order of May 27, for the purchase and the erection in Teele square,
of a suitable drinking fountain, at a cost not to exceed
$140.00, reported that a fountain has been purchased of W.
A. Snow & Co. for $161.50 and erected in Teele square
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Aug. 18, Accepted in concurrence

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Berry are as follows, Orders ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct a gravel sidewalk with edgestones in front of the estate of William N. Young situated on the southerly side of Pinckney street near Wheeler street, when said Young shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to pay for the edgestones, the balance of the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to construct a driveway for Alden E. Viles Trustees, across the sidewalk in front of the premises of Geo. H. Simonds, No. 20 Summer street, when said Viles shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of the cost of construction of said driveway

Ordered:

That the Committee on Highways, be, and is hereby authorized to move the driveway about ten feet in a southerly direction in front of the premises of William Bryant No. 79 Webster Avenue, when said Bryant shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of the cost for

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said change in location.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a driveway for L. Frank Arnold, Executor, in front of his estate No. 56 Bow street, when he shall have deposited with the City Treasurer a sum sufficient to cover the approximate cost of the construction of said driveway.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized to construct two driveways in front of the stable of Howard Sewell, situated on Gilman street near Aldrich street, when said Sewell shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money for the cost of construction of said driveways.

Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug. 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 26.

Reports

The Committee on Public Property,-

on orders of May 27, June 10, July 1, and July 16, for the making of contracts with Alfred H. Kiner, for an addition to the City Hall,-

H. P. Lawrence & Co., for additions to Jacob T. Oliver schoolhouse, the Magee Furnace Co., for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Jacob T. Oliver schoolhouse,-

Bryant & Woodward, for heating and ventilating apparatus, including two new boilers, for the Luther V. Bell schoolhouse,

Frank A. Titus, for improved sanitary apparatus for the Forster schoolhouse,- reported that contracts have been made as authorized, and that work under the several contracts is now being carried on.

on an order of February 12, to place Welsbach lamps in the Police Buildings, reported that the committee have placed such number of lamps in the building as the committee deemed necessary, at a cost of $82.08.

on orders of April 17 and 22, to permit the use of the old Lincoln school-lot on Elm street and the Webster school lot on Webster ave-

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nue as public play grounds, and to let the said old Lincoln School lot until January 1, 1897 to the Nevermissit Tennis Club for $25.00, - reported that the Webster lot is in use as a public playground and the Lincoln lot has been let as authorized.

on orders of April 8 and May 13, to purchase #4 Smith Premier typewriters for the Treasurer's, Assessors' and Clerk of Committee's departments, - reported that three typewriters have been purchased, as authorized, for the sum of $92.25 each.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to purchase two horses for the use of the Fire Department, at a cost not to exceed Five hundred dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Aug. 21.

Alderman Wright offered the following orders. — Orders ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to transfer the incandescent light now located on Dell street to the foot of North Union street, the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights Account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, be, and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to remove the incandescent light now located at the corner of Porter street and Williams Court, and to place said light at the upper end of Williams Court, the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council Aug 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Aug 21

√ Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Accounts be and is hereby instructed to draw in favor of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of Mary Ann Meany, for three hundred dollars, in settlement of all claims against the city, for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Summit Avenue on January 31st 1894.

Read twice and adopted least dissent for concurrence

In Common Council Aug 18 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Aug 21

√ Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to transfer from Interest Account to Sewers Maintenance Account, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1500.00)

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug 18 Adopted in concurrence

Presented to the Mayor Aug 21

√ Order — Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Mayor Allison A. Perry, be and he hereby is authorized and requested to seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville the release which has just been received from the City of Somerville to the present owner of the lands sold for non-payment of taxes, assessed for the years 1875, 1876, and 1877 to Mary K. Kidder

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug 18 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Aug 21

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The Committee on Printing,— Reports ✓

on an order of May 13, for the printing of the Assessors succinct list of persons assessed a poll tax for the current year, reported that the same had been printed by the Somerville Journal Company for the sum of $486.00

on an order of May 18, for the furnishing of one thousand copies of the ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance Relating to the Use of Streets' in form suitable for posting in the highways,— reported that the same have been procured of the Somerville Journal Co. for $6.80.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug. 14. Accepted in concurrence

The joint special committee appointed under an order of January 24, Report ✓

to wait upon the officials of the West End Street Railway Company in relation to the extension of the Franklin street line of cars to Winter Hill, and to which was referred the objections of O. M. Gracy and others to such extension, reported that although the Franklin street line has not been extended to Winter Hill yet the railway company have established a transfer station at Charlestown Neck where passengers may be transferred free, from the Franklin street to the Winter Hill cars as well as to other lines of the West End system.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug. 14. Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Wright offered the following order Under ✓

Ordered,—

That a joint special committee consisting of two members of the Board of Aldermen, to be appointed by his Honor the Mayor, together with such members of the Common Council as may be deemed expedient, be appointed to confer with the Board of Health of this City, in relation to the condition of Wyatt's Pit.

Adopted and Aldermen Wright and Huntley appointed on the part of this branch. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug. 14. Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Turbyne, Lowell and Reed appointed on the part of this branch.

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Approved by the Mayor Aug 26.

Order — Aldermen Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That all officers and employees of the city, who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and desire to attend the National Encampment of the organization, to be holden in St. Paul Minnesota, in the month of September next, be, and they are hereby granted two weeks leave of absence without loss of pay, for that purpose.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug 18. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug 21

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order

Ordered,

That a joint special committee, consisting of three councilmen and such number of aldermen as may be joined, be appointed to confer with the officials of the Boston & Maine Railroad, in regard to the opening of a passageway through private land from the Boston & Lowell Railroad to Merrimac street, at a point near Bartlett street.

In Common Council Aug 18. Adopted and Councilmen Ball, Raymond and Timson appointed on the part of that branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Aug 18. Adopted and Aldermen Knight and Prutha appointed on the part of this branch in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug 26.

Order — Alderman Moore offered an order for the formation of a commission, to be known as "The City Charter Commission," to consider the expediency of revising, amending, or changing the present City Charter of the City of Somerville, and to report to the present city government.

Read once and action deferred until the next regular meeting.

Adjourned.

Attest.

William P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tempore.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
duly called by the Mayor to act on proposals
to furnish heating apparatus and iron vaults
for the city hall and on plans for a new
schoolhouse in Ward One - all the members
having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall, Somerville, August 27, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Received a notice from T. F. O'Malley Chairman, and J. J. Muldoon Secretary, of the Democratic City Committee, that caucuses of the democratic party for the election of delegates to the State Convention, are to be held Friday September 11 1896, and asking that polling places be assigned therefor. — Notice ✓
Placed on file.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from James Cauzzo and Fred R. Gray, both of Somerville; both approved by the Chief of Police. — Petitions ✓
Licenses granted.

Received a petition from Leon W. Washburn for a license to give a circus entertainment on Washington street, Thursday September 3, approved by the Chief of Police. — Petition ✓
Licence granted.

Received a petition from Mrs Ellen Fernandez for a licence as a common victualler at 528 Medford street. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received petitions from the Somerville Electric Light Company for permission to move an electric light pole on Broadway, north of Central street to a point about fifteen feet south of its present position, and for permission to — Petitions ✓

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erect two electric light poles on Knapp street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions

Received petitions from

S. Dudley Hannah for the removal of the three trees standing in the middle of the sidewalk in front of his estate on Elm street, at the corner of Cherry street, as they are an obstruction to public travel, also that the sidewalk in front of said estate be bricked, the bricks used to be paid for by him;

Martin J. Caples, that the edgestone be lowered for a driveway in front of his premises No. 42 Craigie street;

Albert M. Davis for a driveway in front of his premises, No. 22 Glen street, at his expense;

Frank A. Teele, that the driveway across the sidewalk in front of his coal yard on the westerly side of Holland street bounded northerly by the Lexington and Arlington Branch, be reconstructed, at his expense;

Barnett T. Shelton and others, for the acceptance of Banks street, from Elm st. to Summer street;

Emeline S. Teele and others, for the acceptance of Electric Avenue, from Curtis street to Packard Avenue;

Emeline S. Teele and others, for the acceptance of Westminster street, from Broadway to Electric Avenue;

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 27, References concurred in.

Notice

Received a notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of October next and answer to Bridget Carroll in action of Tort, to the damage of the plaintiff, as she saith, the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 27, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Petition

Received a petition from George R. Clarke for permission to move a wooden building from Webster street to Kensington ave. certified by the Superintendent of Streets, but not by the Superintendent of Electric Lines, that

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in his opinion such removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Received under a suspension of the rules, and placed on file.

Alderman Chandler offered an order granting permission to George R. Clarke to move a wooden building from Webster street to Kensington avenue as recorded on page 500 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Adopted.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Upon the notice received this evening from the Democratic City Committee, of caucuses to be held in the several wards of the city, by the Democratic party on Friday evening, September 11th, 1896, - said notice being filed in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of chapter 489 of the Acts of the year 1895, it is hereby

Ordered,-

That polling places for said caucuses be and they are hereby assigned as follows,-

in Ward One

the ward room in the Prescott School-house on Pearl street

in Ward Two

Union Hall in Connor Building on Row street

in Ward Three

a room in the Bingham School-house on Sewell street

in Ward Four

a room in the Morse School-house on Summer St. at the corner of Craigie street,

and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause the said polling places to be provided and prepared for the purposes of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Aug. 27

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of John H. Leighton and — Report ✓

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others, for edgestones on the westerly side of St James avenue, and the petition of James G. Hickey and others, for edgestones on both sides of Summit street, reported orders of notice of hearings.

Accepted.

Orders of Notice

The orders of notice, accompanying the foregoing report, of hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

St. James Avenue

and

Summit Street

as recorded respectively, on pages 115 and 118 of volume 3 of the records of sidewalks - Hearings and Construction of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor August 27.

Reports

The Committee on Public Property

submitted plans for heating apparatus for the city hall, and the following list of proposals to furnish heating apparatus in accordance with said plans.

A. A. Sanborn	$ 1551.00
Ingalls & Kendricken	1535.00
Walworth Construction and Supply Co	1497.00
Braman Dow & Co	1463.00
Albert B. Franklin	1456.00
Boston Furnace Co	1326.00
Foster, Ellingwood & Harvey	1325.00

and presented an order,

also the following list of proposals received to furnish and set up, complete and ready for use, a steel lined vault and doors and two fire proof vault doors, at the city hall.

J. A. Chabot	$ 2045.00
E. C. Morris Safe Co	1967.00
Geo. E. Foster & Co	1963.00
E. F. Mosher	1960.00
The Damon Safe	1855.00

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and granted order

in pursuance of an order of March 25, submitted plans made by T. H. Sargent Architect, for a six-room brick schoolhouse in Ward One at the corner of Webster and Luck streets, and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 27, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with one additional order offered by Alderman Chandler, are as follows. Orders ✓

Ordered,-

That the plans prepared by Foster Ellingwood & Harvey for heating apparatus for City Hall, be, and they are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to make a contract with Foster, Ellingwood & Harvey for the furnishing of heating apparatus in accordance with said plans, at the price named in their proposal submitted in said committee's report this evening, namely $1325.00,- the amount so expended to be charged to City Hall improvement account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with the Damon Safe and Iron Works Co. for the furnishing and setting up complete and ready for use, of a steel lined vault and doors, and two fire proof vault doors, for City Hall, at the price named in its proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date namely $1855.00,- the amount so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvement Account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase a small fire proof door, for the upper part of the City Engineer's vault in the City Hall addition, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100.00),- the amount so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvement Account.

Ordered,-

That the plans prepared by T. H. Sargent, Architect, for a six room brick school-house to be located in Ward One at the corner of Webster and Luck streets, and submitted by the Committee on Public Property this

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evening, be and the same are hereby adopted.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 27, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Aug. 28.

✓ Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to transfer the sum of fifteen hundred dollars from Reduction of Funded Debt account, instead of from Interest account, as provided by an order dated August 19, 1896, and place the same to the credit of Sewer Maintenance account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council August 27, 1896. Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor.

Adjourned.

Attest

George F. Vincent
Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to assign polling places for the publican caucuses and to transact any other business that might come before the Board all the members of the Board having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, Sept. 2, 1896 - 8 P.M.

Hiram Moore, Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley and Berry present.

Records approved

In the absence of the city clerk the board proceeded to ballot for a clerk pro tempore of the Board of Aldermen. — Clerk pro tempore ✓

Aldermen Chandler and Berry were appointed a committee to assort and count the votes and having attended to that duty, they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots 6

Necessary for choice 4

William P. Mitchell has 6

and William P. Mitchell was declared by the chair elected, and he was duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, the oath being administered by His Honor, the Mayor, Albion A. Perry Esq. Justice of the Peace, and the same being recorded, signed and certified on page 39 of volume 3 of the book of Oaths in the City Clerk's office

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the city solicitor be and he hereby is authorized and instructed in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville, by bill in equity in the name of the City, and to be signed by the Mayor, or otherwise, to take all legal and legal steps at law or equity, and sign all papers and do all things which may, in his judgment, be required for enjoining and preventing Charles M. Buckley from occupying or using the buildings located on the lot of land on Medford st. in said Somerville for a melting or rendering establishment or for any other noxious or offensive trade or occupation, or permit or allow such trade or occupation to

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be carried on upon said premises without first obtaining or having obtained therefor the consent and permission required by law, and to take such steps and do such things as he may deem advisable for the prosecution of said Hinckley and enforcing penalties against him for violation of any provision of law in regard to offensive trades or occupations or the carrying on of the same.

In Common Council, August 27th 1896, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Sept 2nd 1896 Read once & action postponed until the next regular meeting.

Petitions for Appointment

Received a petition from Isaac M. Story, clerk of the First Baptist Church on Belmont street, that Henry Strahan, Janitor of said church, may be appointed a special police without compensation.

Appointment, as requested, made by the Mayor, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Notice

Received notice from Walter C. Mentzer, President of the Republican City Committee, that said Committee desires to hold caucuses Wednesday evening September 16th from 6.30, until 9 O'clock, and requesting this board to furnish polling places therefor.

Placed on file.

Petition

Received a petition from John W. Flynn, for a licence for an athletic entertainment on the Y. M. C. A. Grounds, Washington street, Monday afternoon, Sept 7.

approved by the Chief of Police.

Licence granted.

Petition

Received a petition from Frederick J. Glasheen for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on Somerville avenue, near Lowell street.

Referred to Superintendent of Streets with full power.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Alexander Grimes for permission to set a hitching post in front of his estate No. Elston Street, corner of Elston street,

Mary Catherine Summers and others for brick sidewalks with edgestones on both

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sides of Wigglesworth street, from Pearl street to Bonair st.

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received a petition from W. S. Glidden, for a driveway in front of his estate on Sycamore street, and that the sidewalk in front of said estate be relaid, at his expense. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 10, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Mrs. H. H. Brown and others, for a hearing in regard to a remonstrance against the erection of a stable at 73 Avon street, a permit having been given William C. Abbott for the erection of said stable, by the Board of Health, without giving a hearing, which the petitioners, being residents and property owners of Somerville believe to be unjust, having, previous to the granting of said permit, sent a remonstrance to said board. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Board of Health.

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the second Monday of September current, the men, so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court Monday, September 14, 1896, at ten O'clock A.M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Gilman P. Flanders,

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Horace A. Junkins,

and then to Alderman who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Herbert P. Nickerson,

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the messenger to the Mayor, who verified the names by reading them aloud from the slips, when the slips were passed to the clerk, pro tempore, who read the said names therefrom, aloud, and after duly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

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Orders

Aldermen Pratt offered the following order.

Upon the notice received by the city clerk from the Republican City Committee, September 1st of caucuses to be held by the Republican party in the several wards of the city, Wednesday evening September 16th, 1896, said notice being filed in accordance with chapter 489 of the acts of the year 1895, it is hereby

Ordered,

That polling places for said caucuses be and they are hereby assigned as follows,-

in Ward One

the ward room in the Prescott Schoolhouse on Pearl street,

in Ward Two

Union Hall in Connor Building on Low street,

in Ward Three

Odd Fellows Hall on Broadway, at the corner of Marshall street,

in Ward Four

Columbia Hall in Studio Building on Davis square,

and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause said polling places to be provided and prepared for the purposes of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor Sept 8

Reports

The Committee on Sewers,-

on the petition of Martha R. Tufts and others, for a sewer in Mystic street,

Joseph F. Wilson and others, for sewers in Alpine, Princeton and Gowell streets;

W. K. Fletcher, for a sewer in Sycamore and Pembroke streets, from the manhole in Sycamore street at the end of Richdale avenue, to a point in Pembroke street about 75 feet from the middle of Sycamore street,-

reported orders

Accepted

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, for the construction of common sewers in

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Mystic street - from the sewer in Somerville avenue southerly, Private Lands, Alpine Street and Princeton street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 582, 584 and 586 of Volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Lands for and Widening to Construct sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and sewer

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 8

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Under

Ordered,-

That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is, directed to take such legal proceedings as he may deem necessary and proper to restrain and prevent one Edgar S. Weber from further violation of the laws of the Commonwealth by occupying or using for a stable for horses of certain building situated on Bartlett street in said Somerville, and to take such other proceedings as said Solicitor shall consider proper, for recovering and enforcing the penalty to which said Weber is liable for past violations of laws.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 8th 1896

Adjourned

Attest

William P. Mitchell

Clerk pro tempore

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, Sept. 9, 1896. - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order approved August 21st, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of a tree standing on the southerly side of Gilman street, opposite the middle of the estate numbered 72 & 74 and owned by Howard Gavell, due notice of the hearing having been given by the City Clerk as directed by said order.
No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Appointment — The appointment of Alfred A. Waldron as a weigher of coal, made by the Mayor August 18, was confirmed by the board of aldermen.

Reports — Received the reports, for the month of August, of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines.
Placed on file.

Reports — Received the reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the months of July and August.
In the latter, the Chief Engineer reported the death, by accident on the 14th of August, of James F. Henderson, a member of Hose Co. No. 3, while working at his trade of a painter.
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council Sept. 10, Read for information.

Petition — Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from Charlie Kranebarg, 69 South st. approved by the Chief of Police.
Licence granted.

Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets - from

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Peter Fitzpatrick and Charles Kranebarg, both of Somerville, approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors, — Petitions ✓

Joseph Borges, 492 Somerville Ave Aged 11 years
Ernest Sampson, 403 Washington St " 10 "
Ralph R. Smith 3 Gorham St " 13 "
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

The mayor presented a communication addressed to him by the Commissioner General of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition inviting the appointment of commissioners to represent this city at said exposition. — Communication ✓
Read for information

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Charles J. Winterbottom, for a license as an undertaker,
Josie O'Neil, for a license as a common victualler at 543 Somerville Avenue
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from Albert W. Welch for a license to keep sixteen horses in a stable to be erected on Boston avenue near the Mystic River Bridge — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Received a petition from Lorenzo A. Field and others for a new sewer in Evergreen Avenue from Marshall street to School street — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Herbert P. Nickerson and others, for the laying out of Edmunds street from Broadway to Bonair street,
A. H. Averill and others, for the grading and macadamizing of Willow avenue from Elm street to Highland avenue, and the curbing of the

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sidewalks therein

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept 10 References concurred in

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

Mrs A. M. Richardson and others, for electric lights at each end of Cotter avenue

Charles H. Crane and others, for an Arc light on Perkins street opposite Florence street

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept 10 References concurred in

√ Notices of suits

Received notices to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of October next and answer unto

Sarah E. Woods, in an action of Tort, to the damage of said plaintiff, as she saith, the sum of Four thousand Dollars

and unto John Ducey, in an action of Tort, to the damage of said plaintiff as he saith, the sum of Two thousand Dollars

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept 10 Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence

√ Reports

The Committee on Elections and Returns, to which was referred a communication from the moderator and secretary of the general meeting of citizens held in Union Hall March 2 1896, stating that said meeting adjourned until the evening of the first Monday of October next, and requesting in pursuance of the vote of said general meeting, that the Board of Aldermen warn the citizens of such adjourned meeting - reported that said committee is advised by the City Solicitor that it is not incumbent on the Board of Aldermen to comply with said request, and recommended that no further action in the matter be taken.

Accepted

√ Reports

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated September 2, submitted the following lists of proposals received, to construct in Mystic street, from the sewer in Somerville avenue northerly - about 330 feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole, the pipe and manhole frame and cover to be fur-

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nished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Manhole	Sewer per lin ft	Estimated Aggregate
Maurice Ballimer	$ 40.00	$ 0.95	$ 353.50
Richard Falvey	40.00	0.78	297.40
D. C. Collins	49.00	0.73	289.90
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	30.00	0.70	261.00
Charles A. Mongan	30.00	0.50	195.00
T. F. Crimmings	37.00	0.47	192.10
Charles A. Kelley	29.00	0.48	187.40

in private lands, Alpine street and Princeton street, beginning in private lands at the sewer running to Albion street, built in 1893, and extending northeasterly through private lands, crossing Alpine street, 220 feet to Princeton street, in Alpine street southeasterly 240 feet and northwesterly 330 feet, and in Princeton street southeasterly 245 feet and southwesterly 310 feet - about 1375 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 7 manholes, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Manhole each	Sewer per lin ft	Estimated Aggregate
T. F. Crimmings	$ 30.00	$ 0.57	$ 993.75
D. C. Collins	31.00	0.43	808.25
Maurice Ballimer	27.00	0.40	739.00
Richard Falvey	28.00	0.35	677.25
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	22.00	0.35	635.25
Charles A. Kelley	22.50	0.28	542.50
Charles A. Mongan	21.00	0.25	490.75

and in Sycamore and Pembroke streets, from the manhole in Sycamore street at Richdale avenue to a point in Pembroke street about 75 feet northwesterly from Sycamore street, - about 240 feet of 10-inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole, and about 20 cubic yards of rock excavation, the pipe and manhole frame and cover to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Manhole	Rock excavation per cu yd	Sewer per lin ft	Estimated Aggregate
T. F. Crimmings	$ 45.00	$ 4.75	$ 0.85	$ 344.00
D. C. Collins	43.00	4.25	0.77	312.80
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	30.00	3.00	0.60	234.00

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Maurice Kuthiner	38.00	3.25	0.50	223.00
Richard Falvey	34.00	3.25	0.49	216.60
Charles A. Morgan	29.00	3.00	0.52	213.80
Charles A. Kelley	26.00	2.50	0.50	196.00

and presented orders.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Charles A. Kelley for the construction of a common sewer in Mystic street, from the sewer in Somerville avenue northerly about 330 feet to near Washington street, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said Committee's report this date.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Charles A. Morgan for the construction of a common sewer in Private Lands, Alpine street and Princeton street, beginning in private lands at the sewer running to Albion street, built in 1893, and running northeasterly through private lands, crossing Alpine street, 220 feet to Princeton street, in Alpine street, southeasterly 240 feet and northwesterly 360 feet, and in Princeton street, southeasterly 245 feet and northwesterly 310 feet, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said Committee's report this date.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Charles A. Kelley for the construction of a common sewer in Sycamore street, from the manhole at Richdale avenue northeasterly to Pembroke street, and northwesterly in Pembroke street about 75 feet, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said Committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 11.

Report

The Committee on Highways, on orders of May 1, May 13, May 27, June 10, and July 20, reported the completion of gravel sidewalks, with edgestones, as follows, - in

Elm street, easterly side, from Morrison street to the Nathan Tufts Park,

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Franklin street, easterly side, from Franklin avenue to Washington street,
Highland avenue, northerly side, from Central street to West street,
Highland avenue, northerly side, from Grove street to West street,
Hudson street, southerly side, from Lowell street to Cedar street,
Madison street, southerly side, from School street to Sycamore street,
School street, northwesterly side, from Highland avenue to Madison street,
and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted.

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for one half the cost of sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

Elm street
Franklin street
Highland avenue, from Central street to West street,
Highland avenue, from Grove street to West street,
Hudson street,
Madison street,
School street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 345 to 348, 349 to 352, 353 to 356, 357 to 360, 361 to 364, 365 to 368, and 369 to 372, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, public notice having been given and hearing thereon having been had according to law, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that the superintendent of streets be and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said tree, to wit, - a tree standing on the southerly side of Gilman street, opposite the middle of the estate numbered 73 and 74 and owned by Howard Sidwell.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 11.

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of the Somerville Electric Light — Report ✓

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Company for permission to move a pole in Broadway, north of Central street, to a point about fifteen feet south of its present location, and for locations for two poles in Knapp street, reported orders.

Accepted.

Orders

Acceptances & Agreements filed October 3 - 1896.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company locations in

Broadway

and

Knapp street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 116 and 117 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville and were

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways

on the petition of S. Dudley Hannah for the removal of three trees standing in the middle of the sidewalk in front of his estate situated on Glen street at the corner of Cherry street, and that the sidewalk in front of said estate be covered with bricks, reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Martin J. Caples that the edgestones be lowered for a driveway in front of his residence #42 Craigie street, reported an order.

on the petition of Albert M. Dame for a driveway in front of his premises #22 Glen street, reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept 10, Accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The orders submitted with the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is authorized to construct a driveway in front of the estate of Martin J. Caples #42 Craigie street when he shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer the approximate cost of the same.

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That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is authorized to construct a driveway in front of the estate of Albert M. Davis, 222 Glen street, the said Davis having made a deposit with the City Treasurer of the sum of Ten dollars, as the approximate cost of the said driveway.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 10. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 11.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on petitions for electric lights from:- — Report ✓

Thomas Clark and others, an Arc light on Laurel street, at the corner of Park place.

Richard T. Snow a street light on Jenny Lind avenue near Broadway.

William P. Sawyer and others, an electric light at the corner of Highland avenue and Tower street.

reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 10. Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be and is hereby instructed, to place Arc lights in the following streets of the City.

One Arc light, on Laurel street at the corner of Park Place,

One Arc light, on Jenny Lind Avenue, about two hundred feet from Broadway,

One Arc light on Highland avenue, at the corner of Tower street, and

One Arc light on Perkins street opposite Florence street,

the expense for maintaining said lights to be charged to Street Lights Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 10. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 11.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby in-

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structed to secure suitable polling places for the elections to be held in the several voting precincts of the city, Nov 3 and Dec 8, and to report a list thereof to this board at the next regular meeting, the expense incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept 11.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby authorized to have suitable lights placed and maintained over the voters lists which are to be posted in front of the City Hall, the expense incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept 11.

Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of placing a flight of steps leading from School street to the top of the bank in the rear of City Hall.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept 10, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept 11.

Order — Alderman Bond offered the following order

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is instructed to transfer from Highways "City Stables Account" to Highways Account, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, said amount to be used for the placing of mow doors in the basement of the City Stables, together with other minor improvements in said building.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept 10, Adopted in concurrence.

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Alderman Huntley offered a list of assessments, with a warrant and order to defray, in part, the cost of watering certain of the streets of the city for the current year, as follows.

Assessments

The list of assessments is filed with the city treasurer, with the warrant and order attached; the aggregate amount of the said assessments being Eleven thousand nine hundred Eighteen and 4/10 dollars.

Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To John F. Lane, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the City of Somerville in said County.

Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to levy and collect of the several persons named on the list herewith committed to you, of each one the amount set opposite his name, being his proportion therein particularly set down of the sum total of said list, to wit, Eleven thousand nine hundred eighteen and 4/10 dollars, being the amount of assessments made by the Mayor and Aldermen of said city to defray in part the expense of watering streets and portions of streets as in the foregoing schedule referred to, the said assessments having been ascertained, determined, assessed and certified hereby.

In making collection and enforcing the payment of said sums you are to pursue the powers conferred by the statutes of said Commonwealth and to be governed thereby.

Witness Albion A. Pray, Mayor of our said City of Somerville on this ninth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

By order of the Mayor and Aldermen, George H. Vincent, City Clerk.

Order

Ordered,-

That the persons named in the accompanying schedule, being abutters on the streets in said schedule referred to, and their respective estates on said streets, be and they are hereby charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their just proportional share of the expense of watering the streets and portions of streets, in said schedule referred to, and under the orders of the city council in said schedule referred to, and the said assessments are determined and certified as within stated, and it is ordered that the schedules as within stated be adopted, and that the warrant, as within stat-

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ted, be adopted and passed.

Treasurer's list warrants and orders were adopted.

Orders

The following order, namely,

City of Somerville,

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,

August 8, 1896.

Ordered, –

That a Commission be formed to be known as The City Charter Commission, to consider the expediency of revising, amending, or changing the present City Charter of the City of Somerville, and to report to the present City Government the result of their deliberations, together with a draft of such revision, amendment, or change as they recommend, if any. The Commission to be formed as follows, – His Honor the Mayor, The President of the Common Council, The City Solicitor, The City Treasurer, Two members of the Board of Aldermen, to be selected by the Mayor, Two members of the Common Council, to be selected by the President of the Common Council, Four citizens of the City of Somerville, one from each Ward, to be selected by the members of the City Government from each Ward, that is, the two members of the Board of Aldermen and the four members of the Common Council in joint meeting. The City Clerk to be the Clerk and Secretary of the Commission. That said Commission be given full power to summon witnesses, to examine books and records belonging to the City, to examine city officials and employees, to grant hearings, if asked for by any citizen or citizens of the City, and to do any other act or thing necessary to carry out this order, the expenses, if any, incurred by said Commission to be charged to Miscellaneous Accounts.

Action on which was postponed, August 18, after one reading, until the next regular meeting, was acted upon as follows.

Amended by omitting from the membership of the commission, the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, the City Treasurer, two members of the Board of Aldermen and two members of the Common Council. As thus amended, received its second reading and final passage, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 10, As amended by the Board of Aldermen read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 11.

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Adjourned

Attest

George S Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to draw jurors and to transact any other business that might come before the board, all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing.-

City Hall, Somerville, September 16, 1896 8-55 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Prescott presiding.
Aldermen Moses, Wright, Pratt, Chandler and Berry present

Clerk pro tem

In the absence of the City Clerk the board proceeded to ballot for a clerk pro tempore of the board.

Aldermen Chandler and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the ballots and after attending to that duty, they reported as follows,-

Whole number of ballots	5
Necessary for choice	3
William P. Mitchell had	5

and William P. Mitchell was declared by the chair, elected, and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, the oath being administered by His Honor, the Mayor, Albion A. Perry Esq. Justice of the Peace, which oath duly subscribed and certified, is recorded on page 59 of volume 3 of the books of Oaths in the City Clerk's office.

Records approved.

Jurors

Received a warrant for the drawing from the box, of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the superior court, now in session at Cambridge, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Thursday, the 17th of September, 1896 at ten o'clock A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Berry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Christopher J. White,

to Alderman Chandler, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Charles A. Miller,

and to Alderman Pratt, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name

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of Edward F. Stone

The slips bearing the said names endorsed were passed by the messenger to the Mayor, who verified the said names by reading them aloud from said slips, and the slips were then passed to the clerk, pro tem, who also read therefrom the said names aloud and after properly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Adjourned

Attest

William P. Mitchell

Clerk pro tem

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, September 23 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Platt, Chandler, Hunting, Berry and the clerk present.

Clerk pro tem

In the absence of the City Clerk, the board proceeded to ballot for a clerk pro tempore of this board.

Aldermen Moore and Jones were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having attended to that duty, reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
William P. Mitchell has 8

and William P. Mitchell was declared elected and was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, the oath being administered by His Honor, the Mayor Moses A. Perry Esq. Justice of the Peace. The said oath duly signed and certified is recorded on page 39 of Volume 3 of the books of oaths in the City Clerk's office.

Records approved.

Hearings

In pursuance of orders adopted August 27, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in

St James avenue
and
Summit street

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's returns recorded respectively on pages 116 and 119 of Volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Remonstrances

In the St James avenue hearing, a remonstrance was received from Maria E. Bancroft and Rev James Bolger, against the construction of the sidewalk, because it is not a public necessity, the present sidewalk is sufficient, and the proposed sidewalk will entail upon the remonstrants an unnecessary and uncalled for expense.

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The remonstrance was placed on file.

No other remonstrances being received and no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

Received a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, recommending that Alfred R. Higgins, Edward A. Parker and William H. Wheaton be appointed call-members of Hose Company No. 3, also that Benjamin H. Pond be transferred and promoted from Driver of Chemical Engine Co. A to Driver and Captain of Hose Co. No. 3, and that the appointment of Joseph A. Cribby, who has served the probationary term of six months as Driver of Hose Co. No. 3, be made permanent and that he be transferred to Chemical Engine Co. A as Driver. — Communication ✓ Appointments

Appointments, as recommended, made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received a petition from Frank Pierlot for a licence to give a dramatic entertainment in Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday evening, October 6, recommended by the Chief of Police. — Petition ✓

Licence granted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Cosmo Accetta, for a sewer in Elmwood street, from the sewer crossing private lands, (now being constructed) northeasterly about 560 feet;

Silas S. Cummings and others, for a sewer in Gorham street, from the center of Howard street northerly about 580 feet;

Silas S. Cummings and Charles J. Simpson, for a sewer in Gay street, from the center of Howard street northeasterly about 320 feet;

Clifton A. Kennedy, for a sewer in Thorndike street, from the center of Howard street northeasterly about 160 feet and southwesterly about 80 feet;

Mrs. Mary Cremen and Walter Burton, for a catch basin on the southwesterly side of Oxford street, near the estate numbered 86 on said street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from Walter Burton and others, for edgestones in front of their estates on Oxford street, the cost of the edgestones to be paid by the petitioners. — Petition ✓

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Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Sept. 24 Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions from
Charles H. Young and others for an Arc Light on Gilman terrace.
F. E. Hanson and others for an electric light at the corner of Porter and Francis streets.
Referred to Committee on Public and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Sept. 24 Reference concurred in.

City Clerk assumed duties

At this point the City Clerk entered the meeting and assumed his duties as clerk of the board.

Attest

William P. Mitchell,
Clerk pro tempore.

Appointments

The Mayor announced the following
Election Officers
for the year beginning November 1, 1896
Ward Nine.

Precinct 1.

Warden	George F. Stadler	R.
Deputy "	George Hilder	R.
Clerk	Abbott S. Knowles	D.
" "	Charles H. Davis	D.
Inspectors	George W. Littlefield & William H. Hitchings	R.
	Grant L. Davis & William F. Hancock	D.
Deputy "	Lyman B. Knowles & John E. Vincent	R.
	John F. Mills & John J. Lee	D.

Precinct 2.

Warden	Charles F. Wilder	R.
Deputy "	Orin H. Geary	R.
Clerk	Harrington B. Lund	D.
" "	Samuel B. Lund	D.

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	Inspectors	Frank H. Bowers & George S. Winslow	R.
	"	Alfred H. Remick & Herbert A. Cole	D.
Deputy	"	Fred B. Clapp & Charles E. Bowker	R.
	"	Frank T. Barnes & William T. Potter	D.
Precinct 3.			
	Warden	Charles H. Colgate	R.
Deputy	"	Nathan H. Reed	R.
	Clerk	Benjamin P. Palmer	D.
"	"	Frank C. Dowd	D.
	Inspectors	Edwin F. Neally & Charles H. Colgate Jr.	R.
		Charles Orton & Patrick S. Farrell	D.
"	"	Fred N. Ashworth & Walter E. Boston	R.
		Daniel Mahoney & John H. Collins	D.
Precinct 4.			
	Warden	William T. Harney	D.
Deputy	"	William J. Coughlin	D.
	Clerk	William F. S. Robinson	R.
"	"	Walter C. Bailey Jr.	R.
	Inspectors	Cushing Otis & Thomas F. Barry	D.
		John S. McDonough & G. Ernest Griffin	R.
"	"	Francis H. Fay & Owen Cunningham	D.
		J. Howard Colbath & Frank Eugene Ames	R.
		Ward Two	
Precinct 1.			
	Warden	Henry W. Pitman	R.
Deputy	"	S. Gardner Higgins	R.
	Clerk	Charles W. Hopkins	D.
"	"	Irving S. Perry	D.
	Inspectors	Frederic E. Wood & William T. Hayes	R.
		Frederick Ball & Edward J. Llewellyn	D.
"	"	George W. Sawson & Lawrence J. Pitman	R.
		Thomas F. Barry & Clifford F. White	D.
Precinct 2.			
	Warden	Charles F. Elliot	R.
Deputy	"	Sylvanus R. Kneeland Jr.	R.
	Clerk	Stephen J. Collins	D.

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Deputy	Clerk	Solon C. Gilman	D.
	Inspectors	Amos B. McLaughlin & Albert Gilman	R.
		Cornelius J. Cahill & Arthur D. Osborne	D.
"	"	Elton S. Sibley & George R. Hobbs	R.
		Leighton W. Manning & Michael H. Tuttan	D.
Precinct 3			
	Warden	Edward B. West	D.
Deputy	"	James J. Muldoon	D.
	Clerk	Albert L. Brackett	R.
"	"	Charles J. Elliot	R.
	Inspectors	Bernard J. McAleer & Thomas F. Muldoon	D.
		William W. Brackett & William Armstrong	R.
"	"	William Kelley & John S. McGowan	D.
		Granville A. Walker & William J. Blaisdell	R.
Precinct 4			
	Warden	James E. McHugh	D.
Deputy	"	William A. Flaherty	D.
	Clerk	George A. Pratt	R.
"	"	A. Herbert Granner	R.
	Inspectors	Benjamin H. Knowles & Thomas F. Jones	D.
		James A. McLean & William D. Bucknam	R.
"	"	James W. Collins & Daniel A. Bradley	D.
		Stephen J. Jackman & Joseph W. Moore	R.
Precinct 5			
	Warden	William E. Plumer	R.
Deputy	"	Charles E. Parkhurst	R.
	Clerk	J. Robert Fenelon	D.
"	"	Seth Mason	D.
	Inspectors	Lewis S. Bace & Davis P. Bucknam	R.
		Patrick J. Follon & James Kerrigan Jr.	D.
"	"	William H. J. Thompson & Benjamin F. Doten	R.
		Charles J. Winterbottom & Thomas J. Watson	D.
		Ward Three	
Precinct 1			
	Warden	George F. Horton	R.
Deputy	"	Jesse J. Underhill	R.

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	Clerk	William H. Cotter	D
Deputy	"	John H. Kelleher	D
	Inspectors	Luther B. Pillsbury & Charles C. Nason	R
		Cyrus H. Pearce & William E. Butler	D
"	"	Freeman S. Sewell & Emory G. Smith	R
		Calvin Horton & Frank H. Danforth	D
Precinct 2			
	Warden	John H. Duessault	D
Deputy	"	Charles A. Gage	D
	Clerk	George W. Foster	R
"	"	John J. Higgins	R
	Inspectors	J. Herbert Thompson & George H. Dodd	D
		Edwin R. Perham & Sidney J. Ferguson	R
"	"	Chas H. Frye & Charles F. Davis	D
		Jesse S. Nelson & Joseph S. Schepmoes	R
Precinct 3			
	Warden	Stillman S. Studley	R
Deputy	"	Josiah R. Mayhew	R
	Clerk	Daniel J. Kenniff	D
"	"	Robert E. Cronin	D
	Inspectors	Leonard C. Spinney & James S. Sewell	R
		William J. Harrigan & George E. Thayer	D
"	"	Milo R. Whitaker & Everett A. Maynard	R
		Daniel J. Cahalan & Hugh McCaffrey	D
Precinct 4			
	Warden	James F. Sharkey	D
Deputy	"	George S. T. Klick	D
	Clerk	William P. Jones	R
"	"	George H. Dewey	R
	Inspectors	Michael E. Ryan & Arthur S. Davenport	D
		Edward S. Townsend & George W. Price	R
"	"	William J. McCarthy & Charles W. Cahalan	D
		William Butler & Alban B. Souther	R
		Ward Four	
Precinct 7			
	Warden	Francis H. Robinson	R

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Deputy Warden		Martin Binney	R
	Clerk	George A Gordon	D
"	"	Hunthie Gordon	D
	Inspectors	Walter A Chabot & Robert H Gibby Jr	R
		John J Quinlan & Edward T O'Neil	D
"	"	Anson B Tuttle & Frederick W Gay	R
		Manassas P Morgan & Charles A Kelly	D
Precinct 2			
	Warden	John H Fellows	R
Deputy	"	Charles G Brett	R
	Clerk	John M Schroeder	D
"	"	John E Lacy	D
	Inspectors	Otis E Merrifield Jr & Walter A Hayward	R
		James T Welch & Hugh A Jones	D
"	"	George H Chase & George A Richards	R
		J Russell Armington & Frederick R Hunton	D
Precinct 3			
	Warden	William H McAllister	D
Deputy	"	Simon P Carleton	D
	Clerk	Danforth S Steele	R
"	"	Elmer L Glazier	R
	Inspectors	George W Trefren Jr & Henry H Fisher	D
		D Wallis Tucker & William H Barker	R
"	"	Paul J Smith & Louis W Miller	D
		George T Reed & James H Dalton	R
Precinct 4			
	Warden	Edgar F Comee	D
Deputy	"	William H Goodwin	D
	Clerk	Charles F Bertwell	R
"	"	Franklin A Robert	R
	Inspectors	Aaron S Trefren & Edward S Scare	D
		Edwin S Burroughs & Cyrus A Reed	R
"	"	Frederick F Howe & Charles Comee	D
		Amasa Gray & Edward Friend	R

Action by the board deferred until after the expiration of not less than three nor more than ten days as required by law

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Received from the Common Council the following order — Order

In Common Council Sept. 10, 1896.

Ordered,

That a joint special committee, to consist of two aldermen and three councilmen, be appointed to confer with the Metropolitan Park Commissioners, in relation to Somerville interests in the matter of Metropolitan parks and boulevards, and to make such recommendations to the City Council in the premises, as to said committee shall seem proper.

In Common Council Sept. 10, 1896. Adopted in addition for concurrence. Councilmen Graham, Cummings and Berry appointed on the part of this branch.

In Board of Aldermen September 23, 1896. Adopted and Aldermen Jones and Chandler appointed to the committee on the part of this board in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25, 1896.

Received a notice from Thomas F. O'Malley, Chairman of the Democratic City Committee, that Friday evening, October 2, 1896, at 8 o'clock, is the time fixed for holding Democratic Caucuses to nominate candidates for Representatives in the General Court from wards one and three, and to choose delegates to a convention to nominate candidates for Representatives in the General Court from wards three and four (received by the City Clerk this day). — Notice

Placed on file.

Received a communication from the American Society of Municipal Improvements, stating that the third annual convention of said society will be held in Chicago, from October 14th to 18th, and suggesting the sending of the several officers of the city who have charge of public improvements, to the convention. — Communication

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Sept. 24, Read for information.

Received petitions — each signed by a parent or guardian of the petitioners — that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors: — Petitions

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Charles L. Blakeley, 44 Springfield st. Aged 11
William Campbell, 117 Perkins st. " 10
Arthur S. Grasse, 52 Franklin st. " 12
John S. Guyatt, 67 Prospect st. " 13
Albert W. Headley, 21 Alston st. " 13
Joseph J. Henderson, 21 Kingman st. " 14
George L. Norton, 141 Central st. " 13
Thomas T. Tesson, 74 Vernon st. " 15
also that licences to sell newspapers be granted to the following named adults
Walter C. Hartwell, 355 Elm st.
Warren E. Monroe, 355 Elm st.
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licences granted

Petitions — Received petitions for licences to cry their goods in the streets from
John W. Haley, 73 Franklin st.
James Lyons, 34 Linden st.
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licences granted

Petitions — Received petitions from
Nathaniel F. Babb, for a licence as an Auctioneer,
Mary A. Lyman, for a licence to keep an Intelligence office at 42 Florence st.
Referred to Committee on Licences

Petition — Received a petition from Chauncey Allen Terry, for a licence as an auctioneer
Licences granted

Petitions — Received petitions from
Frank L. Teele, for a licence to keep seven horses in a stable on Brooks Street, ward four
Charles K. Norton, that a permit be refused to a Mrs. Carleton of Gorham street to build a stable on vacant land adjoining the estate owned by the petitioner, on Gorham st. as the granting of such per-

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mit would materially injure his property as well as the adjoining estates; one of his tenants having given notice that he should move if such permit were granted.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received a petition from Alexander Munroe and others for a catch-basin on the southeasterly side of Newton street between Webster Avenue and Concord Square. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, waiving notice of hearing on the matter of certain necessary changes in the locations of its poles on Holland street.

West End Street Railway Company, for locations for two additional poles on Washington street nearly opposite the car house of said company.

Nathaniel F. and Charles D. Babb, for permission to hang a swinging sign over the sidewalk at #7 Marshall street, the sign to project over the sidewalk about three feet.

Sarah F. Keyes, for permission to set a hitching post in front of her estate, No. 5 Bigelow street.

Ella F. Perry, for permission to erect a hitching post in front of her residence No. 9 Summit street.

Harriet Jordan and others, for the removal of two horse chestnut trees standing in Jenny Lind avenue, - one in front of the estate numbered 45, and the other in front of the estate numbered 46, as the said trees are irregular in position, and an obstruction to light and air and their removal would improve the appearance of the street.

Charles Drouet, for the removal of the trees in front of the apartment hotel in course of erection opposite the post office on Somerville avenue, as they obstruct light and view.

Wilbur P. Rice, for the removal of the two middle trees in front of his estate, No. 76 Willow avenue as there are now too many trees in front of said estate.

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Referred to Committee on Highways.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Fred W. Coles, for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate Auburn avenue, he to pay for the bricks used.

Charles Drouet, for permission to lay a sidewalk, of material known as granolyphic, around his new building in Post Office square, and for an allowance equivalent to that which the City Government would expend on a brick sidewalk.

George A. Blaney, for himself and co-owner, for brick sidewalks with edge stones be laid in front of the estate owned by Blaney + Robinson, said lot being situated at the corner of Medford street, on Medford street, and Norwood avenue, the petitioner to pay for the edgestones and bricks.

J. F. Merry, for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate No. 89 Oxford street, he to pay for the bricks.

Rev. George S. Anderson and others for a cross-walk across Highland avenue near Cornwall street, at the stopping-place of the West End Street Railway Company, in front of the Highland Congregational church.

Patrick Farrell and others, that Allen street be placed in a passable condition, as it is now in a condition detrimental to the health of the residents thereon, as well as being dangerous.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 24, References concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions from

Robert Adams and others for an Arc light in place of the Incandescent now in use on Clark street.

W. C. Hook and J. C. Pucher, for an Incandescent light on the easterly side of Harvard street, midway between Beach street and Elm place.

Amelia F. Stevens and others, for electric lights on Moreland street.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

Notice of Claim

Received from Edward A. Herbert, a minor by his attorney Sherman S. Whipple, notice of injury received by the breaking or

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coming in, when he stepped upon it, of the planks on the right-hand pathway as we go towards Charlestown of the bridge over the Boston and Maine Railroad at Hyde Park avenue, near the boundary line between Somerville and Boston, at about eight o'clock, P.M. of August 15th 1896, for which injuries he holds the city responsible	
Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence	
In Common Council, Sept. 24 Reference concurred in	
Alderman Chandler offered the following order	Order ✓
Upon the notice received this evening from the Democratic City Committee under the provisions of section 11 of chapter 489 of the Acts of the year 1895, of caucuses to be held in the several wards of the city, by the Democratic party, on Friday evening October 2 1896, it is hereby	
Ordered	
That polling places for said caucuses be and they are hereby assigned as follows,	
in Ward One	
a room in the Bacon school-house on Tufts street	
in Ward Two	
Union Hall in Conner Building on Broadway	
in Ward Three	
a room in the Kingsbury school-house on Broadway street	
in Ward Four	
a room in the Morse school-house on Summer street	
and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause the said polling places to be provided and prepared for the purpose of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Accounts	
Read twice and adopted	
Approved by the Mayor Sept. 23	
The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order of September 9, reported an order designating polling places for the elections to be held in the several voting districts of the City November 3, and December 8	Report ✓
Accepted	

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Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,—

That polling places for the elections to be held in the several voting precincts of the City November 3rd and December 8th be and they are hereby designated as follows,—

For Ward 1, Precinct 1

The ward room in the Prescott Schoolhouse on Pearl street.

For Ward 1, Precinct 2

A room in the southerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Brown street, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct.

For Ward 1, Precinct 3

A room in the Davis schoolhouse on Tufts street.

For Ward 1, Precinct 4

A room in the Jackson schoolhouse on Maple street, at the corner of Poplar street.

For Ward 2, Precinct 1

A room in the Luther V. Bell schoolhouse on Vivian Ave.

For Ward 2, Precinct 2

The hall in the Police Building on Bow street.

For Ward 2, Precinct 3

Elm's Lower Hall in Union Square.

For Ward 2, Precinct 4

A room in the O. S. Knapp schoolhouse on Concord avenue.

For Ward 4, Precinct 5

A room in the Prospect Hill schoolhouse on Washington street, at the corner of Bonner avenue, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct.

For Ward 3, Precinct 1

A room in the northerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Brown street.

For Ward 3, Precinct 2

A room in the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse on Jaques st.

For Ward 3, Precinct 3

A room in the basement of the Foster schoolhouse on Sycamore street.

For Ward 3, Precinct 4

A room in the Bingham schoolhouse on Broadway street.

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For Ward 4 Precinct 1

A room in the Beach street schoolhouse on Beach street

For Ward 4 Precinct 2

A room in the Burns schoolhouse on Cherry street

For Ward 4 Precinct 3

A room in the Highland schoolhouse on Highland avenue at the corner of Grove street

For Ward 4 Precinct 4

A room in the William H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland street and the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause printed descriptions of said polling places to be posted in at least ten public places in each of the said precincts, agreeably to the provisions of section 121 of chapter 417 of the acts of the Legislature of 1893.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept 25.

The Committee on Licenses — Reports ✓

on petitions for licenses as Common Victuallers, from Della F. Jenkins and Edna M. Cooley, at No 18 Broadway, - Josie O'Neil, at 543 Somerville avenue, - and Ella Fernandez, at 528 Medford street, reported an order.

on the petition of the Evangelical Association Church for a licence to hold ladies meetings Thursday afternoons, in the pavilion on the Broadway Park, and to hold preliminary church meetings Sunday evenings in said pavilion, or in front of the hall, No. 271 Broadway, immediately before the regular church meeting, reported recommending, in view of the lateness of the season, that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered,

That a license as a Common Victualler under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to each of the following named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, said licence to be issued when

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signed by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Ellen Fernandez	528 Medford Street
Della F. Jenkins and Edna M. Cooley	10 Broadway
Jane O'Neil	543 Somerville avenue

Adopted.

Report

The Committee on Sewers reported that, in pursuance of orders dated, respectively, Oct. 23, Nov 14, and Nov 27, 1895, April 11, and 22, May 4, 13 and 27, and June 10 and 24, 1896, common sewers have been constructed as follows:

In	From	To	Pipe Sewer 12"	14"	8"	5' or 6' water closet	Manholes	Lamholes	Sewer Pipe at street crossings	Contractor	Cost
Winslow avenue	sewer laid in 1895	Clifton st.	369.3				2			Chas. F. Kelley	$ 253.95
Hancock avenue	sewer in Benevolent	southerly		245.9			1			"	189.46
East Albion street	Highland St.	Ashe Ave.			496.5	372.5	2		2-8.6	John J. Tracy	1271.00
Ashe avenue	East Albion st.	southerly									
Willow avenue	sewer in Broadway	"			514.2	314.8		4		Christ Barker	433.44
Boston avenue	Medford line	Broadway									
Broadway	Boston Ave.	Willow Ave.			1755.7	1497.4	6	1	2-5.3	John J. Tracy	4325.10
Willow avenue	Broadway	near Forest									
Willow avenue	sewer laid in 1895	Forest st.		349.3			2		3-9	Christ Barker	1726.65
Forest street	Willow Ave.	near Broadway									
Broadway	Winchester St.	Bedarst			437.7	425.2	3	13		"	1163.73
Broadway	Bedarst	southerly			370.5		1		3.3	John J. Tracy	331.30
Bedarstreet	Broadway	southerly			445	416.7	1	4		Christ Barker	645.09

and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for common sewers in

Boston avenue, Broadway and Willow avenue,

Broadway - from Bedarst southerly,

Broadway - from Winchester st. to Bedarst,

Bedar street,

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East Albion street and Ada avenue,
Hanson avenue
Willow avenue and Fickett street,
Wilson avenue,
and
Winslow avenue

are recorded, respectively, on pages 133 to 136, 137 to 140, 141 to 144, 145 to 148, 149 to 152, 153 to 156, 157 to 160, 161 to 164 and 165 to 168, inclusive of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, on petitions from Reports ✓
Como Accilla, for a sewer in Elmwood street,
Silas S. Cummings and others, for a sewer in Joy street, and
Clifton A. Kennedy and others, for a sewer in Prondike street,
submitted reports for the taking of land for the purposes of said sewers, - the streets named being private ways, - as recorded, respectively, on pages 361, 369 and 377, of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Sept. 24, Accepted in concurrence

Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings Orders of Notice ✓
on the construction of common sewers in

Elmwood street,
Joy street,
and
Prondike street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 362, 370 and 378 of Volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville,

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Sept. 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25

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Report

The Committee on Highways reported that in pursuance of orders dated respectively, May 13, June 10 and July 22, sidewalks have been constructed as follows:-

Inc	Side	From	To	Materials
Beacon street	Northerly	Miller street	Fitchburg R.R. bridge	Gravel with edgestones
Robinson st.	"	Central street	Bartlett street	" "
Rossmore st.	both	Somerville Ave.	Washington st.	" "
Stickney Ave.	Westerly	Marshall street	School street	" "
Beacon st.	Northerly	Washington street	Vine street	" "
Broadway	Northeasterly	No. 257	No. 303	" "
Derby st.	Northerly	Temple street	Grant street	" "

and submitted lists of assessments for one-half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for one half the cost of sidewalks constructed in

Beacon street, from Miller street to the Fitchburg Railroad

Beacon street, from Washington street to Lime street

Broadway

Derby street

Robinson street

Rossmore street

and

Stickney Avenue

are recorded, respectively, on pages 373 to 376, 377 to 380, 381 to 384, 385 to 388, 389 to 391, 392 to 396, and 397 to 400, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of S. and B. B. Williams and others for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the westerly side of Bartlett street, from Vernon street to Medford street, reported an order of notice of a hearing.

Accepted.

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The order of notice, accompanying the foregoing report, of a hearing on the construction of a sidewalk on — Order of Notice ✓

Bartlett street,

is recorded on page 121 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 24

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks on — Orders ✓

St James avenue

and

Summit street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 117 and 120 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Charles A. Bacon and others, for the laying out of Conway Avenue, presented a favorable report as recorded on page 127 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24 Accepted in concurrence

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the laying out of Conway avenue, as recorded on page 128 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order of Notice ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept. 24 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

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That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of placing windows in the basement of the new city stables, and for other minor improvements which are needed in said building, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25, 1896.

Report. The Committee on Public Property, on an order of Sept. 9, to consider the advisability of placing steps from School street to the top of the bank in rear of the city hall, reported inexpedient.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24, Accepted in concurrence.

Orders. Alderman Chandler offered the following order:

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and it hereby is authorized to make changes in the plans and specifications, and contract, for heating apparatus for City Hall, as follows,- by substituting for the two radiators, each of 100 square feet of heating surface, on the northerly side of the Treasurer's office, four radiators, each of 50 square feet of heating surface; the radiators so substituted to be placed one in front of each of the four windows in the northerly side of said office, or in such other locations as the committee may determine, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to expend for such change, out of said appropriation, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to be charged to City Hall Improvements account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to reimburse the former owners of the property on Webster street, purchased by the city for school purposes, three fourths of the amount of the taxes of 1896, paid by them, amounting in the aggregate to $96.51, said amount so reimbursed to be charged to School House Ward One account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24, 1896, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 25, 1896.

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The Committee on Claims, on the notice of John G. Nichols of claim for damage on account of an accident on Washington street, May 4, 1895, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24, Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Accounts be and it hereby is, instructed to approve in Pay-Roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of John G. Nichols, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), for settlement in full of all claims for damages on account of accident on Washington street, May 4, 1895.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 25, 1896.

The Committee on Accounts, in pursuance of orders of July 22 and August 12, reported the approval of bills in settlement of claims as follows: — Report ✓

from Frank V. Fonseca, for $125.00, injuries on Heath street, March 16,

from Mary Healey, for $100.00 injuries on Elmwood street, March 7,

from Mary Ann Veasey, for $300.00, injuries on Summit avenue, Jan. 31, 1894.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 24, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Moore offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Mayor, Albert A. Perry, be and he hereby is authorized and requested to seal with the corporate seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville the Release which has just been read, from the City of Somerville to the present owner or owners of the lands, described in certain deeds from the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the City of Somerville to the City of Somerville, which deeds are respectively recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 1403, Page 269 - Book 1442, Page 588 - Book 1445, Page 363 - Book 1480, Page

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64. Book 1482, Page 482.

Adopted and Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept 24 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Sept 25

Report

The senior aldermen from the several wards reported that under an order approved Sept 11, for the appointment of a City Charter Commission, citizens from the several wards had been selected to serve on said commission as follows:-

from Ward One; Levi F. S. Davis,

" " Two; Hon George A. Bruce,

" " Three; Hon William H. Hodgkins,

" " Four; William E. Weld,

Read and sent down for information

In Common Council, Sept 24, Read for information

Order

On the order directing the City Solicitor to take measures to prevent Charles M. Hinckley from using the buildings located on land on Melrose street for a melting or rendering establishment, - action on which was postponed Sept 2, until the next regular meeting, - the order was

Refused its second reading

Adjourned.

Attest

George A. Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on appointments of election officers and on proposals to erect a schoolhouse in Ward One, all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall, Somerville, September 29, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Received from the Common Council an order instructing the Committee on Highways to repair Mystic Avenue from the Charlestown line to Austin street and to consider and report as to the necessity and expense of putting Mystic avenue in repair from Austin street to the Medford city line. — Order ✓
In Common Council Sept. 10. Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 29. Reference concurred in.

Received from the Common Council the following order. — Order ✓
In Common Council, Sept. 24, 1896.
Ordered:-
That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is, requested to take such action as he may deem advisable, to cause Henry W. P. Colson to remove so much of the projection of building over the sidewalk in front of his estate on Highland avenue, at the corner of Spring Hill Terrace, as exceeds the limits of the projection over the said sidewalk, the permission for which has been granted by the Board of Aldermen.
In Common Council, Sept. 24. Referred to City Solicitor, and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen Sept. 29. Reference non-concurred in. Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Sept. 29. Receded from former action. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, October 1.

The appointments of Election Officers made by the Mayor Sept. 25, were — Appointments ✓

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confirmed confirmed by the board of aldermen

Recommendation — Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Ephraim P. Cook be discharged from the Fire Department at his own request.

Discharge as recommended made by the Mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen

Request — Received from the School Committee a request that the school building to be erected on Webster street in Ward One be named the "Sanford Hanscom School"

Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 29, Reference concurred in

Petitions — Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licensee to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors, -

Jeremiah P. Cleary	39 Oak street,	Aged 13
William J. Edgerly	3 Porter street,	" 10
Arthur W. Howland	189 Medford street,	" 14
Charles F. Lynch	9 Cedar avenue,	" 13

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Petition — Received a petition for a license to collect junk from Myer Lowry, 119 Avon st. Malden, - holding a tin pedlar's license for Middlesex County

approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Petition — Received a petition from Felicie Lawrier for a license as a common victualler at 320 Somerville avenue

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petitions — Received petitions from

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Mrs Helen A. Bennett, for a catch-basin or catch-basins in Sumner Street sufficient to dispose of the surface water

West Somerville Board of Trade, for a catch basin in Davis Square between the railroad crossing and Dover street

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received a petition from George A. Blaney and Sumner Robinson, for the removal of a tree standing in Medford street at the corner of Norwood avenue, as it interferes with their building now in process of construction

Referred to Committee on Highways

Petition ✓

Received a petition from John Beaudet, for a brick sidewalk on Chester avenue in front of his estate situated at the corner of Chester avenue and Cross street; also that the space, some two feet in width, on Chester avenue and also on Cross street, between the sidewalks and his building, be covered with bricks, the bricks used to be paid for by the petitioners

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Sept. 29, Reference concurred in

Petition ✓

Received a communication to the Mayor from Jerome H. Fiske, stating that Mrs George B. Wood's claim for damages by reason of entering his premises No. 16 Clarendon avenue, North Cambridge, and constructing a sewer, locating a manhole, etc, thereon, has been left with said Fiske for adjustment, and asking that the communication be handed to the proper person, officially interested, that the matter may take its proper course

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Sept. 29, Reference concurred in

Communication ✓

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That in connection with the construction of the connections as shown on the plan hereto annexed, in Somerville avenue at Poplar street with the Metropolitan sewer, the Committee on Sewers be and they hereby are authorized to cause to be constructed a sewer, the commencement of which is shown on said plan, extending from the southeasterly line of Poplar street about twelve hundred fifty feet southeasterly along Somerville avenue, and also

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construction of connections with Metropolitan sewer near Somerville Ave. & Poplar Street

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another sewer, the commencement of which is shown on said plan, extending from the Sump and Weir Chambers, as shown on said plan, to Medford street and in said street to make connections with present sewers, and that said Committee be and they hereby are authorized to make whatever changes in, or work or construction in regard to, the drainage of the premises of the J. P. Squire & Company and the North Paking & Provision Company and the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company or either of them, they, the said Committee shall deem necessary, and to make any agreement that they shall deem advisable in regard thereto with said companies or either of them, the expenses under this order to be charged to Sewer Construction Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 30. 1896

Reports

The Committee on Highways,

on the petition of C. R. Clark and others, for a brick sidewalk on Orchard street between Day and Chester streets, reported an order of notice for a hearing

on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for leave to erect two additional poles on Washington street, nearly opposite the car house of said company, reported an order.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Order of notice of hearing on the construction of a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Orchard street from Day Street to Chester street as recorded on page 134 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 30

Ordered,

[illegible] and [illegible] filed Oct 4-189[illegible]

That in the maintenance and use by the West End Street Railway Company, of the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in Washington street, in this city, permission for which has already been granted, the consent and permission of this board be, and is hereby granted to said company, to erect and maintain

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iron poles as follows.

two iron poles in Washington street, on the northerly side thereof, nearly opposite the car-house of said company.

The rights and privileges granted by this order are subject to all the terms and conditions specified in an order passed by the Board of Aldermen of this city December 23, 1891, granting certain rights and privileges to said railway company in certain of the streets of this city, it being understood that all reference in said order to the superintendent of telegraph and telephone lines shall, under this order apply to the superintendent of electric lines.

This order shall be null and void, unless the same be accepted by said West End Street Railway Company, and notice of such acceptance filed with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage hereof, and unless within said thirty days said company shall give to the city an agreement in writing, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to save harmless and indemnify said city from and against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses, losses, or compensations for, on account of, or in any way growing out of the rights or privileges herein granted, or the erection, maintenance or use of said poles or the wires thereon, or of said electric system of motive power, and that said company accepts, receives, and holds the licenses and permissions, and the rights and privileges under the same upon the terms and provisions aforesaid, and that it agrees to and adopts as its agreement all the terms and provisions aforesaid, and will fully carry out, observe, perform and be subject to the same.

Adopted.

Alderman Young offered the following order

Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby instructed to repair the elevator belt and buckets at the crusher situated at the Holland Street Bridge, at an expense not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, the sum so expended to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Wetherell

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Report

The Committee on Public Property submitted the following list of proposals received to erect a six room brick school building in Ward One, at the corner of Webster and Rush streets, in accordance with plans by T. M. Sargent, Architect.

A. H. Hines	$27,900.00	Mack & Moore	$26,900.00
J. A. Colson	26,685.00	James F. Marston	26,648.00
Orne & Lawrence	26,250.00	W. I. Malie	25,887.00
W. S. Sampson & Son	25,575.00	W. S. Clark & Co	25,402.00
Fessenden & Libby	24,595.00	John J. Coon & Co	23,980.00

Edward F. Staples $23,000.00

and presented an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Sept 29 Accepted in concurrence

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Edward F. Staples for the erection of a six room brick school-house in Ward One, at the corner of Webster and Rush streets, in accordance with plans prepared by T. M. Sargent, Architect, for the sum of $23,000.00, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, Ward One account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept 29, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, October 1.

Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer from Highways, Paving Washington Street, Joy to Tufts Street account, the sum of one thousand three hundred forty and 21/100 dollars ($1340.21) and from Highways, Paving Washington Street, Medford to Joy street account the sum of one thousand fifty-nine and 25/100 dollars ($1059.25) and place to the credit of City Hall Improvement account the aggregate sum of two thousand three hundred ninety-nine and 46/100 dollars ($2399.46), the said amount so transferred to be applied by the Committee on Public Property in

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the purchase of such fixtures etc as will be needed in fitting up the new office for occupancy.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Sept. 29. Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor October 1

The joint Special committee to which was referred a draft of an ordinance for the regulation of plumbing, reported the same in a new draft — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Sept. 29. Accepted in concurrence

The ordinance submitted with the foregoing report, being entitled — Ordinance ✓

An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing, was

Read twice and passed to be enrolled, and sent down for concurrence

Adjourned.

Attest.

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, October 14 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Kenney and Anderson present.

Clerk protem

In the absence of the City Clerk, who was engaged in registering voters, the board proceeded to the election of a clerk pro tempore.

Aldermen Chandler and Pratt were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, after attending to that duty, they reported as follows:-

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice, 5
William P. Mitchell has, 8

and William P. Mitchell was declared, by the chair, elected, and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, the oath being administered by His Honor, the Mayor, Albion A. Perry Esq. Justice of the Peace, and recorded, duly signed and certified, on page 43 of volume 3 of the Books of Oaths, in the City Clerk's office.

Records approved.

Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved September 24, a hearing was given to all persons desiring to object to the construction of a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the northerly side of Bartlett street, from Vernon street to Medford street, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 1220 of volume 3, of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Order

Alderman James offered the following order:

Ordered,-

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council

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chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings, for all persons desiring to object-

1.- upon the laying out of Cameron avenue

2.- upon the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Elmwood st.

3.- upon the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Jay st.

4.- upon the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Thorndike street.

orders for such hearings having been approved by the mayor, Sept 25th

Assisted, and Alderman Jones appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council, Oct 14th Request granted, and Councilman Carr appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention ✓

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Tarbox, Russell, Sapham, Carr, Cummings, Ball and Seamont present.

In pursuance of orders approved September 25th and an order passed this evening, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, in the following matters, namely:- — Hearings ✓

1.- The laying out of Cameron avenue

2.- The taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Elmwood street

3.- The taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Jay street

4.- The taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Thorndike street

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers' Returns recorded, respectively, on page 297 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and on pages 363, 371, and 379 of volume 1, of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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In the Elmwood street hearing John P. Butler appeared and objected on account of the assessments.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, on either case, the hearings were closed.

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber.

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding, relieved, during a portion of the evening by the president, Alderman Jones,

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Schundler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Resignation

Received the resignation of Hon. William H. Hodgkins, as a member of the City Theater Commission.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Oct. 14. Read for information.

Reports

Received the reports for the month of September from the Chief of Police, and the Superintendent of Electric Lines.

Placed on file.

Invitation

Received an invitation from Willard C. Kimbley Post, No. 139, G. A. R. to attend the 26th anniversary of its organization, at G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening, October 19th inst.

Invitation accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Invitation accepted in concurrence.

Challenge

Received a challenge from the Executive Committee of the Somerville Newspaper News Football Association, to a game of foot ball, the eleven on the part of the City Council to be composed of members of that body.

Accepted and Aldermen Wright and Huntley appointed on behalf of

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this board to make arrangements. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct 14, Accepted in concurrence and Councilmen Carr, Kingmund and Russell appointed on the part of that branch, to serve on the Committee of arrangements.

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licence - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors: — Petitions ✓

Benjamin S. Berry, 8 Porter st aged 14
William E. Gillette, 7 Avon st " 13
Thomas F. Kilmartin, 486 Medford st " 14
George G. Smith, 13 Minor st " 14

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Received a petition from John E. O'Brien for a licence for a concert and dance in Odd Fellow's Hall, Broadway, Thursday evening, October 15th — Petition ✓

approved by the Captain of Police.

Licence granted.

Received a petition from J. Robert Fenelon for appointment as a Constable. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Mayor.

Received petitions for licences from — Petitions ✓

Katherine Weber, as a common victualler at 46 South st.
William W. Fish, to keep an intelligence office at 423 Highland ave.

Referred to Committee on Licences.

Received a petition from S. D. Hannah, for permission to project a coving over the sidewalks of Cherry and Elm streets, from a building now being constructed at the northwest corner of said streets, said projection to be not over fifteen inches. — Petition ✓

Given leave to withdraw.

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Asa Durgin and others, for a sewer in Electric avenue;

Asa Durgin and others, for a sewer in Westminister street;

Susan P. Gladwell and others, for a sewer in an unnamed passageway twenty feet in width, situated about 135 feet northwest of Wilson ave and extending from Broadway to the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad;

William F. Shaw and others, for a catch basin in White Street place;

Charles B. Jenkinson and others, for catch basins in Elston st, sufficient to dispose of the surface water;

Mrs J. G. Hayward and others, for catch basins in Windom street sufficient to dispose of the surface water;

Trustees of the Somerville Hospital, for the abatement of the assessment of $94.89, for the Crocker street sewer, laid on three lots of land belonging to the hospital property, the reasons for the petition being that the hospital has paid an assessment of $201.61, on five lots on Tower street, that the lots on Crocker street cannot and never will be used by the hospital, and that the hospital is a charitable institution where citizens of Somerville receive medical treatment and the best of care free of expense.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Petitions

Received petitions from the

Standard Oil Co for permission to repair its oil pipe in the sidewalk in front of the store of W. B. Blanchard, corner of Elm and Porter street;

Standard Oil Co for permission to lay a 1¼ inch pipe under and across the sidewalk at A. S. Proctor's, 526 Somerville ave, for the purpose of filling an oil tank in cellar;

Standard Oil Co for permission to repair its oil pipe in the sidewalk in front of Sawyer & Reed's, Union Square;

Somerville Electric Light Co for locations for poles, - 1 in Perkins street opposite Florence - 3 in Jenny Lind Ave between Broadway and Medford street - 1 in Laurel st opposite Laurel ave, - 1 in Laurel st corner of Park Place - and 1 in Park Place, - and for permission to remove one pole on Laurel st between Lau-

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rel ave & Park place,

J. Walter Sanborn, for permission to set a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of his new house, No 185 Central st

and a communication from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Massachusetts, waiving notice of hearing in the matter of certain necessary changes in locations of poles on Washington street, near Mystic street

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Agnes O'Toole and Bridget Adcock, for a brick sidewalk in front of their estates, Nos. 283 and 285 Highland ave, - they to pay for the bricks,

Samuel Grant Jr, - for a driveway in front of his house, No 26 Tufts st, at his expense,

William Mittelstadt and others, that Lawrence st, from Hinckley st, to Wilton st, and Wilton st from Nashua st, to Berwick st be levelled and put in safe and passable condition,

Alvin W Knight and others, that Mystic ave, from the Charlestown line to Austin st, be repaired and put in good condition,

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14 Reference concurred in

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

John T. Dodge Jr. and others for an additional Arc light on Gilman st, between Cross and Aldrich streets,

W. Frank Kenney and others, for an Arc light on Sewing street,

Mrs. N. J. Knight and others, for the removal of the gas post near dwelling of Mrs. N. J. Knight, No 64 Myrtle st,

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14 Reference concurred in

Received a notice from Foster S Barstow of claim on account of injuries to his horse and wagon while being driven through Clark street, in the early morning of October 13, 1896, because of a large hole, filled with water, in said street, about 25 feet from Newton street, said hole having been caused, as he believes, by the bursting of a water main (Received by City Clerk October 14.) — Notice ✓

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Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Oct. 14, Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions for permits to move wooden buildings, from
Alfred H. Hines, through Washington street, Union Square and Bow and Summer streets, and
Henry E. Wright & Co. through Mystic avenue,
both certified by the Superintendents of Streets and Electric Lines that the statements given as to measurements are substantially correct and that, in their judgment, the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.
Placed on file.

Orders

Orders were offered by Aldermen Berry and Huntley, respectively granting permits to move wooden buildings, to
Alfred H. Hines, through Washington street, Union Square and Bow and Summer streets, and Henry E. Wright & Co. through Mystic avenue,
as recorded respectively, on pages 501 and 502 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
Adopted.

Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors in the Superior court to be holden at Lowell on the 3rd Monday of October, current, the men so drawn to appear and attend said court on Monday, October 26, at 10 O'clock A.M.
By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Berry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Thomas Breen, then to Alderman Andrews, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of John M. Spear, and then to Alderman Huntley, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Adelbert F. Mead.
The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the Messenger to the Mayor, who verified the names by reading them aloud and passed the slips to the Clerk pro tempore, who read therefrom the said names aloud, and after properly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

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Received a venire for the drawing of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors in the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge on the 3rd Tuesday of October current, the men so drawn to appear and attend said court on Tuesday, October 20, at 10 O'clock A.M. — Jurors

By direction of the Mayor the city messenger passed the box to Alderman Pratt, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of James Walter Christie then to Alderman Jones, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of George O. Harrington, and then to Alderman Wright, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Charles C. Chase.

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the Messenger to the Mayor, who verified the said names by reading them aloud and then passed the slips to the clerk, pro tempore, who read therefrom the said names aloud, and after properly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order. — Order ✓

Agreeably to the provisions of the Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, it is hereby — City Clerk give notice of the State Election

Ordered,-

That the City Clerk cause notice to be given that the qualified voters of this city will meet in the several polling places which have been designated by said board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places being located as follows, namely, for

Ward One

Precinct 1.- The Ward room in the Prescott schoolhouse on Pearl street,

Precinct 2.- A room in the southerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Grove street, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct,

Precinct 3.- A room in the Davis schoolhouse on Tufts street,

Precinct 4.- A room in the Jackson schoolhouse on Maple street, at the corner of Poplar street.

Ward Two

Precinct 1.- A room in the Luther V. Bell schoolhouse on Venal avenue,

Precinct 2.- The Hall in the Police Building on Bow street,

Precinct 3.- Eberle Lower Hall in Union Square.

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Precinct 4 - A room in the U. S. Knapp schoolhouse on Garfield avenue

Precinct 6 - A room in the Prospect Hill schoolhouse on Washington street, at the corner of Kenmore avenue, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct.

Ward Three

Precinct 1 - A room in the northerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Lane st.

Precinct 2 - A room in the Jacob F. Kline schoolhouse on Jaques street.

Precinct 3 - A room in the basement of the Forster schoolhouse on Sycamore street.

Precinct 4 - A room in the Kingsley schoolhouse on Linwell street.

Ward Four

Precinct 1 - A room in the Beach street schoolhouse on Beach street.

Precinct 2 - A room in the Burns schoolhouse on Cherry street.

Precinct 3 - A room in the Highland schoolhouse on Highland avenue at the corner of Grove street.

Precinct 4 - A room in the William H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland street.

On Tuesday, the third day of November 1896, at Six o'clock in the forenoon, when the polls shall be open, and there and then, between that hour and the closing of the polls, which shall be at Four o'clock and thirty-four minutes, in the afternoon, will give in their ballots for

Fifteen Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, to wit, two electors at large and one elector for each Congressional district in the Commonwealth.

a Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver-General, an Auditor, and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

a Councillor for Councillor District Number Three,

a Senator in the General Court for the Third Middlesex Senatorial District.

a Representative in the General Court for the Fifth Middlesex Representative District, to be voted for in Ward One only.

Three Representatives in the General Court for the Seventh Middlesex Representative District, to be voted for in Ward Two and Four only.

a Representative in the General Court for the Eighth Middlesex Representative District, to be voted for in Ward Three only.

a Clerk of the Courts and a County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex.

and a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Eighth Congressional District.

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All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot.

Also to bring in their votes on the same ballot for or against the ratification of the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

First Article of Amendment

The Governor and Lieutenant-governor and councillors shall hold their respective office for two years next following the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

The secretary, treasurer and receiver-general, auditor and attorney-general shall hold their respective office for two years, beginning with the third Wednesday in the January succeeding their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

A person shall be eligible as treasurer and receiver-general for three successive terms, and no more.

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and thereafter, elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

Second Article of Amendment

Senators and representatives shall hold their respective office for terms of two years, beginning with the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their election.

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and thereafter elections for the choice of senators and representatives shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

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The general court shall assemble every year on the first Wednesday in January, and each general court shall, without any proclamation or other act of the governor, be finally dissolved on the day preceding the day appointed for the first assembling of the next elected general court.

All the provisions of the constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause such notice to be given in the manner provided by section 147 of the said Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, the publication therein provided for to be made once in the Somerville Journal and in the Somerville Citizen, newspapers published in the city.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15.

Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Albert H. Welch for a license to keep sixteen horses in a stable to be erected on Boston avenue, near the Mystic River bridge, reported an order.

Accepted.

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,

Ordered,

That a license be and is hereby granted to Albert H. Welch, to keep sixteen horses in a stable to be erected on Boston avenue, near the Mystic River bridge, during the pleasure of this board.

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Chief of Police be, and he hereby is, directed to take such steps as he may deem necessary to cause L. S. Hannah to remove the awning projecting over the sidewalk, in front of the building at the northwest corner of Elm and Berry streets.

Adopted.

Order — Alderman Anderson offered the following order:

Ordered,

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That the members of the police force now engaged on police duty in the service of the city be continued on such duty until the first day of January next at such rate of compensation as may be fixed by the city Council

Read twice and adopted

Presented to the Mayor Oct. 15

Resolves and orders for the taking of land for the purposes of common sewers in — Orders ✓

Elmwood Street,
Jay Street,
and
Thorndike Street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 364 to 368, 372 to 376, and 380 to 384, inclusive, of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct. 14 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15

Alderman Jones offered orders for the construction of common sewers in — Orders ✓

Cameron avenue
Elmwood street
Graham street
Glendale avenue
Jay street
Malvern avenue
Thorndike street
and
Yorkstown street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600 and 602 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor October 15

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Reports

The Committee on Sewers submitted lists of bids to construct sewers, as follows,-

in Elmwood street, 640 feet,- Gorham street, 580 feet,- Joy street, 330 feet, and Thorndike street, 250 feet,- making an aggregate of 1800 feet, of 8-inch pipe sewer, with six manholes, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city,-

Names of Bidders	Manholes, each.	8" pipe sewer, per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
T. F. Cummings,	$ 47.00	$ 0.65	$ 1452.00
Charles A. Morgan,	25.00	0.70	1410.00
Daniel A. Doty,	40.00	0.60	1320.00
Richard Falvey,	30.00	0.63	1314.00
M. Buttimer,	35.00	0.60	1290.00
Charles A. Kelley,	27.00	0.62	1278.00
D. & Collins,	37.00	0.58	1266.00
T. F. Lynch & bro	30.00	0.55	1170.00
H. A. Hanscom & bro	30.00	0.55	1170.00

in Cameron avenue, 530 feet,- Glendale avenue, 390 feet,- Malvern avenue, 390 feet, and Yorktown street, 280 feet, making an aggregate of 1590 feet, of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 7 manholes and 148 cubic yards of rock excavation, the pipe and manhole covers to be furnished by the city,-

Names of Bidders	Manholes each	Rock excavation per cu. yard	8" Pipe sewer per line foot	Estimated Aggregate
Daniel A. Doty,	$ 40.00	$ 4.75	$ 0.73	$ 1600.70
Charles A. Kelley,	35.00	3.75	0.75	1587.50
D. & Collins,	40.00	3.94	0.65	1471.10
T. F. Cummings,	43.00	3.40	0.61	1406.90
T. F. Lynch & bro	31.00	5.00	0.62	1402.80
Charles A. Morgan,	27.00	3.50	0.64	1346.60
H. A. Hanscom & bro	30.00	4.50	0.55	1264.50
Richard Falvey,	34.00	4.00	0.53	1240.70

in Somerville avenue, from the easterly line of Poplar street southwesterly, about 600 feet of 10 inch and 530 feet of 12 inch pipe sewer, with 4 manholes and 125 cubic yards of rock excavation, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city.-

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Name of Bidder	Manholes each	Concrete per cu. yard	20" pipe sewer per lin. foot	18" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
R. Falvey	$ 58.50	$ 6.50	$ 7.00	$ 6.75	$ 8791.50
M. Battimer	56.00	6.00	7.25	6.50	8739.00
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	80.00	6.00	4.50	4.50	6125.00
D. C. Collins	55.00	6.75	4.90	3.67	5915.10
John J. Dorey	75.00	5.50	3.95	3.80	5344.00
T. F. Crimmings	45.00	5.50	4.10	3.72	5271.60
T. F. Lynch & Co.	55.00	6.00	2.60	2.40	3772.00

and submitted orders.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows. — Orders ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with H. A. Hanscom & Co., for the construction of common sewers in Elmwood, Gorham, Jay and Thorndike streets, at the prices named in their proposal submitted in said committee's report this date.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Sewers, be and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Richard Falvey, for the construction of common sewers in Cameron avenue, Glendale avenue, Malvern avenue and Yorktown street, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report this date.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Sewers, be and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with T. F. Lynch & Co., whenever it shall deem advisable, for the construction of a common sewer in Somerville avenue, from the easterly line of Poplar street southeasterly about 1130 feet, at the prices named in their proposal submitted in said committee's report this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

The Committee on Sewers — Reports ✓

on the petition of Lorenzo A. Field and others, for a new sewer in Evergreen avenue, from Marshall street to School street, reported that

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the present sewer has been cleaned and repaired to the satisfaction of the petitioners,

on the petition of Mrs. E. J. White and others for a sewer in Oak street from Prospect street to the Cambridge line, reported that the old sewer in said street has been repaired to the satisfaction of the petitioners,

on an order of May 1, for the construction of a catch basin in Broadway on the easterly side of the driveway in front of the new fire station in ward one, reported that the gutter in front of the fire station has been so paved that a catch basin is not necessary

on petitions for catch basins, from,-

Charles King Jr. and others, one at the S.W. corner of Amos & Bartlett streets,

Fannie S. Bradshaw, one at the N.W. corner of Central street and Westwood Road,

Mary E. Fitzgerald, one at the corner of Vine and Elliot streets,

A. Clement and others, one on Kidder ave. near Powder House Terrace,

Jedathan Richardson, one with drain to Boston & Lowell Railroad, on Broadway,

M. R. & Thos. F. Devere, one at the corner of Beacon & Washington streets,

Harriet P. Tibbetts and others, catch basins in Bradley streets,

George W. Hadley, one on the N. side of Broadway between Union street, and the Boston line.

reported that catch-basins have been constructed as prayed for.

Accepted.

Report

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Susan P. Gladwell and others, for a sewer in an unnamed passageway situated, about 135 feet north west of Wilson avenue, and extending from Broadway to the location of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, presented a report for the taking of land for such sewer as recorded on page 385 of volume 1, of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 14, Accepted in concurrence.

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in an unnamed passageway extending from Broadway to the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad and situated about 135 feet northwest of Wilson avenue, as recorded on page 386 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order of Notice

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Oct. 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

The Committee on Highways — Reports

on the petition of Edward J. Burke, for permission to blast rock in quarry on East Albion street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Nathaniel F. and Charles D. Cobb for permission to project a swinging sign over the sidewalk at 7 Marshall street reported leave to withdraw

on the petition of Warren D. Church for permission to project a swinging sign over the sidewalk at the corner of Elm and Dover streets reported leave to withdraw;

on petitions for permits to set hitching posts, from
Ella F. Perry, at 2 Summit street
Sarah F. Reeves, at 5 Bigelow street and
Alexander Grimes, at Elston street corner of Elm st.
reported an order;

on petitions for the removal of trees,
from George O. Blaney and Sumner Robinson, one on Bedford st. at the corner of Norwood ave.
W. J. Edwards, one on Beacon st. near Museum street,
Jeremiah Harrington, one at the corner of Wilton & Lowell streets,
Mrs. Catherine Lynch, one at No. 30 Linwood street,
Wilbur P. Rice, two at No. 76 Willow ave.
Philip Highley, one on Spring street.
reported leave to withdraw;

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on the petition of Truro W. Townsend for permission to block rock at the corner of Forest street, and Willow Avenue, and Frank P. Seamon for the moving of a telephone pole in front of No. 363 Highland avenue about fifteen feet westerly, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petitions of John L. Brand, for the removal of a tree at 13 Butters street, and Thomas Brown for the removal of a tree on Granite street at the easterly corner of Somerville avenue, reported that the trees have been removed as prayed for,

on the petition of Charles Drouet, for the removal of the trees in front of the apartment hotel in process of erection opposite the post office on Somerville ave, reported an order of notice,

on the petition of W. S. Harvey and others for edgestones on the easterly side of Chandler street, from Bristol street, to Broadway, reported leave to withdraw,

on orders of May 13, May 27, and July 22, for sidewalks,

in Medford st. S.W. side from Central to Bartlett, - brick,

in Pearl st. N.E. side, from Walnut st. to J. A. Litchfield's estate - gravel,

in Pearl st. N.E. side, from Bussey to Walnut st.

in Elm st. N. side, from Henry st. to Willow ave. - gravel,

reported that sidewalks have been constructed, as authorized, and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost,

on the petitions of J. Alfonso, and others, for edgestones on the southerly side of Washington street, from the Lawton Field to the Y. M. C. A. Grounds

reported an order of notice

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted, to the following named parties to set hitching posts in front of their estates

Ella F. Perry, No. 9 Summit street,

Sarah F. Reyes, No. 5 Bigelow street,

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Alexander Grimes, Elston st. at the corner of Elm street

Adopted.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, to wit,

The trees in front of the apartment hotel, in course of erection, opposite the post office on Somerville Avenue,

it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing an attested copy of this order to be published in one issue of the Somerville Journal, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon the trees before mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said trees, and that Wednesday, the 28th day of October 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall are assigned as the time and place for the hearing by this Board of any objections which may be made thereto.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

Order of notice of a hearing on the constructions of a sidewalk in

Washington street,

as recorded on pages 127 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks-Hearings and Constructions of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor October 15.

The lists of assessments accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sidewalks in — Assessments

Elm street,

Hartford street,

Pearl street - N.E. side, from Laurel to Walnut

and

Pearl Street - N.E. side, from Walnut st. to the Sutcliffe estate.

are recorded, respectively, on pages 401 to 404, 405 to 408, 409 to 412, and 413 to 416, of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalks Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

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Order	Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of a sidewalk in Bartlett street, as recorded on page 123 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
	Read twice and adopted.
	Approved by the Mayor Oct 15
Report	The Committee on Highways.
	on an order of July 16, to consider the advisability of constructing a sidewalk in front of the Central Hill Park and extending from Walnut street of concrete or asphalt on the southwesterly side of Medford street, to the railroad bridge, reported inexpedient.
	Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council Oct 29 Accepted in concurrence.
Reports	The Committee on Highways.
	on petitions of Fred W. Cole for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate on Auburn ave, and Frances K. Connor, for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate No. 92 Flint st, reported orders,
	on the petition of Charles Drout for permission to construct a sidewalk of granolythic around his new building in Post Office Square, and for an allowance equal to the cost to the city of a brick sidewalk, reported an order.
	on an order of May 13, for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones in Dresden Circle, for Thomas C. Connor, he to furnish the edgestones which should be satisfactory to said committee, recommended no action ~~to action~~, as said Connor has failed to furnish the edgestones,
	on orders of March 25, July 5, and August 18, for the construction of sidewalks when the estimated cost of the bricks and edgestones to be used shall have been deposited with the city treasurer, - for Mrs Wakefield, Glidden, Hunt, Tower and Fleker, on Highland ave between Crocker + Tower streets, - for Mrs Nelson Malone, Piper and Champion, in Highland ave, between Crocker + Porter streets - for C. W. Lowell in Kidder avenue, - for Mrs Maynard, Bruce, Merry Serrie and Derby in Oxford street - and for William N. Young in Pinckney st.

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reported that all of said sidewalks have been constructed, except that for George H. Derby in Oxford street,

on petitions for brick sidewalks from the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co on Central st from Highland ave to Gibbens street, and Thomas A. Devine, on Beacon street at the corner of Museum street, reported that sidewalks have been constructed as prayed for,

on the petition of Frank H. Adams, for the change of curbing and paving at the entrance of Cleveland street, a new street off Central street, to conform to the lines of said Cleveland street, reported that the desired change has been made,

on an order of July 1, to pave the gutters on both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Lowell street, reported that the said gutters have been paved, as instructed,

on the petition of Warren A. Smith and others that Lowell street, between Highland ave and Albion st be put in safe condition, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of John E. Hill and others, for a street crossing across Highland avenue at the easterly side of Cherry street, reported that a crossing has been laid as prayed for,

on orders of August 18, and September 9, for the construction of driveways in front of estate of Howard Lowell, Gilman st - of Alden & Uler Trustee, 20 Summer street - of Albert H. Davis 22 Glen street, and Martin J. Caples, 42 Craigie street, reported that driveways have been constructed as ordered, the cost being charged to the owners of the estates,

on the petition of W. S. Glidden, for a driveway in front of his estate on Sycamore street, reported an order,

on petitions of George A. Richardson and others for a crossing on Pearl st opposite Wesley st - Helen Kowalsky, for a new fence between #12 Summer street, and the city stable, - H. W. P. Colson, for edgestones and a brick sidewalk at each corner of Spring Hill Terrace and Highland ave - H. W. P. Colson, for a brick sidewalk in front of Nos 8, 10, 12 and 14 Central street, - and Homer C. and Alice H. Holt for brick sidewalks at sundry estates on Concord ave, Hammond st, Cook st, and Wyatt street in-

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ported leave to withdraw,

on order of July 16, for the purchase of a double cart, reported that such cart has been purchased of the Ames Plow Co for $165.00,

on an order of February 12, to have the steam road roller put in thorough repair, reported that the roller has been repaired at a cost of $396.28,

on the petition of Edward B. Morgan and others, that trees be planted on the easterly side of Fanning ave in place of those removed by the city when the edgestones were set in the year 1895, reported leave to withdraw,

on an order of April 9, to set out, in the public streets, trees furnished by the abutters, reported trees so furnished have been planted as authorized by said order,

on an order of June 18, to employ in the work of trimming trees only such men as shall have a thorough knowledge of the work, reported that the trimming of trees, by the city, has been done by competent men,

on an order of May 27, to board one of the city's horses used by the Superintendent of Streets, at a public stable, reported that one of such horses has been boarded at the stable of Eugene Beadcorner of Broadway and Franklin st, at a cost of Five dollars per week,

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct 18, Accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The orders submitted with the foregoing reports are as follows,-

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of Fred W. Cole on Auburn avenue, said Cole having deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of fifteen dollars, as the approximate cost of said sidewalk.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways, be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of Francis H. Connor, #93 Flint street, when the said Connor shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of seventeen dollars, as the approximate cost of said

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sidewalk.

Ordered, That permission be and is hereby granted to Charles Trout, to construct an artificial sidewalk, consisting of material known as granolytic, around his new building, now in course of erection in Post Office Square, and that the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized to allow said Trout one hundred and twenty dollars for the brick sidewalk around said sidewalk around the entire building, the expense so incurred for the purchasing of the bricks to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is authorized to construct a driveway in front of the estate of H. L. Gliddon on Square street, when the said Gliddon shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum for the construction of said driveway.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 14 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Orders granting permission to Charles Trout to construct sidewalks approved October 21. Three remaining orders approved October 17.

The Committee on Highways, which was requested by an order dated May 27, to repair Derby Street, as said street was in a dangerous condition reported that said street has been put in good condition. — Report ✓

Report not accepted.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the Mayor of Malden, that the Wellington Bridge be placed in proper condition for public travel, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Recommitted to Committee on Highways.

Received from the Common Council, the following order. — Order ✓

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Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of constructing street crossings across Highland avenue, between Central and Cedar streets.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, Adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 14, Adopted in concurrence.

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Reports

The Committee on Highways

on the petition of George H. Gounsbury and others, for the laying out of Houghton street, from Oak street to Springfield street

and on the petition of Edward R. Coffin and others, for the laying out of Sewell street, from Highland avenue to Albion street

presented favorable reports as recorded, respectively, on pages 305 and 313 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14, Accepted in concurrence

Orders of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing reports were Orders of Notice of Hearings on the laying out of

Houghton street, from Oak st. to Springfield st.

and

Sewell street, from Highland ave. to Albion st.

as recorded, respectively, on pages 306 and 314 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Oct 15

Order

A resolve and order for the laying out of

Cameron Avenue

as recorded on pages 300 to 304, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville was

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Oct 16

Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered,

That the matter of the suit of Joseph S. Stearns against the City on account of the taking by order dated July 26, 1893, of land of said Stearns for the construction of a sewer in Sewell, Woodbine, and Centre streets

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be referred to the Committee on Sewers to give a hearing to said claimant and to ascertain and report what settlement, if any, can be made and it is advisable to make of said claim.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 14 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct 17

The Committee on Engineering on an order of January 22, authorizing said committee to fix the compensation, not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per annum, of the consulting engineer, reported that the compensation of said officer have been made at the rate of Fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct 14 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Public Property on an order of July 16, authorizing the purchase of certain estates on Webster and Rush streets and the sale of the buildings thereon, and taking of the land so purchased together with the abandoned Fire Station lot on Webster street as the site for a school house, reported the purchase of estates as follows:- Report ✓

Of Samuel A. Mudgett-

Total purchase money as per said order	$3000.00	
Deducted for 1/4 of taxes of 1896	12.70	
Net cost to city		2987.30

Of Augusta Dickson-

Total purchase money as per said order	3300.00	
Deducted for 1/4 of taxes of 1896	9.62	
Net cost to city		3290.38

Of Annie M. Porter et al-

Total purchase money as per said order	3700.00	
Deducted for 1/4 of taxes of 1896	11.55	
Net cost to city		3688.45
Total cost to city		$10166.13

also the sale of buildings as follows-

To Jacob H. Hilker, building 48 Rush street	$600.00
do do 34 Webster street	100.00

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To Margaret A. Brown, building #38 Webster street, $375.00
George R. Charles, do #36 do do 350.00
S. A. Penne, do #34 do do (rear) 12.00
making the total amount received by the city from the sale of said buildings $1437.00
and that, under authority of an order of the City Council a schoolhouse is now being erected on the land so purchased and the abandoned Fire Station lot before mentioned.

on the request of the School Committee that the schoolhouse being erected on Webster street in Ward One be named the Sanford Hanscom School, reported an order,

on an order of July 8, authorizing the employment of the Somerville Electric Light Company to connect the motor in the English High School with the Cambridge motor circuit, reported that the same had been done at a cost of $200.00,

on an order of Sept 9 to have suitable lights placed and maintained over the voting lists in front of the city hall, reported that the lights had been provided at a cost of $11.51,

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 14, Accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The order accompanying the foregoing report with an additional order offered by Alderman Chandler is as follows,

Ordered,-

That the schoolhouse now being erected in Ward One, at the corner of Webster and Hush streets, be and it is hereby named the Sanford Hanscom School.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 14, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct 17

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, for the placing of furniture in the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse, grading around said building, and for extra granite steps, - the expense so incurred to be charged to School-house, Jacob T. Glines, Addition account.

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Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 17.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order. — Orders ✓

Ordered.

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase tulip bulbs for Central Hill Park, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Ordered.

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars ($1000.00), for recurfacing the walks on Central Hill, building new walks around City Hall, and repairing the wooden steps at the junction of Walnut and Medford streets; the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 17.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered.

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to place a hydrant on Broadway Park, near the pond in said Park, at an expense not exceeding sixty dollars ($60.00); the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on the petition of George S. Cobb and others, for a street light at the corner of Shawmut place & Alston street, and Mrs. Mahoney and others for an incandescent light at the end of Murray street, reported an order. — Reports ✓

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on the petitions of W. L. Hooks and J. B. Pusey, for an incandescent light on the right side of Howard street, from Beach street, equidistant between Beach street and Elm place, reported on order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14 accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports were read follows,

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to change the locations of incandescent electric lights, as follows,-

From Perkins street, opposite Florence street, to Highmont place, and

From Florence street, between Perkins and Beach streets, to Harvey street,-

the amount so expended on account of said changes of locations to be charged to Street Lights account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to locate one incandescent electric lamp on the southerly side of Howard street, between Beach street and Elm place, the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 17

Reports

The Committee on Fire Department,-

on an order of July 14, to have the partitions on the Grove street side of Fire Station No. 4, constructed of bricks, instead of wood, as provided by the plans and specifications, at an expense, for the change, not to exceed $225.00, reported that the change had been made as authorized,

on an order of June 24, to make a contract with Albert W. Franklin for such changes as may be necessary in the heating apparatus at the house of Engine Co. No. 4, on Highland avenue, corner of Grove street, for the sum of $173.00, reported that such contract had been made,

on the petitions of the Somerville Veteran Firemen's Association, for the privilege

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of purchasing, for a nominal sum, the abandoned Fire House recently occupied by Hose Co. No. 1 on Webster street, reported that as the said building has been sold to another party, no action is necessary.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 14. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Water,- Reports ✓

on an order of April 22, authorizing the watering of public streets, in case the regular rate of assessment therefor should be prepaid, reported that Lester Terrace, Clover Circle, Kasson avenue and Alston street, have been watered as authorized by said order.

on an order of May 6, to employ necessary clerical assistance in preparing the assessment lists for watering the streets, reported that such assistance had been employed at an expense of $179.19.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 14. Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the following sums, from assessments assessed to sundry parties for street watering in front of their respective estates, as follows, namely,-

the sum of $5.28 from an assessment of $11.96, assessed to Susan Sherry, Sherry, for street watering in front of her estate #38 Webster avenue, (Ward 2, Precinct 5).-

the sum of $0.64 from an assessment of $0.64 assessed to Patrick McCrossan and Patrick McCrossan Jr., for street watering in front of their estate #214 Norfolk street, (Ward 2, Precinct 5).-

the sum of $1.32 from an assessment of $1.32, assessed to Elizabeth Pitman, for street watering in front of her estate #94 Gilman street, (Ward 3, Precinct 1).-

the sum of $1.36 from an assessment of $6.36, assessed to John J. Forey, for street watering in front of his estate corner of Jaques and Temple streets, (Ward 3, Precinct 3.-

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the sum of $2.05 from an assessment of $4.16, assessed to Patrick Coffey, for street watering in front of his estate #35 Somerville avenue, (Ward 4, Precinct 1).

the sum of $1.48 from an assessment of $3.48, assessed to Maria E. Stickel, for street watering in front of her estate #137 Somerville avenue, (Ward 4, Precinct 2,).

the sum of $2.48 from an assessment of $5.48, assessed to James T. Welch, for street watering in front of his estate #312 and #314 Beacon street, (Ward 4, Precinct 2), - and

the sum of $1.50 from an assessment of $1.60, assessed to Frederick T. Thomson, for street watering in front of his estate #55 Cedar street, (Ward 4, Precinct 2) be, and the said sums are hereby abated.

Adopted.

Report — The Committee on Accounts, on an order of Sept 23, to approve on payrolls of Miscellaneous Bills of $250.00, in favor of John G. Nichols in full settlement of claims for damage on account of accident on Washington street, March 4, 1895, reported said bill has been so approved.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct 14, Accepted in concurrence.

Order. — Alderman Moore offered the following order

Ordered,

That for the purpose of defraying the expenses of changing and constructing sewers in the city to connect its system with the Metropolitan sewer, and of constructing any other main drains or common sewers in or for the city of Somerville, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, be, and hereby is, appropriated, and the city treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to provide for said appropriation by transferring from Sewers, Unappropriated account, the said sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00), and placing the same to the credit of Sewer Construction account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct 17.

Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order

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Ordered:-

That for the purpose of providing for the payment of the current expenses of the city a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year be procured, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to two hundred thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the city therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made.

The said debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the city under this order are to be paid from the avails of the present municipal year

Received its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yeas and nays votes, Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 14. Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yeas and nays votes in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct 15

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order

Ordered,

That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer from Fire Department, Fire Station, Ward One account, the sum of one thousand ($1000) dollars, and place said amount to the credit of an account to be opened, entitled Fire Department, Fire Alarm Signal Boxes, - Also to transfer from Excess and Deficiency account the sum of one thousand ($1000) dollars and place the same to the credit of Fire Department account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council October 14, Adopted in concurrence

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Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order

Ordered,

That the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars be, and it hereby is, transferred from School-house, Land, Spring Hill District

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account and audited to School-house, Jacob T. Glines Addition, account.
Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 14, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

Resolve + Order

Received from the Common Council the following resolve and order.
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Resolved,-

That, in the opinion of the city council, the salary of the Mayor is entirely inadequate to compensate him for the time and labor required for the discharge of the duties of his office, and as this city council is prevented, by the terms of the charter, from increasing his salary, and cannot, by an order, determine its amount for the coming year, - it is therefore

Ordered,-

That the committee on ordinances be and it is hereby instructed to draft and report to the city council, an ordinance establishing the salary of the mayor at a sum in keeping with the requirements of the office and with the salaries paid to the mayors of other cities in the commonwealth, and that the said committee be requested to report at the first meeting in November.

In Common Council Oct. 14, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen Oct. 14, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15.

Ordinance

The ordinance which was passed to be enrolled, by this board, September 29th, being numbered 63, entitled An Ordinance for the Regulation of Plumbing, and recorded on pages 461 to 476 inclusive of the book of Enrolled Ordinances, in the city clerk's office, was received back from the common council endorsed as follows,

In Common Council, September 29, 1896. Read twice and passed to be enrolled, in concurrence. Wm P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, 1896, Enrolled. Chas S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council Oct. 14, 1896. The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within ordinance declare the same to be truly and correctly enrolled.

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Arthur W. Berry } Committee
Wm. M. Irving }

In Common Council, Oct. 14, 1896 Passed to be ordained.

George E. Whitaker, President

Attest. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

Action was then taken as follows.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen Oct. 14, 1896. The said committee having examined the within ordinance finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

S. R. Chandler }
H. H. Berry } Committee
J. N. Pratt }

In Board of Aldermen, October 14, 1896. Passed to be ordained.

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Attest. Wm. P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

October 16th 1896. Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Adjourned.

Attest.

William P. Mitchell.

Clerk pro tem.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, Oct. 28, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Henry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order approved October 15, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of the trees standing in front of the apartment hotel in course of erection opposite the post office on Somerville avenue, due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order approved September 30, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Orchard street from Day street to Chester street, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 125 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Remonstrance — Received a remonstrance from Sarah R. Page against the construction of said sidewalk, because of the expense.

No other remonstrance being received and no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

Appointment — The Mayor appointed, as a special police, without compensation, Charles W. Weston, the janitor of the Burns school.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

Report — The City Solicitor, on an order approved October 1 instructing him to take such steps as he might deem advisable to cause Henry W. P. Colson to remove so much of the projection of building over the sidewalk in front of his

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estate on Highland avenue, at the corner of Spring Hill Terrace, exceeded the limit of the projection over said sidewalk, the permission for which has been granted by this board, - reported, in substance, that it may be questioned whether any portion of the projection on said building exceeds the said limit, and if there is any such excess it is only to the extent of four and three quarter inches.

Voted that in the judgment of this board it is inexpedient to take any further action in the matter of said projection. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29. Action of board concurred in.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of September. — Report

Read and sent down for ~~concurrence~~ information.

In Common Council, Oct. 28, Read for information.

Received the resignations of — Resignations

George W. Lawson, as deputy inspector of Wards 2, Precincts 1, 2 — Election

Hamilton Gordon, as deputy clerk of Ward 4, Precinct 1 — Officers

Resignations accepted.

Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from — Petition

Frank Andelman, 120 Linwood street,

approved by the Chief of Police

License granted.

Received a petition for a license to carry live geese in the streets, from — Petition

Stephen Richards, 469 Somerville avenue,

approved by the Chief of Police

License granted.

Received petitions for licenses for football games, from — Petitions

W. S. Parks, Oct. 24, and Nov. 7 on the Tufts College Athletic Field,

Herbert E. Stone, Oct. 23, on the Tufts College Grounds,

both recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor, and licenses issued by the city clerk.

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Issuing of licenses approved

Petition — Received a petition from Herbert E. Stone, for a licence for a foot ball game on the Tufts College Grounds, October 30, recommended by the Chief of Police

Licence granted

Petition — Received a petition from William F. Mills, for a licence to keep some billiard tables and one pool table in addition to the three pool tables for which he now has a licence, at No. 524 Hardfood street

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petitions — Received petitions from

Andrew R. and Stephen R. Bruce, for a special licence to place structures above the three story apartment building to be erected at the junctions of Holland and Winter Streets - the easterly side of Holland street and the southwesterly side of Winter street, as follows, -

1 - The coving of said building to project over the sidewalks of each street fifteen inches

2 - A bay window on Holland street, in the second and third stories, to project over the sidewalk three feet and the coving on top of the same to project fifteen inches in addition, making four feet three inches in all.

3 - An octagonal window at the junction of the two streets, in the second and third stories, to project over each sidewalk three feet, and the coving of the same to project fifteen inches in addition, making four feet three inches in all.

Amelia Bell, for a special licence to place a coving on a one story store to be erected on land adjoining No. 136 Pearl street, said coving to project over the sidewalk twelve inches

Frederick E. Giddings, for a licence to keep fifty horses in the stable owned by the West End Street Railway Company, on Dorset st.

Referred to Committee on Official Building Permits

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Received a petition from William Markant and others, for a sewer in Lowell street, from the location of the present sewer, up to Summer street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from Thomas C. Connor, for permission to drain the estate situated partly in Somerville and partly in Cambridge and on the northeasterly corner of Russell and Orchard streets, into the Russell street sewer, said estate having a frontage on Russell street of 79 feet and an area of 4582 square feet. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from Patrick McNamara and others, for catch basins in Dane street, and for crossings on the side streets. — Petition ✓

Part concerning catch basins referred to Committee on Sewers. Part concerning crossings referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29, Reference to Committee on Highways concurred in.

Received a communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, waiving notice of hearing on changes in location of one of its poles on School street, opposite Oakland Avenue. — Communication ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Martha A. Thompson, that the driveway in front of her estate No. 240 School street be moved about eight feet in a northerly direction at her expense.

Charles G. Burbank and others, for a crossing across Highland Avenue, at the westerly side of Hamlet street.

Howard D. Moore and others, for crossings across Kenwood, Summit and William streets, at their junctions with Elm street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 29, References concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

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William J. Kelley and others, for electric or gas lights on East Albion and Fremont streets, from Moreland street to the Medford line and from Main street to Mystic avenue.

Mrs. R. E. Cutter and others, for an arc light at the corner of Cutter avenue and Hawthorne street.

Mrs. R. E. Cutter and others, for relief from annoyance by street loungers in Cutter avenue because of insufficient light in said avenue.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 29, References concurred in.

Order

Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the licence granted by this board to Clarence F. Hill to sell newspapers be and the same is hereby revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and licence.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Licences,

on the petition of Nathaniel F. Rabb, for a licence as an auctioneer, reported an order,

on the petition of Katherine Weber, for a licence as a common victualler at 46 South street, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petition of Eloise Gaurier for a licence as a common victualler at 323 Somerville avenue, reported an order,

on petitions for licences to keep intelligence offices, from Mary A. Lyman at 43 Florence street, and William W. Fish at 423 Highland avenue, reported an order,

on the petition of Charles J. Winterbottom for a licence as an undertaker, reported an order.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows.

Ordered,

That a licence as an Auctioneer under the laws of the commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May 1896, be is-

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sued to the following named person, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, provided that no charge for such license shall be made to any soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion, and received an honorable discharge from such service:-

Nathaniel F. Babb

Ordered,-

That a licence as a Common Victualler under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to the following named party at the place of business hereinafter specified, said licence to be issued when signed by the mayor and a majority of the members of this board, and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Eloise Laurier #323 Somerville avenue

Ordered,-

That a licence to keep an Intelligence Office, under the laws of the Commonwealth, be issued to each of the following-named parties at the place of business hereinafter specified, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such licence, which licence shall expire on the first day of May, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

Mary A. Syman, #42 Florence street,

William W. Fish, #423 Highland avenue

Ordered,-

That Charles J. Winterbottom be, and he hereby is, licensed as a funeral undertaker, under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1891.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers

Reports ✓

on the petition of T. L. Conner, for permission to drain the estate situated partly in Somerville and partly in Cambridge and on the northeasterly corner of Russell and Orchard streets, into the Russell street sewer, reported an order

on orders of June 18 and 24 and July 22, reported the completion of sewers as follows,-

in East Albion street, from the manhole at Fremont street northwesterly to the Medford City Line, by contract with

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Richard Falvey, 1756 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, 1746 feet of 6 inch underdrain, 1 manhole and 343 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $335.88

in Mystic avenue and Fremont street, from the manhole at Moreland street to near East Albion street, by contract with Richard Falvey, 521.4 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with two manholes, 1 chimney and 295 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $1489.84; and

in Mystic avenue from Winthrop avenue to Wheatland street, by contract with Maurice Buttimer, 714.8 feet of 18 inch pipe sewer, 8273 cubic yards of Portland brick masonry, 24.588 cubic yards of American brick masonry, 55.63 cubic yards of excavation, 85.542 cubic yards of American concrete and 26 chimneys, at a cost of $3277.64.

and submits herewith lists of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

√ Order

The order accompanying the first of the foregoing reports is as follows:

Ordered:

That on receipt by the city treasurer of the sum of sixty-one and 41/100 dollars, for the privilege of draining the estate hereinafter described into the Russell street sewer, a permit be issued by the city engineer to make the necessary connection between said estate and said sewer.

Said estate is situated partly in Somerville and partly in Cambridge, and on the northeasterly corner of Russell and Orchard streets, with a frontage of 79 feet on Russell street and an area of 4582 square feet, and is the lot numbered one on plan of house lots for T. C. Connor, Cambridge, Mass. June 10, 1896, Dana G. Perkins, C.E., a copy of which is to be filed with the City Engineer.

Adopted.

√ Assessments

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for common sewers in

East Albion street,

Mystic Avenue,

and

Mystic Avenue and Fremont street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 169 to 172, 173 to 176, and 177 to 180, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and

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Aldermen of the City of Somerville and were
Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, on an order of October 14, to consider and report what settlement, if any, it would be advisable to make of the claim of Joseph S. Steams against the city on account of land taken for a sewer in Broadway, Woodbine and Benton streets, reported an order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 29 Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying this foregoing report is as follows — Order ✓

Ordered,

That in the matter of the suit of Joseph S. Steams against the City on account of the taking by order, dated July 26, 1893, of land of said Steams for the construction of a sewer in Broadway, Woodbine, and Benton streets the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay to said Steams the sum of seven hundred dollars in settlement of said claim and upon receipt from said Steams of such instruments of release as shall be approved by the City Solicitor, — the said amount to be charged to Sewer Construction Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Oct. 29, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 2.

Aldermen Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of trees hereinafter mentioned, public notice having been given and hearing thereon having been had according to law, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said trees, to wit,

The tree in front of the apartment hotel, in course of erection, opposite the post-office on Somerville avenue.

Read twice and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 28.

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Order — Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of sidewalks in Orchard Street

as recorded on page 126 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, Bearings and Construction of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30

Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, to wit,

The two middle elm trees, standing in front of the estate of Wilbur P. Rice No. 76 Willow avenue,

it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing an attested copy of this order to be published in one issue of the Somerville Journal, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon the trees before mentioned, that this board intends to remove the said trees, and that Wednesday the 11th day of November 1896, at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall are assigned as the time and place for the hearing by this Board, of any objections which may be made thereto.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 29

Reports — The Committee on Highways,

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for locations for electric light poles in Perkins street, Jenny Lind avenue, Laurel street and Park place, reported an order,

on the petitions of the Standard Oil Company for permission to lay or repair pipes under the sidewalks in front of the store of A. L. Proctor at 526 Somerville Ave. W. B. Blanchard, at the corner of Elm and Porter streets, and Sawyer and Reed in Union Square, reported an order

on the petition of J. Walter Sanborn, for permission to set a hitching post in front of his premises, No. 183 Central street, reported an order,

on orders of May 13, July 22 and September 23, reported the completion of side-

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walks as follows:-

In	Side	From	To	Materials
Adams street	Easterly	Broadway	Medford st	Bricks
Belmont street	"	Summer st	Est of J. K. James	Bricks & Edgestones
Cherry street	"	Summer st	Sartwell ave	Bricks
Central street	Westerly	Gibbens st	Est of John Haigh	"
Kenwood street	both	Elm street	Billingham st	Gravel & Edgestones
Mossland street	easterly	Somerville ave	about 100 ft from Elm st	Bricks
Summer street	southerly	Cherry street	Ashland st	"
Summit street	both	Elm street	Billingham st	Gravel & Edgestones
St James ave	westerly	Elm street	Summer st	"

and submitted lists of assessments

Accepted

The order accompanying the first of the foregoing reports, granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company, locations for poles in Perkins street, Jenny Lind avenue, Laurel street and Park place is recorded on page 118 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville and was

Adopted

Order ✓

Acceptance & Agreement filed Nov 2 - 1896

The order accompanying the second of the foregoing reports granted to the Standard Oil Company permission to lay or to repair pipes under sidewalks as named in said report

Not adopted

Order ✓

Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered -

That permission be, and is hereby granted to the Standard Oil Co to lay a pipe under, and across the sidewalks in front of the store occupied by A. S. Proctor, situated at No 546 Somerville ave also to repair their oil pipe now located under the sidewalk in front of the store of W. B. Blanchard at the corner of Elm street and Porter street. Also to repair their oil pipe located under the sidewalk in Union Square in front of the store of Mess Sawyer and Reed, the work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of

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Streets, and all expense to the city for restoring the streets and sidewalks to good condition, to be paid by the said company.

Adopted.

Order

The order accompanying the third of the foregoing reports is as follows,

Ordered,

That permission be, and is hereby granted to J. Walter Sanborn, to set a hitching post in front of the estate No. 183 Central Street.

Adopted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments, accompanying the last of the foregoing reports with warrants and orders for their collection, for one-half the cost of sidewalks in

Adams street
Belmont street
Central street
Cherry street
Kenwood street
Mossland street
St. James avenue
Summer street
and
Summit street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 417 to 420, 421 to 424, 425 to 428, 429 to 432, 433 to 436, 437 to 440, 441 to 444, 445 to 448 and 449 to 452, inclusive of volume 2 of the Record of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways,

on the petition of Rufus R. Wade, William R. Pasquina, Walter A. Eames, J. P. Snow, Lucretia T. Carr, and Sarah J. Eastman for brick sidewalks in front of their estates numbered, respectively 44, 54, 64, 58, 62 and 38, on Chandler street, reported an order,

on the petition of George A. Blaney and another for a brick sidewalk, with edge

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street, on Medford street in front of the estate at the corner of Norwood avenue, referred as ordered.

On the petition of Samuel Brunt Jr. for a driveway in front of his house No. 26 Tufts street, referred as ordered.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing report are as follows, Ordered ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estates of Rufus R. Wade, 44 Chandler street, William H. Parsons, 54 Chandler street, Victor A. Evans, 64 Chandler street, J. P. Snow, 70 Chandler street, Lucretia T. Gaw, 62 Chandler street, and Sarah J. Eastman, 38 Chandler street when they shall have severally deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of bricks, the balance of the expense in said construction to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 29, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones on Medford street in front of the estate of Blaney and Robinson (said estate being situated at the corner of Medford street and Norwood avenue), whence said Blaney and Robinson shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the edgestones and bricks.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized and instructed to construct a driveway in front of the estate of Samuel Brunt Jr. No. 26 Tufts street, whence said Brunt shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate cost of constructing said driveway.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Approved by the Mayor Oct 30

Orders

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase furniture and fittings for City Hall at an expense not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvements account.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and they hereby are, authorized to make such contracts and expend such sums of money, not to exceed in the aggregate $2000, as may be necessary for providing a suitable foundation for the new school house now in the process of erection at the corner of Webster and Rushstreets, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house Ward One account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 29 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct 30

Orders

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to dispose of the old buggy formerly used by the City Messenger, the amount so received to be credited to Miscellaneous account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct 29, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct 30.

Orders

Alderman Hunting offered the following order

Ordered,-

Referring to the injury to horses and engines of the Fire Department by reason of their being struck by an engine of the Fitchburg Railroad Company at the Medford street crossing of said railroad on August 14, 1896, the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept in full settlement of all claims for damages by the City against said Company on ac-

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count of said injury and accident the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, and the Mayor is authorized to sign such release of said claim and acknowledgement of satisfaction thereof as he shall deem advisable in the premises.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That in the matter of the claim of Maurice White against the city on account of injuries to him on September 22, 1894, caused by reason of an alleged defect in Elmwood Street near its junction with Somerville avenue, the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay to said White the sum of fifty dollars in settlement of said claim and upon receipt from said White of such release as shall be approved by the City Solicitor, - the said amount to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Soldiers' Relief be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving and to distribute them to the needy soldiers and sailors, and families of soldiers and sailors of the late war, residing in this city, the sum so expended not to exceed four hundred dollars, and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the city clerk be and he hereby is, directed to make publication of Ordinance No. 6 entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of

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Plumbing, in consequence of the Somerville Citizen, agreeably to the provisions of section 3 of Chapter One of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 31.

Adjourned.

Attest.

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.
Called by the Mayor, to recount the votes cast November 3rd in all of the precincts of Wards Two and Four, for Representatives in the General Court, and to transact any other business that might come before the board.
All the members of the Board having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall, Somerville, November 10 1896. 7 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding - relieved during a portion of the evening by Alderman Chandler.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Received a communication from the City Clerk transmitting statements filed with him November 9th, being within the six days next succeeding the day (namely, Tuesday, November 3, 1896 of the election for State officers in this city, said statements being signed, respectively, by Ernest H. West and nine other qualified voters of Ward Two, and Warren E. Locke and twelve other qualified voters of Ward Four, saying that they (the signers of said statements) have reason to believe that the records or copies of records made by the election officers of the several precincts in each of said wards, respectively, are erroneous, in that the ballots at said election cast in each and all of said precincts for Representatives in the General Court were not by the election officers of the several precincts correctly counted or computed or correctly entered in the records and returns of said election and the number of ballots cast in said precincts for the several candidates for representatives to the General Court were not correctly started in the records or copies of records or returns made by the election officers of the several precincts aforesaid, and requesting this board to examine said ballots and determine the questions raised by said statements. The clerk delivered with said communication and statements, the sealed boxes containing the ballots cast in the several precincts of said Wards Two and Four, at said election, and informed the board that he had notified in writing all of the candidates interested that this board would meet at the city hall this day at 7 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of recounting the ballots referred to in the aforesaid

Communication from City Clerk with statements requiring recount of votes for Representatives in General Court cast in Wards 2 & 4.

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statements

Placed on file

Order to make recount of votes for Representatives in General Court cast in Wards 2 + 4

Alderman Morse offered the following order

A statement, in due form, signed by two or more qualified voters of Ward Two, and a similar statement signed by two or more qualified voters of Ward Four, of this city, having been filed with the city clerk on the 9th instant being within the six days next succeeding the day (namely Tuesday November 3, 1896) of the holding of the state election in this city, said statements alleging that the signers thereof have reason to believe that the number of ballots cast at the said election in each and every precinct of the said wards respectively for representatives in the General Court, were not correctly counted, or correctly stated in the returns made by the officers of the several precincts aforesaid, and the said statements together with the sealed boxes containing the ballots cast in the several precincts at the said election, having been transmitted by the city clerk to this board and all of the candidates interested having been notified by him that this board would meet at the City Hall this day at 7 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of recounting the ballots cast for representatives in the General Court as aforesaid, - it is hereby

Ordered,

That this board do at once proceed to recount the ballots cast for representatives in the General Court, in all of the precincts of Wards Two and Four of this city, at the said election, for the purpose of determining the questions raised by said statements, and be it further

Ordered,-

That inasmuch as Aldermen Jones and Wright are among the candidates interested, they be excused from participating in such recount.

Adopted.

Recount of Votes cast in Wards 2 + 4 for Representatives in General Court

In pursuance of the foregoing order the board proceeded to open the boxes containing the ballots cast in the several voting precincts of Wards Two and Four at the election held therein November 3rd inst, and to count the votes thereon for Representatives to the General Court.

During said recounting of votes candidates and representatives of candidates were present and witnessed the same, as follows,

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Candidates Melville D. Jones and Herbert S. Wright,	Candidates present
Frank E. Dickerman Esq. representing Candidate Franklin E. Huntress,	as represented
Isaac M. Stone, representing candidate Franklin F. Phillips,	
Charles S. Stevens, representing candidate Elmer I. Stevens,	
All of the members of the Board of Aldermen participated in the counting of said ballots, except Aldermen Jones and Wright who, being candidates interested, were excused from participating by the terms of the foregoing order.	
The ballots having been recounted and the recount tabulated, the ballots were returned to their proper boxes and the boxes recealed and delivered back into the custody of the city clerk and certificate thereof was made as recorded on pages 154 and 155 of volume 1 of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville.	Certificate
Received a notice from Charles F. Wilder, Secretary of the Republican City Committee, that the Republican caucuses (to nominate candidates for city offices) would be held November 17.	Notice
Placed on file.	
Alderman Moore offered the following order.	Order
Upon the notice from the Secretary of the Republican City Committee, given under the provisions of section 11 of chapter 459 of the Acts of the year 1895, that the caucuses of the Republican party (to nominate candidates for city offices), are to be holden on Tuesday, November 17th instant, it is hereby	assigning polling places for Republican caucuses
Ordered,	
That polling places for said caucuses be and they are hereby assigned as follows,	
in Ward One	
the ward room in the Prescott Schoolhouse on Pearl Street,	
in Ward Two	
Union Hall, in Connor building on Bow Street.	
in Ward Three	
Odd Fellows Hall on Broadway at the corner of Marshall street,	
in Ward Four	
Columbia Hall in Studio building, Davis Square,	
and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause the said	

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polling places to be provided and prepared for the purpose of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor November 12

✓ Order

Alderman Jones offered the following order

Ordered

That the City Messenger be and he hereby is directed to procure a light lunch for the members of the Board of Aldermen the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Adjourned

Attest

George A Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, November 11, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Aldermen Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓
Ordered:-
That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings, for all persons desiring to object:-
1.- upon the laying out of Houghton street, from Oak st to Springfield st.
2.- upon the laying out of Sewell street, from Highland avenue to Albion st.
3.- upon the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in an Unnamed Passageway off Broadway.
orders for such hearings having been approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15th.
Adopted and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, Nov. 11, Request granted and Councilman Reed appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council. — Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker, and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Hunnewell, Tarbox, Russell, Seapham, Cummings, Bell and Seamont present.

In pursuance of orders approved October 15th and of an order passed this evening, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, — Hearings ✓
1.- upon the laying out of Houghton street, from Oak street to Springfield street.

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2 - upon the laying out of Sewall street from Highland avenue to Albion street.
3 - upon the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in an unnamed passageway off Broadway.

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers Returns recorded respectively on pages 387 and 315 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, and page 387 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Ordered to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

On the Sewall street hearing, Mr. H. L. Richardson, whose estate bounds on Sewall, Albion and Hudson streets, appeared and objected, because he considered the acceptance of this short section of Sewall street, until the acceptance of the entire street can be considered, unnecessary and uncalled for, especially as the grade of Albion street must, in his judgment, be raised three feet, in which case the proposed grade of Sewall street would be entirely wrong.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

Letter from Mayor of Cambridge expressing thanks for aid rendered by Somerville Fire Dept.

The Mayor took advantage of the occasion to read to the city council, the following letter

City of Cambridge
Mayor's Office,
Cambridge November 9, 1896

Hon. Albert F. Perry, Mayor of Somerville,
Somerville Mass.

Dear Mr. Mayor,-

At the request of the Chief of the Cambridge Fire Department, to which I am glad to add my cordial commendation, I beg, through you, to thank Chief Chapman and the members of the Somerville Fire Department for their very welcome assistance to the Cambridge department on Saturday night last. Their work undoubtedly saved our city from a very serious conflagration by answering alarms which came in during the fire at the Boston Bridge Works, which were of so dangerous a character that it absorbed our entire force.

This is but another instance of the courtesy which I am glad to acknowledge the City of Cambridge has received from your city, and I know

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that the desire to reciprocate has been evinced by our sister department, although I believe that you have not been subjected to such grievance in fighting conflagrations as we have here in Cambridge.

Certainly I am very glad to write this letter in token of the good feeling that there is between the two municipalities, as well as an indication of the gratitude which we have reason to feel towards your department.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Bancroft,

Mayor.

Read by the Mayor.

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber. — Convention dissolved

In Board of Aldermen. — Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Hood, Wright, Jones, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

In pursuance of an order approved October 27, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of the tide middle elm trees standing in front of the estate of William P. Rice, No. 76 Willow avenue, due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as directed by the order. — Hearing

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order approved October 15, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of a granite sidewalk with edgestone, in the southerly side of Washington street from the Sanborn Field to the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return, recorded on page 126 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks, Hearings and Instructions of the Mayor and Aldermen. — Hearing

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Remonstrance Sidewalk Washington Street

A written remonstrance was received from W. P. Rice, Wm. H. Guscott and C. M. Guscott against the construction of the sidewalk unless it be extended to the Fitchburg Railroad Bridge, as it cannot benefit their property by simply being constructed in front of the same but would if an approach were made to their houses on said street.

No other remonstrance being received and no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Appointments

The Mayor appointed James F. Davlin and John H. Dusseault as Burial Agents under the provisions of chapter 279 of the Acts of 1896.

Appointment

The mayor appointed subject to confirmation by the Board, Luther R. Pillsbury as Inspector of Petroleum.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

Petition

Received a petition from George H. Griffin for appointment as a special police, without compensation, for night-watch duty at the city hall.

Appointment, as special police, without compensation, made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Petition

Received from the Common Council, a petition from Alexander Munroe and others, that the city council will recognize the right of the citizens and tax payers of the city to preference in employment on public works of all kinds, and that an order be passed to that effect and instructing the different committees and boards having in charge such work to grant such preference.

In Common Council Oct. 29, Read and sent up for information.

In Board of Aldermen Nov. 11, Read for information.

Order

Received from the Common Council the following order.

Ordered,

That the city council of the city of Somerville instruct the different boards and committees having in charge any public work

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to give preference to the citizens and tax payers of this city in choice of employees on said public work and also that, when any committee makes a contract with any party for the performance of any work of a public nature, said committee shall require such contracting parties to agree to the giving of preference to citizens and tax payers of this city.

(Signed) French O. J. Tarbox

In Common Council, Oct. 29 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 11, Rejected

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ in his discretion, a suitable person to serve as night watchman at the City Hall until the completion of the alterations now being made, or until otherwise ordered, and the Committee on Accounts is hereby authorized to include in Pay Roll of Miscellaneous, all expenses which may be incurred under this order.

(Signed) Silas S. Cummings

In Common Council Oct. 29 Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Nov. 12.

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it is, authorized to change the incandescent light now located on Peakine street opposite Myrtle street to the corner of Pinckney and Wheeler streets, the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights account.

(Signed) S. E. Timson

In Common Council Nov. 11 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Nov. 12.

Received from the Common Council the following order — Order

Ordered:

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That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, requested to examine the plans submitted with this order, and to report to the City Council at an early date, whether in the judgment of said Committee, such plans are suitable and appropriate for the purposes for which they are designed, namely, - for the erection of a public building on Central Hill Park using the old engine house as a part of the same, such building to be devoted in part to the following uses

First, - as an armory and drill rooms for the local militia company

Second, - for the proper preservation and exhibition of such historical relics and mementoes as shall be deemed of a public interest

Third, - for a hall for public meetings of the citizens and for other public purposes

Fourth, - for such other public and municipal purposes as may be deemed useful or advisable. And said Committee is hereby requested to suggest in its report such changes in said plans as shall, in its judgment, better adapt them to the purposes for which said building is designed, and for the public purposes for which it may be used

Said Committee is not to incur any expense in carrying out the direction of this order, nor shall the adoption of this order by the City Council or any action of the Committee by the use of said plans for the aforesaid purposes or otherwise be deemed an acceptance of said plans, or as creating any obligation on the part of the City of Somerville to pay for said plans or to pay anything on account thereof

In Common Council Nov 11 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen Nov 11 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Nov 12

Report

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of October

Read and sent down for information

In Common Council Nov 11, Read for information

Recommendation

Received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department a recommendation that F. Wallis Tucker be discharged from the department at his own request

Discharge as recommended made and confirmed

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Received the reports for the month of October of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines. Placed on file	Reports ✓
Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from Joseph Mill, 13 South street, approved by the Chief of Police. License granted	Petition ✓
Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from Joseph Mill, 13 South street, Peter Predaris, 482 Commercial street, Boston, both approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted	Petitions ✓
Received petitions for licenses for foot ball games, from Herbert G. Stone, on Tufts College Oval, Nov. 5, W. D. Davis, on L. M. C. G. Grounds, Washington street, Nov. 10, Carl C. Tarbox, on Tufts Oval Nov. 10, all recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor and licenses issued by the City Clerk. Issuing of licenses approved	Petitions ✓
Received a petition from Benjamin T. Nichols, for a license to keep four horses in a stable to be erected on Winslow avenue. Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits	Petition ✓
Received a communication from the West Somerville Board of Trade, stating that at its last meeting the following resolution was adopted:- "Resolved, that it be the sense of the West Somerville Board of Trade that the proposed use of the old West End Street Railway buildings on Tower street for stable purposes would be a detriment to the community. Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits	Communication ✓

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Petitions — Received petitions from
the Heirs of Charles Robinson and another for a sewer in College avenue, between Broadway and Talbot avenue, the cost to be assessed upon the abutting lands,
the Trustees of the Estate of James C. Ayer, for an abatement of their assessment for sewer in Fosket street and Willow avenue, and for a hearing on said petition.
Referred to Committee on Sewers

Petition — Received,
a petition from William Wilkins & Co. and others, that Water and South streets be put in a condition for travel, as the teaming from the Fitchburg Railroad has so cut them up that they are now in a dangerous condition,

Agreement — and an agreement from Robert Duddy, Henry L. Smalley, Alfred P. Downs and Herman Barker to pay their proportionate part of the assessment for laying a brick sidewalk on the northeast side of Bond street
Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Nov 11, Reference concurred in

Petitions — Received petitions from
John B. H. Snow and others for an electric light in Pearl Terrace
Wm H. O'Brien for the moving of an electric light from Broadway opposite Partridge avenue to Partridge avenue, midway between Broadway and Medford street
Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Nov 11 Reference concurred in

Petition — Received a petition from Wilbur P. Rice for permission to move a wooden building 59 feet long 38 feet wide and 24 feet high from the southerly side of Highland avenue through Oxford street to land of said Rice on the northerly side of said Oxford street near School street
certified by the superintendent of streets and electric lines that the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property

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Placed on file.

Alderman Jones offered an order granting of permission to Wilbur P. Rice to move a building through Offord street, as recorded on page 503 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Order

Adopted

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following report.

Report result of State Election

To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville

The Committee on Elections and Returns having examined the returns of votes cast in the several voting precincts of the city at the election held therein November 3rd 1896, together with the certificate of the Board of Aldermen of the recount made on the 10th instant of the votes cast at said election in each of the several voting precincts of Wards Two and Four of said city for Representatives in the General Court, and having compared said returns and certificate with the City Clerk's record thereof on pages 151 to 155, inclusive, of volume 1 of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville, reports that the said returns and certificate are in due form and the said record agrees therewith, that the said returns and the record thereof have been altered and amended, without erasure, by the City Clerk, in accordance with said certificate of recount, and that the result of said election is as shown by said returns and record as so amended.

James H. Andrews
W. B. Berry
} Committee on Elections & Returns

Accepted

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Order declaring result of State election

Ordered,-

That the result of the election held in this city, November 3, 1896 be, and and it is, hereby declared to be as shown on pages 151 to 155, inclusive, of volume 1, of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville, and as stated in the report of the Committee on Elections made this day

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Adoption

√ Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the licence to sell newspapers granted by this board to Charles A. Conner be and it is hereby revoked, the said licence having surrendered his badge and licence.

Adopted

√ Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits on the petition of Frederick E. Giddings for permission to keep fifty horses in the stable owned by the West End Street Railway Company on Dover street, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted

√ Reports — The Committee on Sewers:-

on the petition of the Trustees of the Somerville Hospital for an abatement of their sewer assessment on Crocker street, reported an order.

on the petition of F. O. Reed for the removal of the open sewer passing through his land between Mystic and Middlesex avenues, reported that a settlement for past damage and an agreement for future use have been made between said Reed and the city.

on the petitions of W. P. Rice and others for a catch basin in Mountain avenue and Mary Colman and Walter Hurton for a catch basin near 86 Oxford street, reported that catch basins have been constructed as prayed for.

Accepted

√ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows.

Ordered,

That the sum of $94.89 assessed to the Somerville Hospital on lots 21, 22 and 23, as a benefit accruing to its estate by the construction of a common sewer in Crocker street, be and the same is hereby abated.

Adopted

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The Committee on Sewers, on the claim of Joseph S. Stearns, on account of the taking of his land for the purposes of a common sewer in Lowell, Woodbine and Albion streets, reported that the matter had been settled for the sum of $700.00, as authorized by an order of October 28 — Report

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence.

A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer, in an unnamed passageway situated about 135 feet northwest of Wilson avenue and extending from Broadway to the location of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, as recorded on pages 388 to 392, inclusive, of volume 1 of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was — Resolve & Order ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 11 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor November 12.

Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of a sidewalk in — Order ✓

Washington street

as recorded, on page 129 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor November 12.

The Committee on Highways, on orders of May 13 and 27, respectively, for the construction of brick sidewalks in Highland avenue, southerly side, from Medford street to Walnut street, and in Broadway, southwesterly side, from Sycamore street to Adams street, the last mentioned sidewalk to include edgestones, with a grass plat between the edgestones and the bricks, reported that sidewalks have been constructed, as authorized by said orders, and submitted lists of assessments for one half of the cost. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report with warrants and orders for their collection for sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

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Broadway

and

Highland avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 453 to 456 and 457 to 460, inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were

Adopted

Report

The Committee on Highways, on an order dated May 6, to purchase a steam pump and heater at a cost not to exceed one hundred and forty dollars, reported that a pump and heater have been purchased of C. A. Hammond for the sum of $127.60

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence

Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk on the northeasterly side of Bond street in front of the estates of Robert Fuddy, Henry C. Smalley, Abram P. Downs and Herman Barker, when they severally shall have deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the approximate cost of the bricks, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the mayor, Nov. 12, 1896.

Reports

The Committee on Highways on petitions from

Barnett F. Skelton and others for the laying out of Banks street,

Emma S. Teele and others, for the laying out of Electric avenue,

Max S. Sweetzer and others, for the laying out of Lee street,

Emeline S. Teele and others, for the laying out of Westminster street,

presented favorable reports as recorded, respectively, on pages 321, 329, 337 and 345, respectively, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence

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Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings on the laying out of — Orders of Notice

Banks Street
Electric Avenue
Lee Street
and
Westminster street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 322, 330, 338 and 346 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, November 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, November 16.

Reports and Orders for the laying out of — Reports + Orders

Houghton street, from Oak street to Springfield street,
and
Lowell street, from Highland avenue to Albion street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 308 to 314 and 316 to 320, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 16.

The Committee on Public Property, — Reports

on an order of January 22, to consider the suggestion in the mayor's inaugural address, of transferring some of the municipal departments from the city hall to the vacant engine house at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, reported inexpedient to make such transfers, as the various departments will now be amply accommodated in the enlarged city hall,

on an order of September 28, to make changes in the plans, specifications and contracts for heating apparatus for the city hall, re-

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ported that changes have been made as authorized,

on the following proposals received to fit up the Treasurer's office in the addition to the city hall, namely,

Wemyss Bros & Co	$1991.33
Williams Table and Lumber Co	1950.00
Derby Desk Co	1647.00

recommended no action.

on an order of April 22, to approve in pay roll of Schoolhouse Incidentals, all bills which may be forwarded to said committee for the use of water and for lighting, for the various school houses, reported bills have been approved as so authorized,

on an order of September 28, to reimburse the former owners of the property on Webster street, purchased by the city for school purposes, in three fourths of the amount of the taxes of the year 1896, paid by them, amounting to $96.37, reported that the necessary bills had been approved in pay roll to carry out the provisions of said order,

on an order of September 29, to make a contract with Edward F. Staples, for the erection of a six-room brick schoolhouse in Ward One, at the corner of Webster and Rush streets, in accordance with plans by T. H. Sargent, Architect, for the sum of $22,000,- reported that a contract has been made as authorized by said order,

on an order of July 8, for the purchasing of an electric motor, machinery, shafting, belting, etc, for the manual training department of the English High School reported that purchases have been made as authorized by said order,

on an order of July 16, authorizing the purchase from Mess Chandler and Barber, of tools and equipments for the manual training department of the English High School for the sum of $1471.00 reported that purchases have been made as so authorized,

on an order of July 1, to make a contract with Wemyss Bros & Co for furniture and fixtures for the Manual Training department of the English High School, for the sum of $1489.00, re-

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reported that a contract has been made as authorized,

on an order of July 16, to concrete the school yard in front of the Q. S. Knuff school house, reported that the concreting had been done by Mr. T. Allen for the sum of $140.40;

on a communication from the School Committee in relation to the sanitary conditions of the Prescott, Bell, Foster and Beach street schoolhouses, and an order of July 8, authorizing repairs and improvements in the sanitary appliances of the Foster schoolhouse, reported that the sanitary condition of all of said schoolhouses, except the Prescott, had received attention and that repairs and improvements in the sanitary appliances of the Foster schoolhouse have been made as authorized by said order;

on an order of June 16, to sell gravel from the William H. Hodgkins school lot, reported that gravel to the value of $85.00 has been sold from said lot to the Highway Committee;

on an order of June 24, to purchase a piano for the Kindergarten department of the Prospect Hill School, reported that such purchase had been made for the sum of $50.00;

on an order of August 27, to make a contract with Foster, Ellingwood and Bovey for the placing of heating apparatus in the city hall, for the sum of $325.00, reported that such contract has been made and the heating apparatus is now in service;

on an order of April 7, which was not adopted but was referred to said committee, for the employment of one or more carpenters on weekly wages in making repairs on public buildings, reported that men have been so employed;

on an order of July 16, to consider the advisability of employing an assistant to the Inspector of Buildings, reported inexpedient;

on an order of July 22, for the purchase of a buggy for the use of the city messenger, at a cost not to exceed $275.00, reported that a buggy has been purchased as authorized of Mr. F. L. Wardmany, for the sum of $175.00;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence.

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Orders

Alderman Chandler offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby instructed in remodelling the present City Hall, to place additional windows in the office of the City Clerk, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and seventy five dollars, the sum so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvement Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 11 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Property and sent up for concurrence.

Reports

The Committee on Public Grounds,

on an order of July 1, to consider the advisability of placing a fountain and basin on Central Hill Park, reported inexpedient,

on an order of May 27 to have laid on Central Hill Park two water service pipes of sufficient size to supply hand hose for watering the grass, reported that the pipes have been laid, as so authorized, at a cost of $115.00,

on an order of May 1, to purchase plants for Broadway and Central Hill Parks at an expense not exceeding $300.00, reported that plants had been purchased as authorized,

on orders of April 8 and May 1, to purchase and plant trees and shrubs on the public grounds of the city, reported that trees and shrubs had been purchased and planted as authorized by said order,

on an order of May 13, to purchase 25 settees to be placed on the several parks and public grounds of the city, reported that 25 settees have been purchased, as authorized, of W. H. Snow & Co. for $110.00,

on an order of May 1, to purchase 26 vases for Broadway Parkway and to fill and decorate the same, reported that 26 vases have been purchased and filled with plants, as authorized, at a cost of $221.00,

on an order of June 24, to remove or dispose of the tool house in rear of the city hall, reported that the said tool house had been sold for the sum of Five dollars

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓
Ordered, -

That the Committee on Fire Department be and hereby is authorized to purchase for purpose of a fire station a lot of land situated on the corner of Holland and Hanbury streets in Ward Four and bounded, northwesterly on Hanbury street one hundred thirty-two and nineteen one-hundredths (132.19) feet, northeasterly on Holland street eighty-three and forty-five one-hundredths (83.45) feet, southeasterly on land of Holton and others ninety and five one-hundredths (90.05) feet, southwesterly on land of Holton and others seventy-four and fifty-one hundredths (74.51) feet, containing eight thousand one hundred thirty-one and one tenths (8131) square feet more or less, and to pay therefor the sum of two thousand four hundred thirty-three Dollars ($2433.93) and also to pay the taxes on the above described premises for the year 1896, the above payments or considerations to be charged to "Fire Department, Bond for Fire Station in Ward Four, Appropriation"
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 11.

The Committee on Printing, on order of May 21, to have printed eleven hundred copies of the charter as passed by the city clerk, reported that five hundred copies have been printed at a cost of $50.00 — Report ✓
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Nov. 11, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Andrews offered the following order — Order ✓
Ordered, -

That the Committee on Printing be and is hereby instructed to procure two thousand copies of ordinance No. 63, entitled "An ordinance for the regulation of plumbing", the expense incurred to be charged to printing and stationery account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 12.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.
Ordered,-
That the Committee on Accounts be and is hereby instructed to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous a bill amounting to one thousand dollars, in favor of Messrs Hartwell and Richardson, Architects, for the plans received in the late competition for a proposed new City Hall.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Presented to the Mayor Nov. 12.

Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer from Interest account the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars ($4500) and place to the credit of Fire Department account the sum of three thousand dollars ($3000.) and to Highways account the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1500.)
Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov. 11, Adopted, in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 12.

Election — On motion of Alderman Moore the board proceeded to ballot for a Fence Viewer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ammiel Colman.
Alderman Moore and Wright were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and, having attended to that duty, they reported as follows,

Whole number of ballots,	7
Necessary for choice,	4
Charles H. Berry, has	7

and Charles H. Berry was declared by the chair, elected, on the part of this board, and information of such election, was sent to the com-

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mon Council

Received information from the Common Council that Charles M. Berry was elected, by that board, a Fence Viewer in concurrence.

Adjourned.

Attest

George A. Vincent
Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to transact any business that might come before the board, all the members having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, November 24 1896 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Kerry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Ordered

Received from the Common Council the order which was adopted by this board November 11th after having received two several readings, namely,

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby instructed, in remodelling the present city hall, to place additional windows in the office of the city clerk, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, the sum so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvement Account,-

endorsed as follows,-

In Common Council Nov 11, 1896, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Property and sent up for concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Action by the Board was taken as follows,-

In Board of Aldermen Nov 24, Adhered to former action, Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov 25, Receded from former action.

Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Nov 25.

Recommendation

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Oscar Shelton be discharged from the Fire Department at his own request.

Discharge as recommended made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Recommendation

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire De-

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partment that the following named persons be appointed call-members of the Fire Department to fill vacancies,-

Edward H. Burgess, Age 37, occupation Produce Dealer,

Cornelius A. Doherty, Age 24, occupation Milkman,

both to be members of Engine Company No. 2, and

George H. Dales, Age 23, occupation Laborer, to be a member of Ladder Company No. 1

Appointments as recommended made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received petitions, each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to call newsboys be granted to the following named minors,- Petitions ✓

Robert Doherty, 24 Jay st. aged 11,

Alexander Walker, 353 Somerville ave aged 11,

both approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted.

Received petitions for licenses from Petitions ✓

Herbert E. Stone, for a foot ball game, on Tufts Ball Grounds, Nov. 19,

Adam J. Weiner, for a dramatic entertainment in Recon Hall, Union Sq. Nov. 24.

both recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor and licenses issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licenses approved.

Received petitions from Petitions ✓

Paul Epstein for a license to keep 2 pool and 2 billiard tables at No. 53 Holland street

Augustino Belgamo and Isabella F. Belgamo, for a license to play a piano organ on the streets,

and a remonstrance from James Murphy and others, against the granting of a license to Carl Nitz to erect, carry on and conduct a sausage factory on South street, at or near the corner of Earl street,

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

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Petition — Received a petition from C. A. Travis and others for an electric light on Trull street, midway between the two ends of said street.

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 25, Reference concurred in.

Notices — Received notices from

Charles E. Lewis, 2 Buckingham street, of injuries received November 10, 1896, at about 8.15 P.M. by falling over a stump or post projecting five and one half inches above the sidewalk on the easterly side of Beacon street, about twelve feet northwesterly from Buckingham street, and in front of the premises of one Sullivan.

William B. Gale, attorney for and in behalf of Samantha A. Keef, of claim for damages on account of injuries received October 16, 1896, at about 8 o'clock P.M. because of a hole or depression in the sidewalk on the southerly side of Bow street about ten feet from Somerville avenue, and of the want of a sufficient railing to protect and keep travellers from a dangerous hole and excavation immediately adjoining and next to said sidewalk at said place.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 25, Reference concurred in.

Notices — Received notices of suits brought by Franklin O. Reed and others in the supreme court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of January next for an abatement of the taxes assessed for the year 1896,

1. on land (two parcels) with buildings, bounded by Mystic avenue and the Mystic River, containing in the two parcels, respectively, 1,300,000, and 20,000 square feet,

2. on land, with buildings, bounded by Mystic and Middlesex avenues, containing 446,490 square feet.

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Nov. 25, Placed in hands of the City Solicitor in concurrence.

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Received a petition from Winfield S. Burbank, for permission to remove wooden building, 40 feet long, 36 feet wide and 20 feet high from the easterly side of Adams street to Norwood avenue, — certified by the Superintendent of Streets and Electric Lines that the statements as to measurements is substantially correct and that, in their judgment the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Petition ✓

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting permission to Winfield S. Burbank to move a wooden building from Adams street to Norwood avenue, as recorded on page 504 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Order ✓

Action indefinitely postponed.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Order ✓

Agreeably to the provisions of the Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, it is hereby

City Clerk give notice of City Election

Ordered, —

That the City Clerk cause notice to be given that the qualified voters of this city will meet in the several polling places which have been designated by said board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places being located as follows, namely, for:

Ward One

Precinct 1. The Ward-room in the Prescott schoolhouse on Pearl street.

Precinct 2. A room in the southerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Broadway street, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct.

Precinct 3. A room in the Davis schoolhouse on Tufts street.

Precinct 4. A room in the Jackson schoolhouse on Maple street, at the corner of Poplar street.

Ward Two

Precinct 1. A room in the Luther V. Bell schoolhouse on Vinal avenue.

Precinct 2. The Hall in the Police Building on Row street.

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Precinct 3. Sterle Sewer Hall in Union Square,

Precinct 4. A room in the O. S. Knapp schoolhouse on Concord avenue,

Precinct 5. A room in the Prospect Hill schoolhouse on Washington street, at the corner of Bonner avenue, there being no convenient polling place which can be obtained within the territorial limits of said precinct.

Ward Three.

Precinct 1. A room in the northerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Broadway street,

Precinct 2. A room in the Jacob T. Glines schoolhouse on Jaques street,

Precinct 3. A room in the basement of the Forster schoolhouse on Sycamore street,

Precinct 4. A room in the Bingham schoolhouse on Sowell street,

Ward Four.

Precinct 1. A room in the Beach-street schoolhouse on Beach street,

Precinct 2. A room in the Burns schoolhouse on Cherry street,

Precinct 3. A room in the Highland schoolhouse on Highland avenue at the corner of Grove street,

Precinct 4. A room in the William H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland st.

On Tuesday, the eighth day of December, 1896, at Six O'clock in the forenoon, when the polls shall open, and there and then, between that hour and the closing of the polls, which shall be at Four O'clock and twelve minutes in the afternoon, will give in their ballots for

a Mayor and eight Aldermen, two aldermen being selected from each ward. And the qualified voters of each of the four wards of the city will also there and then give in their ballots for four Common Councilmen, who shall at the time of their election be residents of the wards, respectively, in which they are elected, and for a member of the School Committee for three years, who shall be a resident of the ward in which he is elected.

All the foregoing are to be voted for on one ballot, provided that women who are qualified to vote for members of the School Committee will give in their votes on a separate ballot.

And the said qualified voters of the city will also there and then give in their votes, Yes or No, on the same ballot, upon the question,

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this city?"

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause such notice to be given in the manner prescribed by section 147 of the said Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, the publication therein provided for to be made once in the Somerville Journal and in the Somerville Citizen, newspapers published

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in this city.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor Nov 25

Alderman Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered.

That the licence granted by this board to Harry T. Bates to sell newspapers, be and the same is hereby revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and licence.

Adopted

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Andrew R. & Stephen H. Lewis for permission to project covings and and bay windows over the sidewalks of Holland and Winter streets, at the junction of said streets, varying in the width of the projection from fifteen inches to four feet three inches, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted

Alderman Berry offered the following — Order of Notice ✓

Copy of Petition — hearing

To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville, — Amelia Bell

I hereby request permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows; On land adjoining #136 Pearl Street, the coving of a one story building; said coving to project over the sidewalk twelve inches. — projection over sidewalk Pearl Street

(Signature) Amelia Bell by William Bell

(Address) 136 Pearl St.

Somerville Oct. 27, 1896 — Somerville

City of Somerville — In Board of Aldermen, Nov 24th 1896.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that seven days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the ninth day of December, 1896, at 8 o'clock, P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Citizen of the 27th inst.

Order adopted

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Order

Alderman Jones offered an order for the construction of a sewer in an unnamed passageway about 135 feet northwest of Wilson avenue, and extending from Broadway to the Boston and Lowell Railroad, as recorded on page 447 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Lands for and Orders to Construct Sewers of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Nov. 25.

Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order of even date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct a sewer in a passageway off the southerly side of Broadway, west of Wilson avenue, and extending from the manhole in Broadway at Winchester street southwesterly about 340 feet, to near the B. & L. R. R. of about 340 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 1 chimney, the pipe to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Laying 8" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Chimney	Estimated Aggregate
Charles A. Keegan	$ 0.90	$ 1.00	$ 217.00
T. F. Lynch & Co.	0.89½	1.00	215.80
Richard Falvey	0.79	4.00	193.60
Daniel A. Daly	0.69	3.00	166.20
H. A. Bancroft & Co.	0.65	5.00	161.00
Lemuel B. Billings	0.65	3.50	159.50
Maurice Butterworth	0.65	3.00	159.00
W. F. Cunningham	0.53	1.00	128.20

and presented an order

Accepted.

Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with W. F. Cunningham for the construction of a common sewer in the passageway off the southerly side of Broadway, west of Wilson avenue, and extending from the manhole in Broadway southwesterly about 340 feet to near the B. & L. R. R., at the prices named in his proposal and submitted in said Committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

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Approved by the Mayor Nov. 25.

The Committee on Highways reported that, in pursuance of orders dated respectively, October 14, October 26, and November 11, sidewalks have been constructed as follows: — Report ✓

in Bartlett street, westerly side, from Vernon street to Bedford street, gravel with edgestones;

in Orchard street, southerly side, from Day street to Chester street, brick;

in Washington street, southerly side, from the Sanborn Field to the Y.M.C.A. Grounds, gravel with edgestones;

and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost.

Accepted.

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

Bartlett street,

Orchard street,

and

Washington street

are recorded, respectively on pages 461 to 464, 465 to 468, and 469 to 472 inclusive of volume 2 of the Record of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, to wit,

Two horse chestnut trees, one standing in front of the estate No. 45 Jenny Lind Avenue, and one standing in front of the estate No. 46 Jenny Lind avenue. Also for the removal of an elm tree standing on the southerly side of Central street one hundred and seventy two feet from Broadway.

It is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing an attested copy of this order to be published in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon the trees before mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said trees, and that Wednesday, the 9th day of December 1896, at 8 o'clock P.

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No, and the Mayor and Aldermen now in the City Hall are assigned as the time and place for the hearing by this Board, of any objection which may be made thereto.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Nov. 25.

Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, public notice having been given and hearing thereon having been had according to law, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, that the superintendent of streets be, and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said trees, to wit:-

Two middle elm trees, standing in front of the estate of William P. Rice No. 76 Willow avenue.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Nov. 25.

Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,-

That the various committees of the City Council having the custody of the public buildings of this city, be, and they are hereby instructed to cause placing insurance on all of said public buildings of the city from this date, and to cancel all unexpired policies at once, the premiums received from the unexpired policies to be placed to the credit of the appropriations from which the expenditures were made.

Read once and further action postponed until the first regular meeting in December.

Report

The Committee on Public Property in pursuance of an order approved Nov. 12, having examined plans for a public building to be erected on Central Hill Park, the old engine house to be used as a part of such building which is to be devoted, in part, for an armory and drill room and for other purposes as stated in said order, reported that the committee desire to suggest no change in said plans, if said building is to be erected on Central Hill, and recommended the reference of the matter to the next City Council.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Nov 25, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to communicate with Congressman Morrell, in relation to procuring cannon balls from the Charlestown Navy Yard, to be placed on Bunker Hill Park.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 25, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Nov 28.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase granite steps to be used on walks around City Hall, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars, the amount expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 25 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Nov 28.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on petitions from R. E. Tarbox and others, for an arc light at the corner of Mystic avenue and Austin street, and the petition of Joseph J. Giles and others, that Bunker Hill avenue be properly lighted, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 25, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Wright offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to locate arc electric lights, as follows,

One at the corner of Mystic avenue and Austin street,

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One at the corner of New Church street and New Church street place
One at the corner of Cross street and Bonair street, and
One on Burnside avenue, midway between Elm and Summer streets,
the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Presented to the Mayor Nov 28.

Reports

The Committee on Ordinances,
on the communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, suggesting changes in the ordinance relating to the Fire Department, and
on an order of October 14 to draft and report to the city council an ordinance establishing the salary of the mayor at a sum in keeping with the requirements of the office and with the salaries paid to the Mayors of other cities in the Commonwealth,
reported ordinances.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 25, Accepted in concurrence.

Ordinances

The ordinances submitted with the foregoing report, to wit,
Ordinance No. 64
An Ordinance to amend Chapter Seventeen entitled Fire Department of the Revised Ordinances of 1891.
and
Ordinance No. 65
An Ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor
were
Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Huntley it was voted that when the board adjourns it adjourn until Friday next, the 27th inst, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned.

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Attest:

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on papers from the Metropolitan Park Commission and to transact any other business that might come before the board, all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, December 3, 1896. S.P.K.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Morse, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Kenny and Andrews present.

Record approved.

Petition — Received from the Common Council a petition from Arthur B. Grover and others, for an electric light on Alston street, opposite the Prospect Hill Station.

In Common Council Nov. 26, Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Dec. 3, Reference concurred in.

Resignations — Received the resignation of Arthur K. Osborne as an Inspector of Elections for Ward 2, Precinct 2.

Accepted.

Report — Received the report of the Superintendent of Electric Lines for the month of November.

Placed on file.

Petition — Received a petition from Walter H. Kelcher for a license for a football game on the Tufts Oval, Thursday morning, November 26, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor and licensed by the City Clerk.

Drawing of license approved.

Petition — Received a petition from George M. Brovelli for a license for an exhibition football game on the Y. M. C. A. Grounds, Thursday morning, November

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recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor. Received by city clerk too late to issue licence.

Placed on file.

Received a petition from Andrew R. and Stephen H. Lewis for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows: Petition

At junction of Holland and Winter streets, - Easterly side of Holland and southwesterly side of Winter street - on a three story apartment building with stores in first story, - the coving to project twelve inches over both sidewalks, - a bay window on Holland street, in second and third stories, to project over the sidewalk two feet six inches with coving to project twelve inches, in addition, - and a bay window in second and third stories at the junction of the two streets, to project over each sidewalk two feet six inches with a coving to project twelve inches in addition.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

said petition was accompanied by the following order. Order

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday the ninth day of December, 1896, at 8 o'clock, P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, at which time any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Somerville Journal of the 5th inst.

Adopted.

Received a petition from Sears Condit and others for a catch basin in Berkeley street at the corner of Hersey street. Petition

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from Nicholas Baker for a street light in Bedford street, which is now not lighted, although a petition for a light was presented a year ago. Petition

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 3, Reference concurred in.

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Notice of claim damage to horse & wagon Cedar street.

Received a notice from C. J. Penney that at about 4 o'clock, A.M. of November 26th, when driving his milk wagon on Cedar street, between Highland avenue and Summer street, on the right hand side going from Highland avenue, his wagon collided with the body of a tree that is some two or three feet in the street line, completely destroying the wagon top, breaking the top and the shaft, also the harness throwing out both of the men who were in the wagon, destroying seven or eight cans of milk, and causing the horse to run and injure himself so that he has not been used since, the damage being estimated at fully two hundred dollars, for which amount the claimant would settle.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 3, Reference concurred in.

Notices

Received notices of suits brought in the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of January next, in actions of Tort, by Samantha A. Keef of Somerville, alleged damage $4,000.00 and Charlotte A. Ricker of Cambridge, alleged damage $4,000.00.

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 3, Action of Board of Aldermen concurred in.

Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the second Monday of December current, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday December 14, 1896, at 10 o'clock A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Chandler, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Lewis H. Stuart, then to Alderman Huntley, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Charles F. Bimes, and then to Alderman Berry, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of Walter P. Furlong.

The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed by the City Messenger to the Mayor who verified said names by reading them aloud from said slips and then passed the slips to the City Clerk who read the said names aloud therefrom, and after endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

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Alderman Chandler, senior alderman of Ward Three, presented the following report, — Report of Members of City Council from Ward 3 filling of vacancy of City Charter Commission

The resignation of the Honorable William H. Hodgkins as a member of the City Charter Commission having been received by the City Council October 17th, the members of the board of aldermen and of the common council, from Ward Three, met on the 17th day of October and selected Mr. John L. Hayes to fill the vacancy caused by such resignation, and Mr. Hayes was at once notified of his selection and entered upon his duties.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Dec 3, Read for information.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order

Ordered,

That rooms in the enlarged city hall be, and they are, hereby assigned for use by the several boards and officers of the city as indicated by the two plans which are attached hereto and are hereby made a part of this order, and the several officers and boards are hereby authorized and directed to move the departments under their charge to the apartments assigned to them as soon as they are made ready for occupancy.

(for plans see page 545)

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 3 Amended by assigning the Inspector of Plumbing to the room with the Superintendent of Buildings. As amended adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Dec 3, Adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

(see subsequent records)

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is instructed to take further care of the fine stone tablet recently removed from the front wall of the City Hall, which tablet is inscribed

Free High School
A.D.
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and the said committee is further instructed to consider as to some suitable disposition to be made of said tablet in order to ensure its preservation, and to

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report thereon at an early day to the city council.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 3, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec 4.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be and they hereby are authorized, if they shall deem it expedient, and in accordance with the provisions therefor of the contract between the city and Edward F. Stapler for the construction of the schoolhouse on the corner of Webster and Rush streets, and upon such terms as they shall think advisable, to cause the work of construction of said building to be suspended during the cold season and until when any risk of, or danger from, freezing shall be passed.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 3, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec 8.

Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to have constructed a hand rail on the walk on Central Hill Park, leading from the Latin High School to the Medford street entrance to said Park at the railroad bridge, at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 3, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec 8.

Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase bulbs sufficient to complete the planting of all the beds on Central Hill Park, at an additional expense of not exceeding eighty-six dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

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Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 3, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec 4.

The joint special committee appointed under an order approved September 25, to confer with the Metropolitan Park Commissioners in relation to Somerville's interest in the matter of Metropolitan parks and boulevards, and to make such recommendations as to the committee should seem proper, — reported recommending serious consideration of the matter of the Middlesex Fells Parkway, with a view to concurring with the Metropolitan Park Commission in the taking of land for the same, and that measures be taken in the near future to secure the building of a boulevard, as has been proposed, from the Powder House Park towards the Fells.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 3. Accepted in concurrence.

Refuse ✓

Papers from the Metropolitan Park Commissioners were received and acted upon as follows, — copies of the plans referred to in the said papers being filed in the office of the City Engineer, —

Taking of land Middlesex Fells Boulevards ✓

Know all men by these presents — that whereas the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, under authority conferred upon it by chapter 288 of the Acts of the year 1894, and by chapter 450 of the Acts of the year 1895, and with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local boards, being the City governments of the Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for the purposes defined in the two acts last named, certain real estate referred to as described in the Taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated November 18, 1896, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, and is shown upon a plan marked Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Plan of Taking by the Metropolitan Park Commission for the Middlesex Fells Parkway, Mystic Avenue, Somerville to Pleasant Street, Malden, and Salem Street, Medford XXX 4 Sheets, October 21, 1896 Adm.

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sted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects X XX Wm. T. Peirce, Engineer," being Metropolitan Parks Commissioners Plan No. 99, Sheets 1, 2, 3, and 4, to be recorded herewith.

Therefore by the City of Somerville in Board of Aldermen, December 3, 1896.

Voted, To approve the Taking above referred to, and every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

George S. Vincent, Clerk.

City of Somerville in Common Council December 3, 1896.

Taking, etc. above referred to approved in concurrence.

Chas. A. Robertson, Clerk.

For Metropolitan Park Commission Taking per page 697

December 3, 1896. Foregoing concurrent votes approved

Albert A. Perry, Mayor.

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Know all men by these presents That Whereas the Metropolitan Parks Commission duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, under authority conferred upon it by chapter 355 of the Acts of the year 1894, and by chapter 450 of the Acts of the year 1895, and with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local boards, being the City governments of the Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for the purposes defined in the two acts last named, certain real estate referred to or described in the Taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated November 18, 1896, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, and is shown upon a plan marked "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Parks Commission, Plan showing Building Lines, Middlesex Fells Parkway, Mystic Avenue, Somerville, to Pleasant Street, Malden, and Salem Street, Medford XXX 4 Sheets, October 21, 1896, Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects, XXX Wm. T. Peirce, Engineer," being Metropolitan Parks Commissioners Plan No. 100, Sheets No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, to be recorded herewith.

Therefore, by the City of Somerville in Board of Aldermen, December 3, 1896, Voted to approve the Taking above referred to, and every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

George S. Vincent, Clerk.

City of Somerville in Common Council, December 3, 1896.

Taking, etc. above referred to, approved in concurrence.

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Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

December 3, 1896. Foregoing concurrent vote approved.

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

For Metropolitan Park Commission Taking see page 699

The ordinance No. 64, entitled "An Ordinance to amend Chapter Seventeen, entitled "Fire Department" of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," and recorded on pages 471 and 472 of the book of Enrolled Ordinances in the city clerk's office, which ordinance was read twice and passed to be enrolled and sent to the Common Council by this board, November 24th, was received back from the Common Council, endorsed as follows:

Ordinance ✓

In Common Council, Nov. 25, 1896, Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

In Common Council, Nov. 25, 1896, Enrolled.

Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council Dec. 3, 1896. The Committee having examined the within ordinance finds the same to be truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

Arthur W. Berry
John Hunnewell } Committee
Wm. M. Irving

In Common Council, Dec. 3rd 1896 Passed to be ordained.

Geo. E. Whitaker, President

Attest Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

Action in the Board of Aldermen was taken as follows:

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 3. 1896. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds the same to be truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

S. B. Chandler
W. H. Berry } Committee
J. N. Pratt

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 3, 1896 Passed to be ordained.

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Attest George I. Vincent, Clerk

Dec. 7, 1896, Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor

The ordinance No. 65, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salary of

Ordinance ✓

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the Mayor, and recorded on page 473 of the book of Enrolled Ordinances in the city clerk's office, which ordinance was read twice and passed to be enrolled and sent to the Common Council by this board November 24th, was received back from the Common Council, endorsed as follows;

In Common Council, Nov. 25, 1896 Read twice and passed to be Enrolled in concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, Nov. 25, 1896 Enrolled

Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council, Dec. 3, 1896. The Committee having examined the within ordinance finds the same to be truly and correctly enrolled and so reports.

Arthur W. Berry
John Kunnewell } Committee
Wm. M. Irving

In Common Council Dec. 3, 1896, Passed to be ordained.

George G. Whitaker, President.

Attest Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Action in the Board of Aldermen was taken as follows.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen Dec. 3, 1896. The said committee having examined the within ordinance finds the same to be truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

S. B. Chandler,
W. H. Berry, } Committee
J. N. Pratt,

In Board of Aldermen Dec. 3, 1896, Passed to be ordained.

Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Attest George S. Vincent, Clerk.

Dec. 7th, 1896 Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

City Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, December 9, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the common council, requesting a convention of the two branches of the city council in the common council chamber this evening, for the purpose of giving hearings for all persons desiring to object -

1 upon the laying out of Banks street,
2 " " " " Electric avenue,
3 " " " " Lee street,
4 " " " " Westminster street,

orders for such hearings having been approved by the Mayor, Nov 12th.

Adopted and Alderman Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.

In Common Council Dec 9, 1896, Request granted, and Councilman Cummings appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council. — Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews, President Whitaker and Councilmen Berry, Timson, Irving, Burrows, Raymond, Reed, Tarbox, Sapham, Sowell, Carr, Cummings, Hall and Seamont present.

In pursuance of an order of this date and of orders of notice approved November 12th, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, in the matters of the laying out of — Hearings ✓

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Banks street
Electric avenue
Lee street
and
Westminster street

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Official Returns, recorded respectively on pages 323, 331, 339 and 347 of volume 2 of the Records of the ~~Taking of Land for and the construction of streets~~ Laying Out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, in either case, the hearings were closed

Convention dissolved

The purposes for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved and the Mayor and Aldermen returned to their chamber

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Keavy and Andrews present

Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed November 25, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of two horse chestnut trees in Jerry Bird avenue, one in front of the estate No 45, and the other in front of the estate No 46 - and one elm tree standing on the southerly side of Central street, 172 feet from Broadway, due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as directed by said order

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed

Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed November 24th, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petitions of Amelia Hall for permission to build and maintain the coping of a one story building on land adjoining the premises No 136 Pearl street, said coping to pro-

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feet twelve inches over the sidewalks, due notice having been given by the petitioners as required by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed November 24th, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Andrew H. and Stephen H. Shaw, for permission to construct and maintain projections over sidewalks, on a three story apartment building at the junction of Holland and Winter streets, being on the easterly side of Holland street and the southwesterly side of Winter street, as follows, a bay window on Holland street, in second and third stories, to project over sidewalk two feet six inches, a bay window at the junction of the two streets in second and third stories, to project over the sidewalks of each street two feet six inches, and the cornice to project twelve inches beyond the top of said windows and twelve inches over the sidewalks in front of the remaining part of the buildings, due notice of the hearing having been given by the petitioners as required by said order.

Remonstrance

A written remonstrance was received from Warren E. Decker, Agent, against the granting of said petitions, because Holland street is one of the main avenues leading from Davis square and has already suffered by the character of some of the buildings thereon, and because the granting of this permit would have an unfavorable effect upon other improvements in the immediate vicinity in the future.

No other remonstrance being received and no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Veto Message from Mayor on order to locate Arc lights

Received the following message from His Honor the Mayor

City of Somerville
Mayor's Office
December 5th 1896

To the Board of Aldermen,

I return herewith, with my objections, an order which originated in your Honorable Board, authorizing the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights to locate four arc electric lights at the points named in said order.

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I find, upon inquiry, that the appropriation for street lighting will be considerably overdrawn, and that no steps have yet been taken for increasing the funds of the department. Under such circumstances I do not understand how the City Council can properly or lawfully add to the pecuniary obligations of the department.

I am satisfied that some of the locations referred to in the order are not at present properly lighted, and I shall be pleased to approve an order for additional lights when provision has been made for meeting the expense of their maintenance. There is some doubt in my mind as to the necessity of locating another arc light on Cross street between Broadway and Pearl street, and I find that this doubt is shared by members of the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights. There are many other populous sections of the city not as well lighted.

The order to which this message is directed was adopted by your Honorable Board at its meeting on the twenty-fourth day of November last.

Respectfully submitted.

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Read and placed on file.

Order

The order returned with the foregoing message is recorded on pages 503 and 504 of these records and authorized the locating of arc lights in Mystic avenue, New Church street and Burnside avenue.

On reconsideration the adoption of the said order was lost by ac yea and nay vote, all the members of the board voting in the negative.

Order

The order assigning rooms in the enlarged city hall for the use of the various offices and boards of the city, which order was passed by this board and sent to the Common Council, ammended by the Common Council and returned to this board, and former action adhered to by this board, and the order again sent to the Common Council, — all on December 3rd, was again received from the Common Council endorsed as follows:

In Common Council, Dec 3, 1896, Adhered to former action and sent up for information. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Further action on the order was taken as follows:-

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and to concur with the Common Council in its amendment of the order lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Berry and Andrews - 2, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler and Huntley - 6 voting in the negative.

In Board of Aldermen Dec 9 Committee of Conference, consisting of Aldermen Pratt, Moore and Wright, appointed to meet with a similar committee of the Common Council. Sent down for information.

In Common Council, Dec 9 Committee of Conference appointed on the part of that branch to meet a similar committee of the Board of Aldermen, Councilmen Lamont, Irving and Burrows, appointed as such committee. Sent up for information.

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the months of November. — Report ✓

Placed on file.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of November. — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Dec 9, Read for information.

Received the resignations of — Resignations ✓

Orrice M. Gracey, as Deputy Warden of Elections for Ward One, Precinct 2.

Paul J. Smith as Deputy Inspector of Elections for Ward Four, Precinct 3.

Resignations accepted.

Received a petition, signed by a parent of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to — Petition ✓

Mark T. Cunningham, 60 Beacon street, aged 10 years

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from — Petition ✓

Frank Garfein, 25 Linden avenue,

approved by the Chief of Police.

Licence granted.

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Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from
Frank Gurfein, 25 Linden Ave.
John McGovy Jr. 20 Bolton st.
approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Petition — Received a petition from Elmer W. Freeman for a license as a Common Victualler at No. 139 A Cross street
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petitions — Received petitions from
the heirs of Jonathan Stone, that the grade of Stone avenue, near Union Square may be slightly raised on the easterly side, and that the gutters may be paved,
John L. Nichols and others, and Wm E. Weld and others, for an iron bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street
Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Dec 9 Reference concurred in.

Order — On the order, which was read once November 24th, instructing the committee having custody of the public buildings to cease placing insurance on said buildings and to cause all unexpired policies to be cancelled, consideration of said order having been postponed until this meeting, the second reading of the order was refused.

Reports — The Committee on Sewers —
on the petition of the Heirs of Charles Robinson and Henry W. P. Coleon for a sewer in College avenue, reported an order,
on an order of even date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in private lands and College avenue, from the Medford City Line westerly to College avenue, and in College avenue southerly to near Broadway — about 420 feet of 10-inch and 470 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with 500 feet of 6-inch under drain and 4 manholes, — the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city

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Name of Bidder	Number of rods	Laying 10" sewer per lin. foot	Laying 8" sewer per lin. foot	Laying 6" underdrain per lin. ft.	Estimated Aggregate
D. C. Collins	$42.00	$1.75	$1.43	$0.38	$1765.10
T. F. Cummings	39.00	1.35	1.30	0.35	1509.00
M. Rittiner	40.00	0.98	1.10	0.25	1213.60
H. A. Hancock & Co.	40.00	1.00	0.85	0.25	1104.50
Richard Falvey	35.00	0.95	0.92	0.15	1046.40
Charles A. Morgan	45.00	0.95	0.75	0.20	1031.50
W. F. Cunningham	40.00	0.775	0.775	0.18	939.75
A. W. Byrne & Co.	35.00	0.65	0.60	0.25	820.00

and presented an order,

on the petition of the Trustees of the Estate of J. C. Ayer, for an abatement of sewer assessments on the Willow avenue and Foskett street sewer, reported an order,

on orders of May 13, June 24, and Sept. 2, reported the completion of common sewers as follows,

in Moreland st., Meacham st., and Alma ave., from East St. low st. to a point in Alma ave. 283 feet northwesterly from Meacham st., by contract with Christopher Burke, 1106.4 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, 823.4 feet of 6 inch underdrain, 4 manholes, 415 cubic yards of rock excavation, and removing and replacing old sewer in line of trench, at a cost of $2662.50,

in Fremont street, from Meadow street, by contract with John J. Doney, 660.9 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, 257 feet of 6 inch underdrain, 4 manholes, 162.6 cubic yards of rock excavation, and removing and replacing old sewer in line of trench, at a cost of $1577.83,

in Mystic street, from Somerville avenue northerly to near Washington street, by contract with Charles A. Kelley, 324 feet of 12 inch pipe sewer with 1 manhole, at a cost of $314.13,

in Private Lands, Alpine and Princeton streets, in Private Lands northwesterly from the sewer built in 1893, to centre of Princeton street, and in Alpine and Princeton streets, southeasterly and northwesterly, by contract with Charles A. Morgan, 1420 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, 7 manholes and 116 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $1193.47, and

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Sycamore and Pembroke streets, from Richdale avenue to near Pembroke Court, by contract with Charles A. Kelley, 231.8 feet of 10 inch pipe sewer, with 1 manhole and 100 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $463.96, and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows.

Order for the construction of a common sewer in Private Lands and College avenue, as recorded on page 626 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 10.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with the A. H. Kayne Co. for the construction of a common sewer in Private Lands and College avenue, from the Medford City Line westerly to College avenue and in College avenue southerly to near Broadway, at the prices named in its proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 10.

Ordered,

That the sum of $31.95 from an assessment of $63.89 on part of lot 142, the sum of $47.18 from an assessment of $94.35 on lot 143, the sum of $47.06 from an assessment of $94.12 on lot 144, and the sum of $46.94 from an assessment of $93.89 on lot 145, all of said assessments being assessed to Frederick F. Ayer, Josephine M. Ayer, Benjamin Dean and Jacob Rogers Trustees, Frederick F. Ayer and Leslie J. Pearson, as benefits accruing to their estates by the construction of a common sewer in Willow avenue and Fosket streets, be and the said sums are hereby abated.

Adopted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments, accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for common sewers in

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Fremont Street,
Moreland and Meacham streets and Ash avenue,
Mystic street,
Private Lands and Alpine and Princeton streets
and
Sycamore and Pembroke streets,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 181 to 184, 185 to 188, 189 to 194, 195 to 196 and 197 to 200, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Record of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Whereas in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, public notice having been given and hearing thereon having been had according to law, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, that the superintendent of streets be and he hereby is directed to cut down and remove the said trees to wit,—

Two horse chestnut trees, one standing in front of the estate No. 45 Jersey street avenue, and one standing in front of the estate No. 46 Jersey street avenue, also, for the removal of an elm tree standing on the southerly side of Central street, one hundred and seventy two feet from Broadway.

Read twice and adopted.

Presented to the Mayor Dec. 10.

The Committee on Highways,— Reports ✓

on the petition of Edward B. Lane and others, that the permit to blast on Nunnery or Convent Hill granted to William Bochlant be revoked, reported no recommendation for the revocation of the permit but stated that said Bochlant had been cautioned several times by the committee in relation to the manner of blasting.

on the petition of Owen Bunningham & Son for permission to blast rock on Moreland street, reported leave to withdraw.

communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, waiving notice of hearing on change of location of poles in School street opposite Oakland avenue

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and Washington street near Mystic street, recommended no action

Accepted:

Reports

The Committee on Highways,

on petitions for grave sidewalks with edgestones, from

George W. Atwater and others, on both sides of Avon street,

H. Huff and others, on east side of Bartlett street, from Vernon st, to Medford st,

Hattie E. Hopkins and others, on both sides of Tennyson street,

Frederick M. Kilmer, on southerly side of Broadway, from Adams st, to Bartlett st,

James Driscoll and others, southerly side of Wheatland street from Broadway to Jaques st,

William K. Holmes, on remaining side of Heath street,

Franklin A. Hobart and others, on each side of Francesca avenue,

James Howard and others, on both sides of Burnside avenue,

W. H. Richardson and others, on Tower street,

Grace F. Lowell and others, on south side of Kidder avenue from Elm st to Liberty avenue,

J. Olson and others, on the northwesterly side of Newbury street,

Edgar W. Evans and others, on the northerly side of Claremont street between Holland and Mead streets,

Frederick S. Neilon and others, on Cambria street,

W. J. Lamb and others, on Elm street, between St James avenue and Willow avenue,

on the petition of Nels Nelson and others for curbstones and a sidewalk on the southerly side of Temple street, between Dearby and Sydney streets,

on the petition of Bertha D'Arcy and others, for edgestones and a brick sidewalk at Campbell Park,

and on petitions for brick sidewalks from

Isaac S. Craig and others, on the easterly side of Madison street between School and Sycamore streets,

Mary E. Wingersky and others on both sides of Arthur street,

J. K. Wescott and others, on both sides of Sargent avenue,

Catherine Summers and others, on Wigglesworth street from Pearl street to Bonair street,

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Esther B. Crowell and others, on both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Crowell street,

Jose Balcerona, and others, on both of Joseph street, and

H. S. Aldrich, on Aldrich street,

reported recommending reference to the next Board of Aldermen

Accepted.

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on an order of October 14, granting permission to Charles Drouet to lay a granolithic sidewalk around his new building in Post Office square and authorizing the allowance of $120.00 for the bricks in the old sidewalk around said building, reported that a granolithic sidewalk has been so laid by said Drouet and the sum of $120.00 has been approved in pay roll for the bricks taken by the highway department from the old sidewalk,

on an order of July 8th, to set edgestones in front of the estate of Sidney B. Crombie, No. 9 Bowdoin street, which he shall have deposited with the city treasurer a sum equal to the estimated cost of the edgestones, reported that said Crombie has failed to make such deposit and therefore the edgestones have not been set,

on an order of May 1, to construct brick sidewalks in front of the estates of George H. Ireland, No. 52 School street, and John E. Woodside, James H. Rich, James A. Owens, and John H. Harmon, all on the easterly side of Belmont street, where said parties should have deposited with the city treasurer sums equal to the estimated cost of said sidewalks, respectively, reported that Mess. Owens and Harmon have failed to make such deposits and the construction of a sidewalk in front of Mr. Ireland's estate would necessitate the cutting down of some shade trees and therefore no sidewalks have been constructed at those estates, and that sidewalks have been laid in front of the estates of Mess. Woodside and Rich, they having made the required deposits with the city treasurer.

on the petition of E. F. Munroe and others, for the removal of the tracks of the West End Street Railway Company in Dover street, and for the

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repairing of the street and sidewalks, reported that the tracks have been removed by the railway company and the street has been repaired,

on an order of July 16, to pave Summer street on the northeasterly side from Bow street to the paving already laid near Putnam street, reported that such paving has not been laid as it was found inexpedient.

on an order of Order of October 14, to consider the advisability of constructing street crossings across Highland avenue, between Central and Cedar streets, reported that it would be well to lay such crossings, but the appropriation is insufficient to warrant the necessary expenditure this year,

on petitions for crossings, from E. S. Sparrow and others for one on Elm street, opposite the branch post office at #1 Medina Building, and Rev. George S. Anderson and others, for one across Highland avenue near Conwell street, and an order of June 16, to construct a crossing across Highland avenue opposite the First Unitarian Church, reported that crossings have been laid as prayed for and as recorded,

on petitions for brick sidewalks, from A. R. Carvill, in Highland avenue and Walnut street, Henry C. Smalley and others in Bond street, and Joseph J. Stockdon and others in Auburn avenue, on orders of Oct 14, Oct 28, and Nov 11, for brick sidewalks in front of the estates of Fred W. Cole on Auburn avenue, Blaney and Robinson on Medford street at the corner of Norwood avenue, Rufus R. Wade, William B. Parazina, Walter A. Eames, J. P. Snow, Lucretia A. Carr and Sarah J. Eastman in Chandler street, and Robert Duddy, Henry C. Smalley, Abram P. Downs and Herman Baker on Bond street, and on orders of July 8, and Oct 14, to change the location of a driveway in front of the estate owned by T. B. Edgerly at 222 and 224 Medford street, and to construct a driveway in front of the estate of W. S. Glidden on Sycamore street, reported that sidewalks and driveways have been constructed as prayed for and as ordered, the owners of the estates having first deposited with the city treas-

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was sums of money equal to the cost of the driveways and of the bricks and edgestones used in the sidewalks,

on the petitions of Edward Cox for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of the Pitman estate on Central street and for the repairing of a driveway at No. 36 Central street, and on orders of July 8, Aug. 11, and Oct. 28, for the construction of driveways in front of the estates of Josiah Cass at No. 101 Wallace st, L. Frank Arnold at No. 51 Row street, Samuel Hunt Jr. at No. 26 Tufts st, and the moving of a driveway in front of the estate of William Bryant at No. 79 Webster avenue, reported that as the said owners have failed to deposit the requisite sums of money with the city treasurer, the work has not been done,

on an order of February 12, for the purchase of field and ledge stone and sand, reported that field and ledge stone have been published during the year at a cost of $3681.43 and sand at a cost of $372.00,

on an order of February 26, to purchase not exceeding twelve horses for the use of the department, reported that eleven horses have been purchased at a cost of $1490.00,

on an order of February 12, to sell the manure at the city stable for the year to J. H. Russell of Winchester at the rate of three dollars per horse, reported that the manure has been sold as authorized for the sum of $9000;

on an order of Sept. 29, to repair the elevator belt and buckets at the crusher at Holland street bridge, reported that such repairs have been made by Messrs Holmes and Blanchard for the sum of $175.00;

on an order of April 22, to place on all buildings not already provided with numbers suitable figures to designate the proper numbers, reported that figures have been purchased and placed on buildings as ordered, at a cost of $348.84,

on an order of May 1, to see that the names of streets are conspicuously placed on each corner throughout the city, reported that street signs have been placed at the corner of several streets at a cost of $48.85,

on the petitions for the acceptance (laying out) of streets from,

Wilbert S. Bartlett and others - Alpine st, from the end of the

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former Alpine street to Lawrence street, and Princeton street from Alpine street to Lowell street,

Joseph F. Wilson and others, Alpine street, from the present Alpine street, to Lowell street, near Woodbine street, Alpine street, from Cedar street, to the new extension of Alpine st, Princeton street, from Alpine street, across Lowell street to Central street, and Lowell street, from Highland ave to the Lowell Railroad,

William Sweeney and others, Winchester street,

Herbert P. Nickerson and others, Edmands street, from Broadway to Boair street,

A. Hager and others, extension of Edmands street, about eighty feet to Bonair street,

petitions for street crossings from

Harry W. P. Colson, one on the easterly side of Belmont street across the end of Spring Hill Terrace,

Robert Luce and others, one on Highland avenue, between Walnut street and Vinal avenue, and Fred J. Henthall and others for a street crossing on Elm street, across Willow avenue,

petitions for brick sidewalks from

John Beaudet, on Chester and Cross streets,

J. F. Henry, in front of his estate on Oxford street,

Agnes O. Toole and Bridget Adcock, in front of Nos. 203 & 205 Highland ave

the petition of Walter Burton and others, for edgestones in front of their estates on Oxford street,

the petition of T. W. Spencer and others that Dickinson and Leon streets be covered with broken stone and rolled with the steam road roller,

the petition of A. M. Averill and others, that Willow avenue between Elm street and Highland avenue be graded and macadamized and that the sidewalk be curbed,

and the petition of William Mittelstadt and others for the repairing of Lawrence and Wilton streets,

reported leave to withdraw,

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council, Dec 9, Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of — Reports ✓

Charles G. Burbank and others, for a crossing on Highland avenue at the westerly side of Hamlet street,

Patrick McNamara and others, for crossings on Dane street,

Howard D. Moore and others, for crossings across Kenwood, Summit and William street, at their junctions with Elm street,

Silas S. Cummings and others, for street crossings on Holland street, at the junctions of Irving and Thorndike streets,

Henry W. P. Coleon, for a street crossing on the southerly side of Highland ave at Spring Hill Terrace

E. S. Weeks and others, for street crossings at Medford street at the corner of Tennyson street,

W. J. Lamb and others, for street crossings on Elm street, Willow avenue and St. James avenue,

William Wilkins and others, that Water and South streets be put in condition for public travel,

F. S. Hutchins and others, that Knapp street be graded and macadamized and for brick sidewalks and edgestones therein,

Robert K. Jones and others for brick sidewalks on the north side of Montrose street, from School street to Sycamore street,

William Ezin and others for edgestones and gravel sidewalks on Newbern and Morrison streets,

William P. Hogg and others, that Hudson street be macadamized from Sowell street to Cedar street,

Joseph A. White and others, that Hudson street, from Sowell street to Cedar street, be graded and macadamized,

Francis A. Teele, for the reconstruction of a driveway at Holland street,

George W. Hatch and others, that Partridge ave, from Medford street to Broadway be graded,

J. A. Durell and others, that the grade of Partridge avenue be changed to conform to plan between Medford street and Broadway,

and an order of February 26th authorizing said committee to consider the expediency of constructing a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street,

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recommended reference to the next City Council.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec 9 Reference recommended.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to engage a suitable hall in which to inaugurate the city government of the year 1897, the expense incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous account, and the said committee to inform the board of the hall so engaged, at the next meeting of the board.
Read twice and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor Dec 11.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase new furniture and carpets for the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council chambers in the City Hall at a cost not exceeding two thousand dollars, - $2000 -; the amount so expended to be charged to City Hall Improvement account. The said committee is also hereby authorized to dispose of such old furniture in the City Hall as they may deem advisable, the amount so received to be credited to City Hall Improvement account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Presented to the Mayor Dec 10.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Public Property be, and hereby is instructed to re-contract the present Telephone System in the City Hall in order to accommodate the various departments, - the expense of said change to be borne by the Telephone Company.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 9 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Dec 10.

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The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, — Reports ✓

on the petitions of William N. Young and others, for an incandescent lamp on Pinckney street, opposite Wheeler street and Charles H. Crane and others for an arc light on Perkins street opposite Florence street, reported that lights have been placed in the locations named, under authority of orders of the city council,

on orders of Aug. 14, 1895, May 1, June 5, Aug. 18, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11, reported that arc lights had been placed on Medford street, near the foot of the steps leading from the rear of Central Hill Park to the Winter Hill depot,

on Glen street, opposite Dell street,

at the head of Granite street,

at the corner of Grant and Derby street,

on Porter street opposite Craver street,

on Laurel street street at the corner of Park place,

on Jenny Lind avenue, about 200 feet from Broadway,

on Highland avenue, at the corner of Tower street,

on Perkins street, opposite Florence street,

and that incandescent lights have been placed

at the corner of Pinckney and Wheeler streets,

on Boston avenue, between the Medford line and Alewife Brook,

at the upper end of Williams Court,

at the foot of North Union street,

on the southeasterly side of Harvard street, between Beach street and Elm place,

on Shawmut place,

and on Murray street,

on petitions for street lights from,

Ernest J. Cambridge and others (arc) on Avon st. near Central st.

Robert Adams and others (arc) on Clarke street,

John F. Ayer and S. C. Lawrence (arc) on Walter street,

C. H. Renway and others and Charles F. Collett and others (arc) corner Fremont and Meacham streets,

Frank B. Gilley and others, at foot of Pinckney st.

Henry W. P. Coleen (arc) on Spring Hill Terrace,

T. L. Connor and others, (arc) on Cutter ave.

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H. E. Cutter and others, at corner Cutter ave & Hawthorne streets,
J. D. Dunbar and others, (arc) on Mystic ave, near Boston line,
Philip J. Fitzpatrick and others (arc) on Houghton street opposite Bolton street,
Edmund H. Gooding and others (arc) on Boston st. opposite passageway in rear of Charles G. Pope school,
Margaret Gordon and others (arc) corner Mystic ave and Grant streets,
Geo W. Hadley and others, cor Cross street and Cross st place,
F. E. Hanson and others, corner Porter and Francis streets,
N. H. Harwood and others, corner Willow avenue and Forbes st.
Wm P. Hogg and others, on Hudson street, near Cedar street,
Albert Keefe and others, on Kensington avenue,
Wm J. Kelley, lights on East Albion and Fremont streets,
W. Frank Kenney and others, on Loring street,
Howard Lowell and others, (arc) on Gilman street,
Wm H. O'Brien and others on Partridge avenue midway between Broadway and Medford street,
Mary A. E. Richardson and others, at each end of Cutter ave,
A. A. Shaw and others (arc) on Broadway at the foot of Billingham street,
Peter J. Smith and others (arc) on Prospect street near Houghton street,
John L. H. Snow and others, on Pearl Terrace,
Amelia F. Stevens and others, (lights) on Moreland street,
Fred F. Stockwell and others, on Kidder avenue,
T. Tighe & sons and others, (arc) on Water street,
C. A. Travis and others, on Trull street,
Charles H. Young and others, (arc) on Gilman street,
reported leave to withdraw

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 9. Accepted in concurrence

Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order,

Ordered,

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it

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hereby is, authorized to locate one electric lights, as follows,

One at the corner of New Church street and Church street place

One at the corner of Beacham and Tremont streets, and

One on Riverside avenue, midway between Elm and Brownson streets,

the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 9. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec 11

The Committee on Soldiers' Relief, on an order of October 26th, to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving and distribute them to needy soldiers and sailors of the late war residing in our city, reported that turkeys had been purchased and distributed as authorized at a cost of $435.36. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 9. Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to make the following transfers, to wit,

From Fire Department, Fire Stations Ward One, account to Fire Department Fire Stations Ward Four, account, the sum of six hundred eighty nine and 54/100 dollars ($ 689.54).

From School house Ward Four account, to Fire Department, Fire Stations Ward Four, account the sum of one thousand dollars ($ 1000.)

From Watering Streets account to Fire Department account the sum of two thousand dollars ($ 2000).

From Sidewalks account to Highways account the sum of three hundred forty nine and 75/100 dollars ($ 349.75)

From Interest account to School Contingent account the sum of four thousand dollars ($ 4000), and

From Interest account to Miscellaneous account the sum of three thousand dollars ($ 3000)

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote, Aldermen Moore, Wright, Pratt, Chandler, and Huntley, 5 - voting in the affirmative, Aldermen Jones, Kenny and Andrews - 3, voting in the negative. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council Dec 9, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Dec 10

Request — Received from the Common Council a request from the City Auditor that all boards and Committees having the expenditure of money would forward their pay rolls not later than December 24th

In Common Council Dec 9 Read and sent up for information.
In Board of Aldermen Dec 9 Read for information.

Order — Received from the Common Council, the following order.

Ordered:

That the Committee on Highways be and it hereby is requested to have the accumulations of mud removed from the pavements of Somerville avenue between Union Square and Park street.

(signed) Fred H. Carr,

In Common Council Dec 9 Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen Dec 9, Reference concurred in.

Adjourned.

Attest

George A. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on papers calling for the recounting of votes, and to transact any other business that might come before the board, all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, December 15, 1896, 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Received a petition from Wm F. Phillips, for licence to give three lectures in Odd Fellows Hall, Winter Hill, Monday evening, December 21st and Tuesday afternoon and evening December 22nd, recommended by the Chief of Police. Licence granted. — Petition ✓

Received a communication from the City Clerk transmitting a statement which was filed with him December 11, 1896, signed by John S. Nichols and fourteen other qualified voters of Ward Four, in which statement it is alleged that the said qualified voters have reason to believe that the records or copies of records made by the election officers of the several precincts, namely, precincts one, two, three and four, in said ward, of the election held therein December 8th 1896, are erroneous in that the ballots cast at said election, in each and all of said precincts for councilmen were not by the election officers of said precincts correctly counted and that the number thereof was not correctly stated in the records or returns of said election made by said election officers. — Communication from City Clerk with statement from John S. Nichols requiring recount of votes for Councilmen cast in Ward 4. ✓

Read for information.

Alderman Jones offered the following order. — Order ✓

Upon the statement filed with the City Clerk, December 11, 1896, signed by John S. Nichols and fourteen other qualified voters of Ward No Four in this city, to the effect that the said qualified voters have reason to believe that the records or copies of records made by the election officers of the several precincts, namely, precincts one, two, three and four in said ward of the election held therein December 8th 1896 are erroneous in that the ballots — Registrars of Voters recount votes cast for Common Councilmen in Ward 4.

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cast at said election in each and all of said precincts for councilmen were not by the election officers of said precincts, correctly counted, and the number of said ballots was not correctly stated in the records or copies of records made by the election officers of the several precincts aforesaid, - it is hereby

Ordered, -

That the board of registrars of voters be and is hereby instructed to open the envelopes or boxes containing the ballots cast in each of the said several precincts of said ward no four at the said election, and to determine the questions raised by said statement, which statement together with this order and the envelopes or boxes containing said ballots, is to be transmitted by the city clerk to the said board of registrars of voters.

Adopted.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Chandler it was voted that when the board adjourns it adjourns until Friday sept the 15th inst, at 7½ O'clock

Adjourned.

Attest.

George A Vincent Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, December 18, 1896, 7.30 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.
Records approved.

Received the following message from His Honor, the Mayor, — Message from Mayor vetoing order

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office
December 17th 1896.

To the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen,-

I feel obliged to withhold my approval of the order adopted by your Honorable Board on the 9th day of the present month, by which order the superintendent of streets was directed to cut down and remove two horse-chestnut trees, one standing in front of the estate No 45 Jenny Lind Avenue, and one standing in front of the estate No 46 Jenny Lind Avenue, also an elm tree on the southerly side of Central Street 172 feet from Broadway.

It is too late for me to object to the cutting down of the horse-chestnut tree on the northwesterly side of Jenny Lind Avenue, as it has already been destroyed by lopping off all the large branches, so that little more than a stump remains. I have no objection to the removal of the unsightly remnant, but it might be well to inquire by what authority a beautiful shade tree was thus mutilated and destroyed.

I believe it is unnecessary to cut down the other horse-chestnut tree referred to in the order. The chief beauty of Jenny Lind Avenue is found in its shade trees, and I cannot see in what way anyone will be injured, either in his person or property, by allowing this tree to stand. Some of the dwellers upon the street complain of too much shade in summer, and attribute the dampness of their houses to this cause. Near the point where the two horse-chestnut trees stand I found three dwarfed and unshapely trees growing in front yards, with their branches in contact with the houses. If these scraggly trees should be removed, I think there would be no necessity for cut-

ting down the truly ornamental trees standing in the street.

The tree on the southerly side of Central street referred to in the order, is a half-grown elm, apparently thrifty and of unusual symmetry and beauty. The destruction of such a tree ought not to be tolerated except for the best of reasons. It was suggested by the highway committee that this tree would obstruct a twenty-foot court which the owners of adjoining lands had intended to lay out. I find, upon inquiry, that there is no certainty of the construction of the court, and for the present at least there is no necessity for the removal of the tree. Even if the court should be laid out, it is doubtful if this tree would prove an obstruction.

I would respectfully urge upon your Honorable Board the importance of giving careful attention to the petitions which are presented for the cutting down of shade trees in our streets. It is not safe to order the removal of trees without personal investigation of the circumstances of each case. We ought not only to encourage the setting out of trees in our streets, but we ought also to care for and preserve them after they have become an ornament to the city.

It is said that Napoleon deflected his great military road across the Simplon to save an ancient cypress. We ought not to be in haste to cut down our beautiful elms at the first suggestion of the laying out of a narrow court or alley.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor.

Read for information.

Order — The order for the removal of two horse chestnut trees, one in front of No. 45 and one in front of No. 46 Jenny Lind avenue, also for the removal of an elm tree on the southerly side of Central street 172 feet from Broadway, which order was adopted by this Board December 9th, was, on the reading of the foregoing veto message from the mayor, reconsidered and its adoption lost by yeas and nay vote, all the members - 8 - voting in the negative.

Message from Mayer vetoing order — Received the following message from the Mayor.

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office,

December 17th, 1896.

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To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen,

I return herewith, with my objections, an order which originated in your Honorable Board, authorizing the committee on public property to purchase new furniture and carpets for the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council chambers in the City Hall at a cost not exceeding two thousand dollars," and to dispose of such old furniture in the City Hall as they may deem advisable.

My first objection to the order is based upon the fact that no provision has yet been made for meeting the expense which would necessarily be incurred in carrying out the order. I do not see how lawful contracts can be made for the expenditure of the money in advance of any appropriation for the purpose.

Still further, it seems to me that an expenditure of two thousand dollars at this time for the purchase of new furniture for the two council chambers is inexpedient and uncalled for. With the exception of the carpets, which are somewhat worn and soiled and ought to be replaced at an early date, I believe the furniture now in the rooms serves all practical needs. While I should be glad to see our boards of city government occupying beautifully furnished rooms, I cannot help feeling that other departments stand in far greater need of the money which would be expended in carrying out the order. We ought certainly to make provision for real necessities before we authorize larger disbursements for mere luxuries. The desks, settees, and chairs now in use, while not of the latest designs, are nevertheless in very good condition, and well adapted to the uses to which they are put.

A commission has been appointed to revise the city charter. In case the commissioners should report in favor of a city council consisting of a single board, and such a charter should be finally adopted, it would be only wrong to have one council chamber. It would seem to be the part of wisdom to delay furnishing the two council chambers anew until final action upon the charter has been taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read for information

The order for the purchase of new carpets and furniture for the may- Under

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or and Aldermen and Common Council chambers in the City Hall, and to dispose of old furniture in said building, which order was adopted by this board and by the common council December 9, was on the reading of the foregoing veto message from the mayor, reconsidered, and its adoption was lost by a yea and nay vote, all the members - 8 - voting in the negative.

Petitions

Received petitions - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee, - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors.

Chester A. Bailey,	1 Alpine st	aged 13
Isadore L. Hayes,	16 Sheehan st	" 12
Corey J. Hetherington,	16 Elm st	" 13
Roy H. Hetherington,	16 Elm st	" 12
Francis J. Wrenn,	35 Houghton st	" 14

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Petitions

Received petitions from

James Courtney for a license for a dramatic entertainment in Bacon Hall, Dec 17.

Michael J. Joyce for a license for a foot ball game on the Y. M. C. A. Grounds Dec 15.

both recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor and licenses issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licenses approved.

Petition

Received a petition for Wm. F. Phillips for licenses for the delivery of four lectures in Odd Fellows Hall, Winter Hill, on the afternoons and evenings of Sunday and Monday, Dec 27 and 28,

recommended by the Chief of Police for Monday afternoon and evening only.

On motion of Alderman Moore it was voted that licenses be granted as prayed for.

Petition

Received a petition from Fred W. Jackman for permission to erect and use a one horse power hot-air engine to supply power for a printing

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press in the basement of the premises No 368 Somerville Avenue.

Referred to next Board of Aldermen.

Received a petition from T. F. Gray, for a brick sidewalk with edgestone, on the westerly side of Walnut Street in front of the block recently erected at the southeasterly corner of Park and Walnut streets, the cost of the bricks and edgestones used to be paid by the petitioner. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 23, References concurred in.

Received a petition from John Haynes and others, for a street light for Bowdoin street near to and south of Summer street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 23, References concurred in.

Received a petition from the Hesperian Club, - for such action as will forever preserve and secure for the public use as a park the remaining vacant land on the summit of Prospect Hill, — Petition ✓

for the taking of steps towards the improvement of the City Farm as a playground.

that trees be planted on the main streets at the city's expense,

and that existing trees be properly protected by wire shields,

that no more licenses be granted for larger stables in residential neighborhoods,

that additional waste barrels be placed in the squares and other convenient places,

that attention be given to the widening and extension of streets where possible,

that the old dismantled gas lamp-posts be removed,

that more attention be given to making the schoolyards attractive,

that new street signs be provided in place of those which have been lost,

and that grass plots be located in the public squares.

Part concerning stables read for information. Petitions concerning waste barrels, streets and street signs, referred to Committee on Highways, part concerning lamp posts to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, and remainder to Committee on Public Grounds, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 23 References concurred in.

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Notice of Claim

Received a notice of claim from Albert Wilkinson by his attorney, Freeman Hunt, for damages on account of injuries received (dislocation of collar bone, injuries to arm and shoulder, and other injuries), at about 9½ o'clock in the evening of November 17, 1896, on the northerly side of Broadway street in front of premises No. 39, at a point about four feet from the edge of the sidewalk and about one foot from the walk leading to the side door of said premises, the cause of said injuries being a projecting water pipe or hydrant that extended about one inch and a half above the said face of said sidewalk (filed with the City Clerk December 11.)

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, December 28, Reference concurred in.

Report of City Elections

The Committee on Elections and Returns presented the following report.

To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville,

The Committee on Elections and Returns having examined the returns of votes cast in the several voting precincts of the city at the election held therein December 8th inst, together with the certificate of the registrars of votes of the accounts of the votes cast for common councilmen in each of the several voting precincts of wards one four, at said election, and having compared said returns and certificate with the city clerk's record thereof on pages 156 to 167 inclusive, of volume 1 of the Record of Elections of the city of Somerville, reports that the said returns and certificate are in due form and the said record agrees therewith, that the said returns and the said record thereof have been altered and amended by the city clerk, without erasure, in accordance with said certificate of accounts, and that as the result of said election, as appears by said amended returns and record, officers of the city for the ensuing municipal year have been elected as follows,

Mayor

Albert A. Perry,

Aldermen from Ward One

S. Herbert Huntley — Josiah N. Pratt

Aldermen from Ward Two

William M. Irving — George E. Whitaker

Aldermen from Ward Three

James M. Andrews, — Andrew A. Lamont

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Aldermen from Ward Four

William H. Berry — John N. Ball

Common Councilmen from Ward One

Frank R. Burrows — S. Edgar Timson

F. De Witt Stapham — Orice M. Gracey

Common Councilmen from Ward Two

James W. Kenney — Arthur D. Osborne

John W. Macdonald — William E. Robinson

Common Councilmen from Ward Three

Arthur W. Berry — Marcus M. Raymond

Howard Sewell — Francis M. Wilson

Common Councilmen from Ward Four

Fred M. Carr — Albert S. Reed

Silas S. Cummings — Isaac M. Story

Members of the School Committee for three years

from Ward 1 — Sanford Hanscom

" " 2 — James F. Beard

" " 3 — George W. W. Whiting

" " 4 — Martin W. Carr

J. A. Pratt, W. H. Berry } Committee on Elections

Accepted.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order declaring result of City Election ✓

Ordered:

That the result of the election held in this city December 8th inst, be and it is hereby declared to be as shown on pages 156 to 167 inclusive, of volume 1, of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville, and as stated in the report of the Committee on Elections made this day.

Adopted.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order notify City Government elect to assemble for organization ✓

Ordered:

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the mayor-elect, the aldermen-elect and the common councilmen-elect to assemble at Union Union Hall on Bow-st, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of

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Monday January 4th, 1897, to organize the city government for the ensuing municipal year.

Adopted.

Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order

Ordered:-

That the city clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to make publication of Ordinance No. 64 entitled "An Ordinance to amend chapter seventeen, entitled "Fire Department", of the Revised Ordinances of 1891" in one issue of the Somerville Journal, and of Ordinance No. 65 entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor", in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, agreeably to the provisions of section 3 of Chapter One of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the expense incurred to be to Printing and Stationery Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Dec 28, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Dec 24

Adjourned.

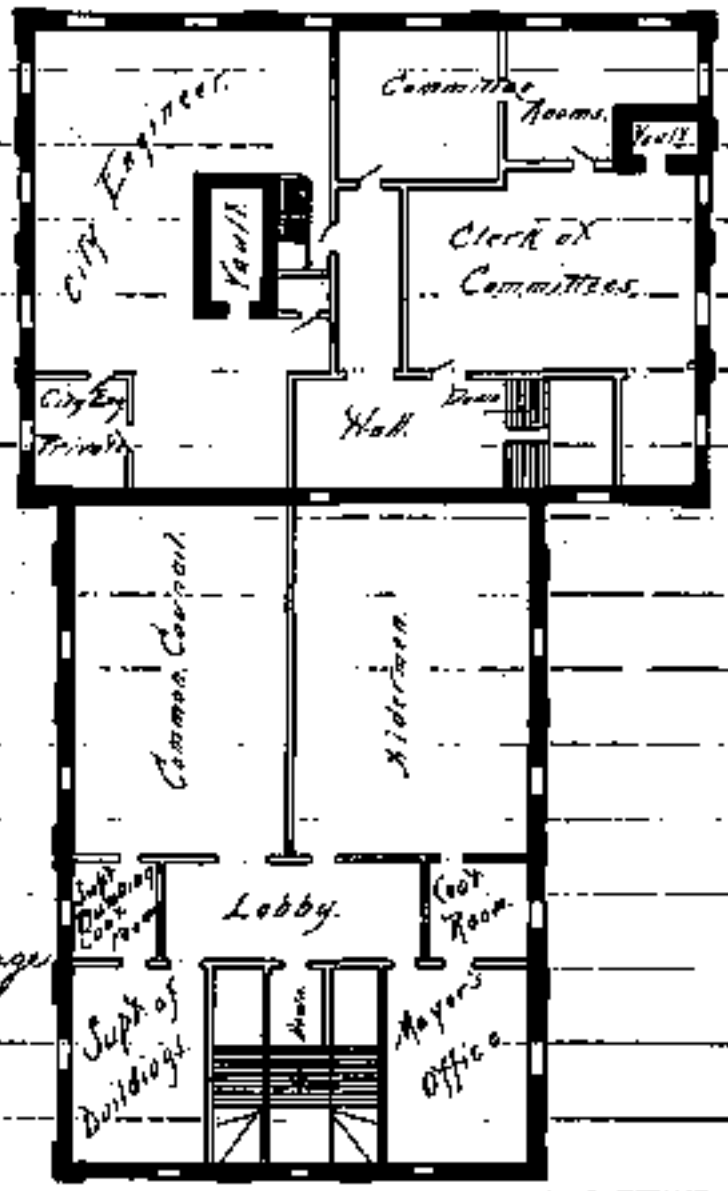
Attest:

George S. Vincent Clerk

Plans attached to order recorded on pages 539, and adopted by order recorded on page 561

Plan
First Floor
City Hall
Somerville

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
B. W. BAILEY
City Engineer
SOMERVILLE, MASS.



Plan
Second Floor
City Hall
Somerville

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
B. W. BAILEY
City Engineer
SOMERVILLE, MASS.

Corrections in red made in pursuance of order recorded on page 561

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, December 23, 1896 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Brown, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved

Reports

Received the reports of the City Charter Commission - a majority and two minority reports - as follows, -

To His Honor the Mayor
and the Honorable the City Council.

The undersigned appointed by an order passed by the City Council of the City of Somerville, a Commission to consider the desirability of changes in the City Charter, beg leave to report,

That, after listening to the views expressed to them by His Honor the Mayor, the members of the City Council, and such citizens as chose to come before them at the public hearings that were given, and by written communications, and giving such consideration and study to the subject as was possible within the limited time given to us, we deem it for the future interests of the City that a new charter should be granted by the Legislature embracing the propositions in the following "Abstract" herewith submitted. It was not possible within the time prescribed in your order for a complete charter to be drawn with that care which a document of such importance demands. We thought that, instead of asking for further time, it was our duty to present the conclusions that we have come to in this form, thinking that, if they met with the approval of the City Council, the drafting of a charter could be referred to some competent person or persons, who would put the same into proper shape to present to the Legislature.

The outline which we recommend will be seen to differ radically from our present charter.

We think it to be of the utmost importance that a new division of the City into a larger number of wards should be made, and that to a single Board should be intrusted the legislative powers of the city.

Experience has shown that where the unit of political organization is small the people take a deeper interest in public affairs and can best select agents who shall execute their will. As a rule, small towns are better governed

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than large towns, and small cities than large cities. For more than a quarter of a century Somerville has been divided into four wards, and with a population now three times as large as when she became a city, the inconvenience and disadvantages of so large a unit of organization have become very marked and apparent.

It is confidently believed that a new division of the city into a larger number of wards will not only awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the City, but it will at the same time enable the voters more conveniently and better to express their will in the choice of their representatives. Such action, too, would tend to obliterate a certain sectionalism that has always been apparent in the workings of the city government and give to it that unity which is so essential to the general welfare.

The next important change which is contained in our recommendations is that the City Council should consist of a single Board.

Our city charters were first drawn upon a principle analogous to the State Constitution. There is, in fact, but slight analogy between a city and state government. The analogy is much closer between a city and business corporations. Big charters have been granted since 1857 which embody the principles we recommend, and the experience of those whose duties have called upon them to consider especially the subject has been such that they almost unanimously approve and recommend it.

We have recommended the placing of the executive power of the city in the hands of a commission of three persons, of which the Mayor of the City for the time being would be the Chairman, in the belief that the business affairs of the city would be more economically and efficiently performed than under the present system. It would bring the various departments under a single head, and compel them all to work in harmony and co-operation, the one with the other.

The most novel and striking feature in the charter formed under the accompanying abstract would be the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal purposes, within our limits. No such legislation has ever been enacted in Massachusetts, nor in any other state of which we are aware. Yet we can see no objection to it in principle. The Commonwealth allows each town and city to decide the question yearly whether licenses shall be granted or not, and we can see no good reason why she would not permit a city, by popular vote, on the acceptance or rejection of a new charter, to pass

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upon the question whether prohibition of a great moral evil within its limits should not have that permanency which can only be obtained by having it made a part of our organic law.

Regretting that for want of time we are unable to present a more finished piece of work, we still think that the skeleton draft which we submit embraces the true theory upon which our charter should be drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Bruce,

Selwyn J. Bowman,

John S. Hayes

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Believing that the sale of wines and liquors can be thoroughly well regulated under existing statutes and regarding what is purely a police regulation as unnecessary in a city charter, I dissent from the part only of the above report which provides for absolutely prohibiting that proper issue of licenses.

William E. Weld.

Abstract of Proposed City Charter.

I.

The administration of the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs of the city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in a mayor and one council to be called the Board of Aldermen.

II.

The city shall be divided into nine wards, such division to be made by the City Council by concurrent vote, and new divisions may be subsequently made under the general law relating thereto. The wards shall contain, as nearly as may be consistent with well defined limits to each ward, an equal number of voters in each ward.

III.

The Board of Aldermen shall be composed of twenty-seven members, three members, who shall at the time of their election be residents of the wards respectively in which they are elected, to be selected from each ward. Two of the members from each ward shall be elected by and from the voters of such ward, and one of such members shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be elected annually

V.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy, if it shall occur in the first nine months of the municipal year, shall be filled by an election by the voters of the city, but if such vacancy shall occur in the last three months of the municipal year, it shall be filled by an election by the Board of Aldermen, the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board to be necessary for a choice.

VI.

In case of the inability of the Mayor from absence or any other cause to perform the duties of his office, the President of the Board of Aldermen shall, until such inability shall be removed, under the style of Acting Mayor, exercise the powers and perform the duties of Mayor, except that he shall not, unless authorized thereto in a special instance by the Board of Aldermen and in case of exigency requiring an immediate appointment or removal, make any permanent appointment or removal, and shall not, unless such disability of the Mayor has continued at least ten days or unless the office of Mayor has become vacant, have power to approve or disapprove any ordinance, order, resolution, or vote of the Board of Aldermen.

VII.

The Mayor shall preside in the Board of Aldermen, and shall have the right to speak upon all matters under consideration by the Board, but shall have no right to vote. The Board of Aldermen shall elect a President thereof, who shall preside in the absence of the Mayor.

VIII.

A majority of the Board of Aldermen shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no member thereof shall receive any compensation for his services. The City Clerk shall be Clerk of the Board.

IX.

The municipal year shall begin on the first Monday of January in each year.

X.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city, and the executive powers of the city shall be vested in him and be exercised by

have either personally or through the several officers and boards in their respective departments, under his general supervision and control.

XI.

The Board of Aldermen shall annually, as soon after their organization as may be convenient, elect by ballot a Treasurer who shall be collector of Taxes, a city clerk, a city solicitor, a city auditor, and a city messenger.

XII.

The Mayor shall have exclusive power to appoint a superintendent of streets, a city physician, a constable or constables, a chief engineer of the fire department and other members thereof, a chief of police, and all other police and all other officers of the city whose election or appointment is not provided for in this charter, and to remove at pleasure, such appointments and removals, however, to be subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor may appoint special police officers for service during times of riot and disorder, and at any time a suitable person or persons to examine, without notice, the books and accounts of any department, officer or employee of the city. The members of the police and fire departments shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of, and until removed by, the Mayor with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, or until their offices or places are otherwise vacated, but all other of said offices shall be appointed annually.

XIII.

The board of assessors of taxes shall consist of one principal assessor, who shall be chairman of the board, and four assistant assessors. The Mayor shall, as soon after the organization of the Board of Aldermen under this charter as may be convenient, appoint such principal assessor for three years, and such four assistant assessors, two for one year and two for two years, and thereafter shall annually appoint two persons as assistant assessors to hold their office for the term of two years respectively, and at the end of each third year shall appoint a principal assessor to hold his office for the term of three years respectively. All such appointments shall be subject to confirmation or rejection by the Board of Aldermen.

XIV.

The school committee shall consist of eighteen members, two to be elected from each ward. At the first municipal election held under this charter there shall be elected in each ward two members of the school committee, one for two years,

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and one for one years, and thereafter at each municipal election there shall be elected one member for the term of three years.

XV

The board of trustees of the public library shall consist of nine members, one-third to be elected each year for a term of three years by the Board of Aldermen.

XVI

There shall be a board, called Commissioners of Public Works, which shall consist of the Mayor, who shall be chairman of the Board, and two other persons. The two members of such board, other than the Mayor, shall be appointed annually by the Mayor, subject to confirmation or rejection by the Board of Aldermen, and such members may be by the Mayor with the consent of the Board of Aldermen removed, whenever in his opinion the public good may require. Said board shall have charge of the construction, care, and maintenance of highways and streets with all the powers of surveyors of highways, of the construction and maintenance of main drains and common sewers, of the construction, care, and superintendence of public buildings, of the construction, custody, and management of public grounds, parks, and works, of the engineering department of the city, and said board shall perform the duties and have the powers of the board of health and of the overseers of the poor and of the Mystic Water Board of the city. All purchases for the various departments of the city, except school supplies for the school department and books and stationery for the public library, shall be made by said board. Said board shall keep a record of its official acts and proceedings. The powers vested in said board shall be exercised by the members thereof or through the several officers of the city in their respective departments under the general supervision and control of said board.

XVII

The Board of Aldermen shall, subject to the approval of the Mayor, have exclusive authority and power to lay out any new street or highway, and order the making of specific repairs thereon, to order the construction of sidewalks and of sewers and to take land therefor, to order the construction of public works and buildings, to authorize the purchase or taking of land for public parks or other public uses, and to make appropriations. No expenditure shall be made by the Commissioners of Public Works or other officers of the city, unless the appropriations therefor have first been made by the Board of Aldermen. All votes of the Board of Aldermen making appropriations

ordinances of money shall be in itemized form and shall show the specific objects for which the appropriations are made. The Mayor shall have the power of veto, as now provided by statute, of action of the Board of Aldermen.

XVIII.

The Mayor shall, as often as once in each month, call together for consultation upon affairs of the city the Commissioners of Public Works and the heads of departments, who shall, whenever called upon, furnish such information relative to their respective departments as he may request.

XIX.

There shall be a board to be called the Board of Estimates, to consist of the Mayor and the other two Commissioners of Public Works and the City Treasurer, which board shall, as early in the year as practicable, cause to be made detailed estimates of the amounts deemed by them necessary for the respective departments of the city for the financial year, and shall transmit such estimates to the Board of Aldermen recommending appropriations for each department or purpose as such Board of Estimates shall deem necessary therefor.

XX.

No sums appropriated for a specific purpose shall be expended for any other purpose, and no expenditure shall be made and no liability incurred by or in behalf of the city, until the Board of Aldermen has duly voted an appropriation sufficient to meet such expenditure or liability, and by authority of the Board of Aldermen first obtained, except that after the expiration of the financial year and before the making of the regular annual appropriations, liabilities payable out of a regular appropriation may be incurred or payments made to an amount not exceeding one-sixth of the total of the appropriation made for similar purposes in the preceding year.

XXI.

The several administrative offices, having charge of departments, which are under the charge of the Commissioners of Public Works, shall, within their respective departments and subject at all times to the direction and control of the Commissioners of Public Works, appoint and employ and discharge all subordinate officers, clerks, assistants, and laborers in their respective departments, and in general the several administrative boards and

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officers having charge of such departments shall, subject to the direction and control of the Commissioners of Public Works, within their respective departments have the immediate direction and control of all executive and administrative business; and they shall at all times be accountable for the proper discharge of their duties to the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the city. All contracts made in behalf of the city in which the amount involved exceeds three hundred dollars shall, in order to be valid, require the signature of the Mayor.

XXII.

Every administrative board through its chairman and every officer having charge of a department shall, at the request of the Board of Aldermen, appear before it and give such information as it may require in relation to any matter, act or thing connecting with the discharge of the duties of such board or office; and when so requested to appear, the officer who appears shall have the right to speak upon all matters then under consideration relating to his department.

XXIII.

The Mayor shall have the sole power to sign, seal, execute, and deliver in behalf of the city, deeds and leases of land sold or leased by the city, and other deeds, agreements, contracts, leases, indentures, and assurances on behalf of the city.

XXIV.

No licence shall be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city, except licenses to druggists and apothecaries to sell liquors for mechanical, medicinal, and chemical purposes only.

Minority Report. Minority Report

To The Honorable City Council of Somerville

Gentlemen,-

I join with the majority of the Charter Commission in their recommendations, with the exception of the following.

1st A division of the City into 9 wards.

2nd The City Council to consist of one Board

and the changes made necessary if such recommendations were adopted.

I recommend that there be no change from our present Charter provision for 4 Wards. Also that the City Council consist of the Mayor and two

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branches as now constituted.

I believe that no change should be made unless it can plainly be shown to be a benefit to our City.

Our City Government under its present construction, has a record that our Citizens can be proud of; the character of its members has insured an honest and faithful discharge of Public Trust, and although not free from mistakes, it has I believe in ability stood second to none in our State.

Our Ward lines are familiar to our Citizens, and a change would for a long time be confusing, and would necessitate the changing of books and of familiar plans in the departments. The Assessors books, the Treasurers books and accounts, the maps and plans in the Engineering department, the fire alarm boxes in the Fire department are some of the well established plans in the different departments, that are arranged on the 4 Ward system. Ward lines are closely followed in our school districts, and the change into 9 wards would carry with it the election of members of the School Board for a ~~term~~ of 2 years & terms, the present system of electing them for 3 years (which is a Statute law) in my opinion is the best method, long experience is required for selecting the best teachers, and maintaining the present high standing of our schools.

It is with pleasure we now point to the fact that educators are regarding our schools as models for those wishing the best results from a free public school system, this point has been reached after years of careful thought by our school boards and assistants, why now change the system? The change into 9 wards will also necessitate a large expenditure of money. I believe it much better to let the wards remain as they now are and have been since we became a city.

The recommendation of my associates in their plan for one board of having 1/3 of the board elected by a vote of the whole city, will give strength and character to those so selected, it is my judgment that electing the others in 4 large districts, will bring to our City Council better men, those electing them in small districts as a division into 9 wards would.

The one board plan is as yet experimental, our Public Statutes are based upon the theory of 2 branches, following the plan of our National and State Governments, and should not be departed from in City Government, unless it can be conclusively shown that better results will be attained.

My personal experience leads me to feel that in the system of two

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boards, one is a check on the other, and needless expenditure and unwise suggestions have been stopped by the careful consideration of two separate boards.

I beg leave to report that in the other recommendations of the majority of the Commission I heartily concur.

Seen F. S. Davis.

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Referred to next City Council. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council December 23, Referred to next City Council in concurrence.

Received a petition from John McGuey, Jr. 20 Holton street, for a license to collect junk. — Petition ✓

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received a petition from the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company for permission to lay a railroad track across Medford street, along side of the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad, for the purpose of connecting the tracks of said company with the tracks of the North Packing and Provision Company, the paving and all other necessary work to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Highways, and at the company's expense. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from the Somerville Electric Light Company for locations for three poles in Burnside avenue, and two in New Church street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from Carroll Doubleday, representing that he is the owner of a parcel of land on the northwesterly side of School street, bounded S.W.ly by land now or late of Noyes, Hubbard and Dalton, 1-36 and 93/100 feet; N.W.ly by land of Crafts 48 17/100 feet; N.E.ly by land now or late of Tufts, 138 10/100 feet; and S.E.ly by said School street 48 7/100 feet; that the N.E.ly part of said land was conveyed by the Town of Somerville to Oliver Tufts by deed dated April 1855, and recorded Book 725, Page 126, subject to the condition "that said rangeway shall be forever closed as an open way," that the object and necessity of such condition has long since been accomplished and satisfied and that said condition — Petition ✓ release land School street

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is a detriment to the market value of the land and praying that the city will modify and release said conditions so far as it is applicable to the petitioner's land.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Dec 23, Read for information.

Notice

Received notice of an action of Tort brought by Albert Wilkinson, of Somerville, before the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of February next, to the damages of said plaintiff, as he says, the sum of Five thousand Dollars.

Placed in hands of the City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 23 Placed in hands of City Solicitor, in concurrence.

Report results of voting of Liquor Licenses question

The Committee on Elections, in addition to its report of December 18, upon the result of the elections held in the several voting precincts of the city on the 8th inst., reported that the result of the voting at said elections, upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city," was as follows,—

Whole number of Yes votes, 1466

Whole number of No votes, 3680

Accepted.

Order declaring results of voting on Liquor Licenses question

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,—

That the result of the voting in this city, on the 8th inst., upon the question,—"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city," be and it hereby is, declared to be as stated in the report of the committee on elections made this day and as shown on pages 166 and 167 of volume 1 of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Order

Alderman Moore offered the following order

Ordered,—

That the licenses granted by this board to Tyler E. Carpenter, to sell newspapers, be and the same is hereby revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and licenses.

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Adopted.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, — Reports ✓

on the petition of Charles H. Norton, that no permit be granted to Mr. Carleton to erect a stable on Gorham street, reported that as no petition has been received by the board of aldermen from Mr. Carleton, no action is necessary;

on the petition of Frank A. Teele, for a license to keep seven horses in a stable on Brooks street, West Somerville, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Amelia Bell for a license to project the coving of a one-story building on land adjoining No. 136 Pearl street, twelve inches over the sidewalk, reported an order;

on the petition of Andrew R. and Stephen R. Lewis for permission for projections over sidewalks at the junction of Holland and Winter streets, reported leave to withdraw;

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows: — Order ✓

Ordered:

That permission be, and is hereby granted to Amelia Bell, to build and maintain projections over the sidewalk, as follows,

on land adjoining No. 136 Pearl street, the coving of a one story building, said coving to project over the sidewalk twelve inches.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, reported that sewers in the Tannery Brook District, established by an order dated May 21, 1896, have been constructed under orders of October 14, 1896, as follows, — Report ✓

in Cameron avenue, from Seven Pines avenue northeasterly 532 feet, by contract with Richard Falvey, 532 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 2 manholes and 23.5 cubic yards of rock excavation;

in Elmwood street, from the Tannery Brook Sewer southwesterly 165 feet and northeasterly 634.46 feet, by contract with H. A. Hanson & Co. 634.6 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 2 manholes;

in Glendale avenue, from Yorktown street southeasterly 834.1 feet, by contract

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with Richard Falvey, 334.1 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 1 manhole,
in Jay street, from Howard street northwesterly 326.9 feet, by contract with H. A. Hanscom & Co. 326.9 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, 221.5 feet of 5 and 6 inch underdrains, with 1 manhole,
in Malvern avenue, from Yorktown street southeasterly 333.5 feet, by contract with Richard Falvey, 333.5 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 1 manhole,
in Thorndike street, from Howard street southwesterly 104 feet and northeasterly 145 feet, by contract with H. A. Hanscom & Co., 251.20 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 1 manhole,
in Yorktown street, from the Cambridge City line northeasterly 367.82 feet, by contract with Richard Falvey, 367.82 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 3 manholes and 19 cubic yards of rock excavation,
and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sewers in

Hanscom avenue,
Elmwood street,
Glendale avenue,
Jay street,
Malvern avenue,
Thorndike street,
and
Yorktown street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 281 to 284, 285 to 288, 289 to 292, 293 to 296, 297 to 300, 301 to 304, and 325 to 328, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways,-

on an order of October 14, to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of Francis H. Connor at 92 Flint street, when the said Connor shall have deposited with the city treasurer the sum of $17.00, as the approximate cost of said sidewalk, reported that such sidewalk had been constructed as authorized,

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on an order of July 22 to construct driveways in front of the estates owned by Joseph S. Gilman at 38 Preston street and George F. Hughes at 217 Highland ave, where they should have deposited with the city treasurer the sums, respectively, of ten dollars and fifteen dollars, as the approximate cost of such driveways, reported that a driveway as authorized had been contracted for Mr. Gilman but none for Mr. Hughes, as the latter could not agree with the committee upon the manner of construction.

on the petition of Quincy A. Vinal, Trustee, for an opening in the sidewalk at a proposed passageway on the easterly side of Central street and Broadway, reported leave to withdraw.

on an order dated September 28th authorizing an expenditure not to exceed $250.00 for the placing of windows in the basement of the new city stables and for other minor improvements in said building, reported that such windows and improvements have been made at a cost of $209.93.

on the communication from S. K. Hentworth, complaining on behalf of owners of land in the vicinity that the steam and dust arising from the city's stone crusher on Holland street tend to prevent the sale of said land, reported that after a hearing to Mr. Hentworth arrangements were made whereby the cause for complaint was removed.

on an order dated December 9, (not passed, but referred to said committee), requesting the committee to have the accommodation of mud removed from the paved portion of Somerville avenue between Union Square and Park street, reported that the street had been scraped and the mud removed.

on the petition of the Mayor of Malden that the Wellington Bridge be put in proper condition for public travel, reported that as the said bridge is maintained by the City of Medford, which makes all repairs, charging one-half of the cost to this city, it is not practicable for this city to take any action on said petition.

on petitions of Heirs of Jonathan Stone for a change in the grade of Stone avenue near Union Square.

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John L. Nichols and others and Wm. E. Wild and others for an iron bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street.
Thomas F. Devine and others, for a crossing on Beacon street from Museum street to Kent street.
Martha A. Thomson for a change in location of driveway at No. 240 School street.
recommended reference to the next City Council.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 23 Accepted in concurrence.

Orders — Resolves and orders for the laying out of
Park street
and
Sun street
as recorded respectively on pages 324 to 328, and 340 to 344, inclusive of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were
Read twice, and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 23 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 24.

Order — Alderman Chandler offered an order providing that on the expiration of present policies no buildings of the city shall be reinsured except the English and Latin High Schools, the Public Library, the City Hall and the City Stables.
Adoption lost.

Report — The Committee of Conference appointed to consider the point of disagreement between the two branches of the city council under an order of December 3rd, assigning rooms in the enlarged city hall for the use of various boards and officers of the city — said point of disagreement being the disposition to be made of the room heretofore used as a coat room by the members of the common council — reported recommending that the plans attached to said order be amended, in regard to, by designating the said room as a coat room, it being understood that the common council will grant to the Inspector of Plumbing the privilege of placing and using a chair

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and a small table in said coat room

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council December 23, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the City Engineer and he hereby is, instructed to amend the plans attached to the orders of December 5th assigning rooms in the enlarged City Hall for the use of the various boards and officers of the city by changing, in red ink, the designation of the small room adjoining the Common Council chamber from "Inspector of Plumbing" to "Coat Room"

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Dec 23, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Dec 26

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That rooms in the enlarged city hall be, and they hereby are assigned for use by the several boards and officers of the city, as indicated by the two plans amended in red ink as directed by an order of this date and attached to an order, on the same subject, presented in the board of aldermen December 3rd, 1896, and the said boards and officers are hereby authorized and directed to move the departments under their charge to the apartments hereby assigned to them, as soon as said apartments are made ready for occupancy.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Dec 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Dec 24

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to have cut on the lime-stone panel over the front entrance to the City Hall, the words "City Hall,- the expense so incurred not to exceed fifty dollars and to be charged to City Hall Improvement account

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Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Dec 24

Order

Alderman Chandler offered the following order
Ordered,-
That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to place tile beams across the ceiling of the City Block adjoining the City Hall to take the place of the present iron columns now used for further support of the said ceiling, the amount so expended not to exceed $200.00 and to be charged to City Hall Improvement account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Dec 23 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Dec 24.

Report

The Committee on Tools and Street Lights,-
on an order of June 24, to purchase of L L Smith, such fuel as might be required for the various schoolhouses and other public buildings, reported that fuel has been purchased as authorized by said order and at the prices named therein;
on an order of June 5, to purchase a horse and harness for the use of the Superintendent of Electric Sewer and Lights, reported that such purchase had been made at a cost of $175.00;
on an order of February 12 for the removal of any of the street gas lamp posts and the sale of such of said posts as may be in the possession of the city, reported that such posts have been removed as the committee deemed advisable and posts have been sold to the Globe Gas Light Co. for the sum of $ 21.40;
on the petition of Henry A. J. Knight and others for the removal of a gas-post near 64 Magnolia street, reported that said post has been removed.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 26, Accepted in concurrence.

Report

The Committee on Printing, on an order of November 11, to procure two thousand copies of Ordinance No 63, entitled An Ordinance for

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the Regulation of Plumbing, reported that 2,000 copies of the ordinance have been procured of the Citizen Publishing Co. at a cost of $18.75

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 28, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, on notices of claims for damages on account of personal injuries received by falling in streets, from — Report ✓

Ursella Johnson, on Cedar street, May 28, 1894.
George E. Brenner, on Hanson street, November 24, 1894.
Thomas McDonough, on Franklin street, January 29, 1895.
John McDonough, on Summit avenue, January 29, 1895.
Mary A. Storey, on Highland avenue, February 15, 1895.
Frank P. Downing, on Washington street, March 22, 1895.
John Elston, on Dickinson street, September 23, 1895.
George Lincoln, on Highland avenue, October 12, 1895.
John W. G. Pitcher, on Beacon street, November 16, 1895.
Edward A. Herbert, on Mystic avenue, August 15, 1896.

and on notices of claims for damage from

James A. McKim for injuries to horse, on Heath street, January 11, 1895.
Joseph D. Brown for injuries to wagon, on Oak street, November 24, 1894.
and Foster S. Barstow, for injuries to horse and wagon on Clarkest, October 13, 1896.

reported no action deemed necessary.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 28, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, on notices of claims on account of personal injuries received on streets, from — Report ✓

Louis Edgcomb, on Washington street, November 5, 1894.
Sarah E. Woods, on Boston street, January 2, 1895.
Esther E. Bailey on Mt. Vernon street, December 29, 1894.
John Ducey, on Medford street, January 29, 1895.
Mitchell E. Doherty, on Washington street, November 5, 1895.
S. A. Gage, on Chester street, December 11, 1895.
Bridget Conway, on Dane street, February 6, 1896.
Charlotte A. Ricker, on Roseland street, February 23, 1896.
Rose A. Morrison, on Cameron avenue, March 9, 1896.

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Ida M. Wiley, on Flint street, April 16, 1896.
John Stone, on Highland avenue, May 7, 1896.
Mary W. Knowles, on Franklin street, July 28, 1896.
Samantha A. Kufer, on Bow street, October 16, 1896.
Charles G. Davis, on Beacon street, November 10, 1896,
and on notices of claims for damages from
Edward Courtney, for drowning of his child in Wyatt Pit, June 21, 1895.
W. B. Gale, on account of defective street.
Harry B. Wiley, for injuries to wife and damage to wagon on Flint st. April 16 1896.
George H. Woods, for damage to premises Clarendon avenue by laying of sewer with manhole therein,
and N. J. Penney, for damage to horse and wagon on Cedar street, Nov. 26, 1896,
recommended reference to next city council.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec. 23, Accepted in concurrence.

Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Printing be, and is hereby instructed, to procure one hundred copies of the reports of the City Charter Commission, as presented this evening; the expense so incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery Account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Dec. 24

Order

Alderman Wright offered the following order.
Ordered,
That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to change the location of the incandescent electric lamp now located on New Church Street to a point on Vine Street, about 300 feet southerly from Somerville Avenue, the expense so incurred to be charged to Street Lights account.
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 23 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Approved by the Mayor Dec. 24

Received the following report — Report ✓

City of Somerville,

Joint Special Committee on Street Railway Accommodations,

December 19, 1896.

To the City Council of Somerville,

Your committee, who were directed by an order dated February 12th, 1896, to take into consideration so much of the Mayor's communication of the same date to the City Council as related to street railway accommodations in this city, and to take such action with reference to the Mayor's recommendations upon that subject as said committee should seem proper, have attended to the duty assigned them, and would report as follows.

Agreeably to the directions of said order, your committee invited four citizens — one having been selected from each ward of the city — to aid them in their doings and deliberations. The citizens thus chosen by your committee were Dr. Horace B. White of Ward 1, Mr. J. Frank Wellington of Ward 2, Mr. William Carney of Ward 3, and Mr. Edmund S. Spaulding of Ward 4, and we take pleasure in bearing testimony to the wise counsel and valuable assistance which we received from these gentlemen.

Your committee met soon after their appointment and decided, after careful consideration of the question, that it was their duty to present to the officers of the West End Street Railway Company the claims of our citizens for better street car accommodations. It seemed specially important that the corporation should be requested to run a larger number of cars on some of its lines during the hours of greatest travel, and that a system of transfers should be adopted to enable our citizens to go from one part of Somerville to another, and to different points on the company's various routes, without payment of double fares.

A little later your committee held a conference with the President and superintendent of the West End Road and urged the claims of our city for the above-mentioned improvements in the street car service. We were assured by the officers of the corporation that new lines between Somerville and Boston were soon to be opened which would greatly relieve the now crowding of the cars during the morning and evening hours, and that arrangements

were being made for establishing a free transfer station at Charlestown Neck.

The assurances thus given by the officials of the West End Road have been, in part at least, carried out. Highland avenue has been double tracked throughout its entire length, and a short and convenient line, by way of East Cambridge, has been opened up between Somerville and Boston. A free transfer station has been established at Charlestown Neck which gives to our citizens a much better and cheaper service than they have before enjoyed.

By means of the transfer checks given out at this station, our people are able to go from one part of the city to another, and to reach many points in Boston and the various suburban districts, by payment of a single fare. The transfer station also furnishes partial relief from the over-crowding of cars, which has been a fruitful cause of complaint for many years. Formerly, a passenger returning from Boston to his home in Somerville was compelled to take a car running to the part of the city in which he chanced to reside, and very frequently was unable to obtain a seat until he had gotten within the limits of our city. Under the present transfer system he can make use of any car that runs as far as Charlestown Neck, and is generally able, by submitting to a few minutes' delay, to select a car in which a seat can be found. At the Neck, he is transferred, without extra charge, to the cars running to the different parts of our own city.

Your committee are pleased to commend the efforts already made by the West End Road to improve the street railway service in our city, but we would strongly urge that still further improvements are necessary, and should be granted by the Corporation.

The principal reason assigned by the Corporation for not giving better accommodations during the hours of heaviest traffic is, that it is impracticable if not impossible to run more cars through the business centres of Boston, and we recognize the force of this objection. We do believe, however, that a considerable number of extra cars might be run during the morning and evening hours from Adams and Park Squares, greatly to the relief of hundreds of people who are now compelled to ride to and from their work or business in a standing position, closely wedged into ill-ventilated cars.

When the Boston subway is completed and in operation, we trust that the managers of the railroad will no longer point to the congested condition of Washington and Tremont Streets as an argument against the running of more cars.

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We would recommend that steps be taken by the next City Council - either by renewed appeals to the West End Railroad, or by a petition to the General Court for compulsory legislation - to require the Corporation to extend its system of free transfers, and that still further efforts be made to secure more cars during the busy hours of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Howard D. Moore,

John Hannewell,

Geo. E. Whitaker,

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, December 23, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Chandler offered the following order. — Order

Ordered:

That His Honor, the Mayor, be and he hereby is authorized and requested to execute in behalf of the city, a contract with The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the term ending January 1, 1898, for the rental of eight telephones, with a switch board in the city hall, at the rate of Four hundred and ninety dollars per annum, the amount expended under said contract to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 23, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 24.

Alderman Moore offered the following order. — Order

Ordered: — Mayor execute release to Carroll Doubleday

That, referring to the petition of Carroll Doubleday, this day presented to the City Council, for the release by the City of a certain condition in deed of certain land on School street, the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to seal with the corporate seal of the City and sign, acknowledge, and deliver, in the name and behalf of the City, the instrument of release of said condition, which is presented with said petition.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 23, Adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor Dec. 24, 1896.

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Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
called to transact any business that might come
before the board - all the members having been duly
by notified in writing -
City Hall, Somerville, December 31, 1896 - 8 P. M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Moore, Wright, Jones, Pratt, Chandler, Huntley, Berry and Andrews present.

Records approved.

Received the annual report of the Inspector of Milk and Vinegar. Annual Report.
for the year 1896.

Referred to next City Council, to be printed in the Annual Reports. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Reference to next City Council to be printed in the Annual Reports, in concurrence.

Received a petition for a license to carry liquors in the streets, from Petition.
Charles H. Kimball, 33 Otis street,

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received communication from John H. Berry of 112 Holland street, Communication.
Worcester, Mass, conveying the information that petitions to the Legislature, have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for a one cent fare on all street railways and a five cent fare on all steam railroads within the Commonwealth, regardless of distance, and requesting a vote of the City Council in aid of both petitions.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Read for information.

The Committee on Licenses, - Report.
on the petitions of Wm F. Hollis, for a license to keep one billiard table and one pool table in addition to the three pool tables for which he now has a license at his pool room No. 524 Medford street
Elmer H. Freeman for a license as a common victualler at No.

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139 A Cross street, - and Augustine Belgarno and Isabella F. Belgarno for a license to play a piano organ in the streets of this city, reported orders,

on the remonstrance of James Murphy and others, against granting a license to Carl Weitz for a sausage factory on South street, reported as Carl Weitz has not applied for such license, no action is necessary;

on the petitions of Philip J. Fitzpatrick for a license as an Undertaker, and Paul Epstein for a license to keep pool and billiard tables at No. 53 Holland street, reported reference to next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

Orders. The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows.

Ordered.

That a license be and is hereby granted to William F. Mills to keep one billiard table, and one pool table, in addition to the three pool tables for which he now holds a license at his pool room No. 524 Medford street, when he shall have paid for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for the extra pool table, and two dollars for the billiard table, said license to expire May 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Ordered.

That a license be, and is hereby granted to Elmer W. Freeman as a common victualler, at No. 139 A Cross street, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes, said license to expire May 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Ordered.

That a license be, and is hereby granted to Augustine and Isabella F. Belgarno to play a piano organ in the streets of this city, when they shall have first deposited with the City Clerk, for the use of the City, the sum of fifty cents each, said license shall expire May 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Adopted.

Reports. The Committee on Sewers,

in pursuance of orders of June 24 and July 1, reported the construction of a sewer in Cottage Circle, from the sewer in Cottage avenue S.W. ly, by contract

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with T. C. Conner, consisting of 90.2 feet of 6 inch pipe sewer with 1 chimney, at a cost of $24.92, the total cost having been paid by the petitioner, the said T. C. Conner,

in pursuance of orders of June 26 and October 14, reported that sewers in the Tannery Brook District, established by an order dated May 21, 1896, have been constructed as follows,-

in Gorham street, from Howard street northeasterly, by contract with H. S. Hanscom & Co, 569.6 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 3 manholes, and

in Seven Pines avenue, across Cameron avenue, in private lands, in Howard street, across Thorndike street, again in private lands, in Holland street and Davis square, from the Cambridge City line to a point in Davis square nearly opposite Day street, by contract with A. W. Bryne Construction Co, 222.8 feet of storm water drain, constructed of concrete bottom and side walls, covered with brick arches supported by steel I beams, of a uniform height of 4 feet and varying in width from 7 feet to 4 feet 4 inches, and with 9 manholes, and on either side of said storm water drain a common sewer, extending from the Cambridge City Line to a point near the Arlington branch of the B. & L. R. R., consisting of 777 feet of 12 inch, 462 feet of 10 inch and 1411 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 14 manholes,-

and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited,

in pursuance of orders of Nov 24, and Dec 9, reported that sewers have been constructed as follows,-

in private lands and College avenue, from the Medford City Line westerly 421.5 feet to College avenue and in College avenue southerly 424 feet to Broadway, by contract with the A. W. Bryne Construction Co, 421.5 feet of 10 inch and 424 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 902.5 feet of 6 inch underdrain and 4 manholes, at a cost of $1248.97, and

in passageway off Broadway, and extending from Broadway, west of Wilson avenue, southwesterly 221.1 feet, by contract with W. F. Cunningham, 221.1 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 1 chimney, at a cost of $213.49,

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and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited,

in pursuance of an order of March 25, for the connecting of the sewers of the city with the sewers of the Metropolitan system in such manner as the city engineer, with the advice of the consulting engineer, might determine, at the following named points,-

junction of Waverly and Roland streets

North Union street

junction of Winthrop and Mystic avenues

junction of Poplar street and Somerville avenue

reported that such connections had been made,

on petitions of S. C. Little and others for a catch basin in Hudson street, and Joseph A. White and others, for two catch basins on the south side of Hudson street, reported that catch basins have been constructed as prayed for,

on the petition of Helen A. Bennett for a catch basin or catch basins in Summer street sufficient to dispose of the surface water, reported that such catch basins as were deemed necessary have been constructed in said street,

on the petition of E. F. Chaffee and others for immediate action to remedy the inadequacy of the Cross street sewer, reported that no action can be taken in the matter until a relief storm drain has been constructed,

on the petition of Nathan C. Cray and others, that the sewer in Summer street, between Church and Bow streets, be made of greater capacity to relieve the property between said points from back flowage to cellars, reported that the sewer has been relieved by causing some of the storm water from the said sewer to flow through School street, Church street and Quincy street into the Somerville avenue sewer,

on an order of May 1, authorizing the purchase of drain pipe during the year of any of the persons by whom proposals were submitted and at prices not to exceed those named in said proposals presented in said committee's report of May 1, reported that drain pipe has been purchased as authorized,

on an order of June 26, to construct main drains or common sewers and also

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a main drain for the purpose of disposing of and conducting away storm waters in Cambridge, from the dividing line between Cambridge and Somerville to and in Blacendon avenue, reported that sewers and a storm water drain have been constructed as authorized by said order,

on an order of September 29, to construct a sewer from the southerly line of Poplar street about 1250 feet southerly along Somerville avenue, and also another sewer from the Swan and Weir chambers, as shown on plan, to Hedford street, and in said street to make connections with present sewers, also to make whatever changes in, or work or construction in regard to, the drainage of the premises of the J. P. Squire Company, and the North Packing and Provision Company and the New England Wood, Meat and Wool Company or either of them, they, the said committee, should deem necessary, and to make any agreement that they should deem advisable in regard thereto with said companies or either of them, the expense incurred to be charged to Sewer Construction account, - reported that the sewers have been constructed and connections made, and agreements between the said companies and the city of Somerville have been executed and placed on record, all as authorized by said order,

on the petitions of James S. Mawson for extension of sewer in Sycamore street, and the petitions of Wm. F. Shaw and others for a catch basin in White street place, reported leave to withdraw,

on petitions for sewers, from William Hakunti in Lowell street, from the present sewer to Summer street, - Chas. Burgin and others, in Westminster street, - Asa Burgin and others in Electric avenue, - John Fenton and others, in Endicott avenue, - Summer Robinson and others, in Raymond avenue, - and petitions for catch basins, from J. G. Hayward and others in Window street, - West Somerville Board of Trade, in Davis square, between the Railroad Crossing and Dover street, - Sears Bonsdit and others, in Berkeley street, and the corner of Berkeley street, - Alexander Mawson and others on the southerly side of Newton street, - Charles H. Jenkinson and others, in Ele-

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ton street - W. J. Lamb and others, at the southeast corner of Elm street, and St. James avenue, - and Patrick McNamara and others, in Dane street, - reported reference to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

Assessments

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing reports, with warrants and orders for their collection for sewers in

Gorham street,

Seven Pines avenue, across Cameron avenue, in private lands, in Howard street, across Thorndike street, and again in private lands,

Passageway off Broadway, west of Wilson avenue,

Private Lands and College avenue,

are recorded respectively on pages 229 to 232, 233 to 236, 237 to 240, and 241 to 244, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Record of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and were

Adopted.

Reports

The Committee on Highways,

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for pole locations in Burnside avenue, - three poles, and New Church street, - two poles, reported an order

on the petition of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, for permission to lay a track across Medford street, along side of the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad, for the purposes of connecting their track with the track of the North Packing and Provision Company, reported reference to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

Order

Acceptance & Agreement filed Jan. 22-1897

The order accompanying the foregoing report, granting pole locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company in Burnside avenue and New Church street, is recorded on page 119 of volume 1, of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways and Moving Buildings, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, and was

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Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, —

That the plans prepared by the City Engineer and presented to this board this evening, for the re-numbering of the following streets, to wit, Orchard street, from the Cambridge Line east of Russell street to Meacham street, and Russell street, from Elm street to the Cambridge Line, both dated December 31st 1896, be, and they are hereby adopted, and the numbers thereon are hereby designated in blue, as the proper numbers to be affixed to the several buildings on said streets respectively, and the City Engineer is hereby directed to inform the owners of property in said streets, what are the proper numbers to be affixed to their respective buildings, in accordance with said plans, and in compliance with section 5 of Ordinance No. 15

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, — Report ✓

on an order of May 1, to construct a shed on the City Farm at a cost not to exceed $2,000.00, said shed to be used for the storage of the Highway and Water Carts, reported that the shed had been erected at a cost of $119.80,

on the petition of Alvin M. Knight and others, that Mystic avenue, from the Charlestown line to Austin st, be repaired, and an order of Sept 10, instructing this committee to repair Mystic avenue from the Charlestown line to Austin street, and to consider and report to the city council as to the necessity and expense of putting the avenue in repair from Austin street to the Medford Line, reported that the avenue has been put in good repair from the Charlestown line to Austin street and from the Medford line to Temple street, and that the portion of said avenue lying between Austin street and Temple street has been somewhat improved, all at a cost of $2957.63,

on the petitions of F. H. Gray for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones on the easterly side of Walnut street at the southeast corner of Pearl street, and

the Heptorean Club for additional waste barrels in the square and other convenient places and for new street signs in place of those which have been lost,

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reported reference to the next city council

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 31, Accepted in concurrence

Orders

Resolves and orders for the laying out of

Electric Avenue,

and

Westminster street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 332 to 336 and 348 to 352, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Record of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, since

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 31, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor January 1, 1897

Reports

The Committee on Public Property, reported that,

under an order of December 9, Union Hall had been engaged, in which to inaugurate the city government of 1897,

under an order of December 3, to take proper care of and report some suitable disposition to be made of the Freestone tablet recently removed from the front wall of the city hall and inscribed "Free High School, A.D. M.DCCCLI," the matter has been placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings;

under an order of Oct 14, additional furniture and steps have been provided at the Jacob T. Gliner school at a cost of $1944.32;

under an order of June 10, furniture and fittings have been provided for the William H. Hodgkins school and the lot graded, but it was deemed inexpedient to fence the lot at present;

under an order of Oct 28, arrangements have been made with the contractor to provide a suitable foundation for the schoolhouse now being erected at the corner of Webster and Rush streets;

on recommendations of the School Committee and an order of July 8, the Manual Training department of the English High School has been fully equipped at a cost of $6843.78;

on requests of the School Committee for the erection of a four room schoolhouse

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at the northeast corner of the City Farm and for the securing of a suitable site for a schoolhouse in the westerly part of Ward Three, in the judgment of the committee it is inexpedient to take any action;

on an order of June (referred not passed), all new men employed by the day in the department have been paid weekly;

on an order of August 27, a steel lined vault with doors and two other fire proof vault doors have been provided at the city hall, by the Damon Safe and Iron Works, under contract, for the sum of $1856.00;

on an order of August 27, a small fire proof door for the upper part of the City Engineer's vault, has been ordered to cost not more than $100.00;

on an order of Dec. 23, the Superintendent of Public Building has been directed to have steel beams placed under the ceiling of the City Clerk's office in place of the present iron columns;

on an order of Nov. 11, the matter of providing additional windows in the city clerk's office has been placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings;

on an order of Dec. 9, a contract has been made with the Telephone Company to reconstruct, at its own expense the telephone system in the city hall;

on an order of Dec. 9, the matter of the words City Hall cut in the panel over the front entrance of the city hall has been placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Public Property.- Report ✓

on recommendations of the School Committee 1.- for a 12-room schoolhouse on the Beach street lot enlarged or at the corner of Somerville avenue and Beach street, 2.- for the purchase of land either on Central street between Willoughby street and Highland avenue, or on Hudson street, between Dowell street, and Benton avenue, 3.- for a 12-room schoolhouse at the corner of Central and Willoughby streets.-

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on petition of Company M, 8th Regt. H. V. M. for improved quarters.
and on orders of June 12, Oct. 28, and Dec. 3, respectively, to consider the purchasing of land in the vicinity of Washington and Calvin streets as a site for a four room schoolhouse to take the place of the present Harvard School.
authorizing the sale of the old buggy formerly used by the City Messenger, - authorizing the purchase of furniture and fittings for the city hall, and authorizing, if deemed expedient, the suspension during the cold season of work on the schoolhouse in process of of erection at the corner of Webster and Rush streets.
reported reference to the next City Council.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Public Grounds, reported that,
on an order of Nov. 24 granite steps have been purchased and set on walks around the city hall at a cost of $100.00,
on an order of Oct. 14, asphalt walks have been constructed around the city hall, a flight of steps from one of said walks to School street, in rear of the city hall, has been constructed and the steps in Central Hill Park, at the corner of Medford and Walnut streets, have been repaired, - all at a cost of $811.79,
on an order of Dec. 3, a hand rail has been constructed on the walk on Central Hill Park leading from the Latin school to the Medford street entrance to said park, at a cost of $211.40,
on an order of Dec. 3, bulbs have been purchased for the beds in Central Hill Park at a cost of $160.35,
on an order of Nov. 24, the committee has communicated with Congressman S. W. McCall, and through his courtesy the Bureau of Ordnance has placed at the disposal of the city one hundred eleven-inch projectiles, which under said order are to be placed on Central Hill Park,
on an order of Oct. 14, a hydrant has been placed on Broadway Park, near the pond at a cost of $48.03.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

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The Committee on Fire Department reported that — Reports ✓

on petitions of W. J. Leach and others, and John Haigh and others, fire-alarm boxes have been placed on Summer street at the corner of Willow avenue, and on Central street at the corner of Summer street,

on an order of Nov 11, 8113.1 square feet of land have been purchased at the corner of Holland and Newbury streets as the site for a Fire Department station, at a cost of $24.33.93 and the taxes for the year 1896 amounting to $30.27 in addition,

on an order of Jan 22, hose has been purchased during the year, as required,

on an order of July 1, and Aug 18, three horses have been purchased for the sum of $450.00, and one horse has been sold for $25.00,

on an order of June 5, a horse has been purchased for the use of the Chief Engineer, for the sum of $150.00,

on an order of June 5, the team owned by the Assistant Engineer has been kept at the city's expense, at the new Fire Station in Ward Cove, at the corner of Broadway and Cross street.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 23. Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That under the provisions of section 1 of Ordinance No. 64, it be and hereby is determined that one relief driver be permanently employed in the Fire Department, such relief driver to be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, on nomination of the chief engineer, in accordance with the laws and ordinances governing such appointment.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 31, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by Jan 1 - 1897.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights — Report ✓

on orders of Dec 9 and 23, respectively, to change the location of an incandescent light from New Church street to Vine street about 300 feet from Somerville avenue, and to place an arc light at

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the corner of New Church street and Church street place and another on Burnside avenue, midway between Elmwood and Summer streets, reported that the Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights has been instructed to carry out the provisions of said orders,

on the petition of Nicholas Baker for a street light in Bedford street, and Arthur B. Grover and others, for an electric light on Alton street opposite the Prospect Hill station, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petitions of John Byrnes and others, for a street light on Lowell street, recommended reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

The Committee on Printing, on an order of Dec. 23, to procure one hundred copies of the reports of the City Charter Commission, reported that an order has been given to the Citizen Publishing Company to print two hundred copies of said reports.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Accounts reported that,

on an order of Nov. 11, a bill for $1,000.00 has been approved in pay roll of Miscellaneous, from Hartwell & Richardson, in payment of the highest premium awarded in the year 1896, in the competitive presentation of plans for a new city hall,

on an order of Feb. 26, bills to the amount of $197.44 have been approved in pay roll of Miscellaneous, for cleaning at the City Hall and the Public Library Building during the year.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

The Committee on Claims on the notice of Albert Wilkinson, of claim for damages on account of injuries received on Russell street on Nov. 17, recommended reference to the next city council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 31, accepted in concurrence.

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The Committee on Ordinances, on — Report ✓

on communication from the Inspector of Buildings, concerning changes desirable in the Building ordinance

on communication from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts requesting consideration of a draft of an ordinance relating to the placing of wires underground

on order of June 15, to consider the advisability of passing an ordinance to provide that all plans and specifications for the erection or alteration of any building be submitted for inspection to the Inspector of Buildings before being presented to the city council

recommended reference to the next City Council

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence

The joint special committee appointed to confer with the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad, in regard to the opening of a passageway from the Boston and Lowell Railroad across private lands to Varnum street, at a point near Bartlett street, reported that said officials had been waited upon by the committee, but they absolutely refused to consider the matter because they believed such a passageway would prove dangerous in inducing people to cross the railroad at that point. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 31, Accepted in concurrence

Aldermen Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered.

That for the purpose of providing for the payment of the current expenses of the city, a temporary loan, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year be procured, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to one hundred thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the city therefor, payable within one year from the time the note is made.

The said debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the city under

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this order can be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Received its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay vote. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 31, Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay votes in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 31.

✓ Order — Alderman Moore offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to seal with the corporate seal, and execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville the instrument which has just been read of disclaimer of right of entry for breach of a certain condition in a deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Somerville to Oliver Tufts and others, dated April 1855 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 725, Page 126.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 31, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 31.

The following is a copy of the instrument referred to in the foregoing order.

Know all Men By These Presents that,—

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of Somerville made and executed a certain deed to Oliver Tufts and others, dated April, 1855, and recorded with Middlesex (South District) Deeds in Book 725, Page 126, and said deed contained the following condition namely, "meaning hereby to release said rangeway to the owners respectively on condition that said rangeway shall be forever closed as an open way;"

Now, Therefore, the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation and successor of the said Inhabitants of the Town of Somerville, disclaims any right of entry for breach of the said condition and releases the premises in said deed described from any forfeiture for breach of said condition, past or future, so far and as fully and effectually as it is within the legal power of said City of Somerville so to do and without, however, incurring any liability therefor to any person or persons whatsoever.

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In Witness Whereof, the said City of Somerville has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed, acknowledged, and delivered in its name and behalf by Albion A. Perry, its Mayor, this day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Alderman Moore offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to transfer from Overlay and Abatements, account, a sum sufficient to meet the deficiency, should any exist, in the final adjustment of the appropriation accounts for the year 1896.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 31, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan 1, 1897

Alderman Chandler offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That all unfinished business of this city government be and the same is hereby referred to the next city government.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec 31, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan 1 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following resolution — Resolution ✓ Complimentary to the Mayor

Resolved, - That the thanks of this board are due and are hereby cordially extended to Hon Hosea, Albion A. Perry, Mayor of this city, for the able, dignified and courteous manner in which he has presided over our deliberations during the past year.

Resolved,

That we commend, most heartily, the thoroughness, fidelity, and business sagacity with which he has discharged the duties of his responsible office, and the strict impartiality which he has manifested in all his official acts.

Resolved,

That as the municipal year is about to close, we beg to assure him of our personal esteem and extend to him our best wishes for his

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continued happiness and prosperity

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote

Adjourned

Attest

George S Vincent Clerk