City of Somerville,
Union Hall, Row Street
January 4, 1897.

The members-elect of the City Council of 1897, in pursuance of notices issued by the City Clerk as directed by the Board of Aldermen by an order passed December 18, 1896, and in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, assembled, as above, at 10 O'clock, A.M. to inaugurate the City Government of Somerville for the municipal year beginning this day.

Inauguration ✓
City Government
1897

The City Clerk, George I. Vincent, presiding.

Present,- Aldermen-elect Huntley, Pratt, Irving, Whitaker, Andrews, Lamont, Berry and Hall, and Councilmen-elect Sapham, Burrows, Timson, Gracey, Kenney, Macdonald, Osborne, Robinson, Berry, Lowell, Raymond, Wilson, Carr, Cummings, Reed and Story.

Alderman-elect Huntley 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 Huntley and Councilmen-elect Raymond and Robinson, 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 Andrews 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 Andrews and Councilmen-elect Timson and Barr 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, whom they escorted to the platform
√ Prayer	Prayer was then offered by Rev. Charles L. Noyes, pastor of the Winter Hill Congregational Church
√ Record of election of Mayor	The City Clerk read from the records of the Board of Aldermen of date of December 15, 1896, that at the election held December 8, 1896, Albion A. Perry was elected Mayor of the city for the ensuing municipal year
√ Mayor sworn	The oath of office was then administered to the Mayor-elect by Hon. Isaac Story, Justice of the Somerville Police Court, and the said oath was subscribed to by the Mayor-elect and certificate thereof made by the said justice as shown on Book of Oaths, volume 3, page 2, 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,

S. Herbert Hamilton, Josiah A. Pratt,

From Ward Two,

William M. Young, George E. Whitaker,

From Ward Three,

James M. Andrews, Andrew T. Seamont,

From Ward Four,

William H. Berry, John A. Ball,

√ Aldermen sworn	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 on Books of Oaths, volume 3, pages 3, in the city clerk's office

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The City Clerk read from the same record that, at the said election, Common Councilmen of the city were elected for the ensuing municipal year, as follows,	Record of election of Common Councilmen. ✓
From Ward One	
Frank B. Barrows, S. Edgar Timson,	
F. DeWitt Sapham, Orice M. Gracey	
From Ward Two	
James W. Kenney, Arthur D. Osborne,	
John W. Macdonald, William E. Robinson,	
From Ward Three	
Arthur W. Henry, Marcus M. Raymond,	
Howard Sowell, Francis M. Wilson,	
From Ward Four	
Fred M. Carr, Albert S. Reed,	
Silas S. Cummings, Isaac M. Story	
Judge Story then administered the oaths of office to the Common Councilmen-elect and the said oaths were duly subscribed and certified as shown on page 3 of the book of oaths hereinbefore referred to.	Common Councilmen 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	In Board of Aldermen ✓
His Honor Mayor Perry presiding	
Aldermen all present.	
Received the following message from the Common Council, City of Somerville, In Common Council, January 4, 1897.	Message from Common Council Organization ✓
To the Honorable the Mayor	

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	To Board of Aldermen, Gentlemen, I have the honor to inform you that the Common Council have perfected their organization by the choice of F. DeWitt Seaphane President and Charles S. Robertson, Clerk for the ensuing year. Read for information.
√ Order adopting Rules + Orders of Board of Aldermen	Alderman Irving 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	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, 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 Berry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council. In Common Council January 4, Request granted and Councilman Cummings appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.
√ Petition	Received a petition - signed by a parent of the proposed licensee, - that a license to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minor,- Hannah A. Zink, 6 Hanson street, aged 13, approved by the Chief of Police. License granted.
√ Petition	Received a petition from Henry W. Robinson, for a license for a series of lectures and musical entertainments in Guild Hall, Wednesday evenings January 13 + 27, February 10 + 24 and March 10 + 24, approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted.

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In Convention of the City Council — Convention ✓

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen and Councilmen all present

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

Alderman Pratt and Councilmen Burroughs and Berry 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 24
Necessary for choice 13
George S. Vincent has 24

and George S. 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 — Election ✓ Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

Alderman Whitaker and Councilman Reed and Burrows 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 F. Bole, had 24

and John F. 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 certificate thereof made as shown on page 50 of the book of oaths in this record before referred to — City Clerk ✓ Treasurer & Collector of Taxes Clerk of Common Council sworn

Alderman Lamont offered the following resolution — Resolution ✓ granting of Mayor's Address

Resolved,-

That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested

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to furnish the Committee on Printing with a copy of his Inaugural Address for publication.

Read twice and adopted.

✓ Order adopting Joint Rules & Orders

Alderman Hall 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.

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 Pratt it was voted that when the board adjourn it adjourn until Wednesday the 13th inst, at 8 O'clock P.M.

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, January 13, 1897 - 8 P. M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Huntley, Pratt, Irving, Whitaker, Andrews, Dumont, Kenny and Ball present.

Seats were drawn, as follows, the numbers beginning on the Mayor's right — *Drawing for seats* ✓

Number 1. by Aldermen Irving
" 2. " " Ball
" 3. " " Dumont
" 4. " " Pratt
" 5. " " Whitaker
" 6. " " Andrews
" 7. " " Huntley
" 8. " " Kenny

Records read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented and read to the board the following message. — *Message from Mayor on the general municipal situation.* ✓

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen,

It is my agreeable duty to welcome you to this, the first regular meeting of your Board. I believe we are all justified in looking forward to a pleasant and harmonious year, a year of faithful, earnest work in the city's behalf. It was my privilege to be officially associated with four members of this Board during the year 1896 and, during the same term, all of the other members held seats in the Common Council. It will, therefore, fall to my lot to preside over a body of men composed of fact official associates and warm personal friends. You are all familiar with the situation and requirements of the city, all experienced in public affairs. From such a Board, made up of tried and trusted men, our citizens have a right to expect, and I know they will receive, the most intelligent, painstaking, and efficient service.

Notwithstanding I have so recently addressed you at considerable length there are yet many important subjects upon which I should be glad to say a few additional words. I shall, however, refrain from any extended re-

marks on this occasion, for much important business will come before you this evening, and the present session is likely to be a protracted one. You will be called upon to deal with many delicate and difficult questions, — questions as perplexing as any which have ever presented themselves to a Somerville City Council. I am confident that you will give to them the most thoughtful and earnest consideration, and legislate upon them with intelligence and discretion.

In making up the appropriations for the current year, your ingenuity will be sorely tasked in apportioning the sums to be expended for the several departments. At the very start, you are slightly handicapped by a deficit of $18,500, brought forward from last year. Then, too, there is a possibility that you will be required to provide this year for two annual payments on account of the metropolitan sewer system, last year's assessment having been omitted by reason of a mistake on the part of the state authorities. Nearly every department will desire, and ought really to receive, largely increased appropriations. Some of the departments must, of necessity, be more liberally provided for than ever before. The largest increase, as usual, will be demanded for the support of the public schools, and this is an expenditure over which you have no control. It seems probable that not less than $175,000 will be required for the single item of school teachers' salaries. More money will be needed than was expended last year for maintenance of highways, street lights, police, fire department, support of poor, and several other departments. Provision for all of this extra outlay must be made within the twelve dollar tax limit provided by law. It is certain that you will not be able fully to meet the expectations of the people in the way of public improvements.

No less difficult is the problem of deciding upon the appropriations which may be safely made on funded debt account. In dealing with this question, I trust you will exercise great wisdom and prudence. Somerville holds a highly creditable position among the cities of the Commonwealth with respect to the amount of her public debt. This, however, is due more to the excessive indebtedness of other cities than to the modest dimensions of our own obligations. Superficially, it appears that the net funded debt of Somerville is $1,537,000, and yet such a statement is entirely misleading. This sum represents merely those obligations which stand directly in the name of the city, and does not embrace several formidable sums with which the city is chargeable and must ultimately pay. It

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does not include, for example, Somerville's share of the metropolitan sewer debt. This one item alone adds to our funded indebtedness nearly $750.000. Another large sum, which cannot yet be determined with any reasonable accuracy, grows out of the construction of metropolitan parkways and boulevards.

We shall be obliged to bear our share of the cost of the metropolitan water system. It is estimated that this single undertaking will entail an expense of not less than $35.000.000. It may cost much more. You can judge as accurately as myself as to the probable proportion of the expense which will fall to this city. It is true that the indebtedness for water supply stands on a different footing from other forms of debt and we may reasonably hope that the revenue from water rates will fully take care of the interest and sinking fund requirements upon our share of the metropolitan water debt. But the debt itself must be reckoned among the city's liabilities. I should say that $4.750.000 was not an extravagant estimate of the existing obligations of Somerville, including her prospective share of the metropolitan water debt.

In view of the financial condition which I have disclosed, it is of the highest importance that you pursue a conservative policy in making up the appropriations this year on funded debt account. The fact that many other cities and towns in the so-called Metropolitan district are in even worse condition than Somerville furnishes but cold comfort to the taxpayers of this city. The annual interest and sinking fund requirements on the entire body of our indebtedness must be provided for in the annual tax levy, and if we go on in the future adding to our debt as rapidly as in the past we shall soon have a tax rate which will prove burdensome to the city's owners. I mention these facts not in disparagement of Somerville, for, in the matter of public indebtedness, she stands among the most favored cities of the Commonwealth. I simply wish to impress upon your minds, in the very beginning of your official business, the importance of a wise economy in dealing with the great public interests which are entrusted to your hands. It is gratifying to know that there are only six cities in the Commonwealth which have a higher standing than Somerville in the ratio of indebtedness - exclusive of water debt - to valuation. If water debts should be included, I believe her relative standing would be still higher.

Several public measures of great importance, and involving the expen-

dition of large sums of money will come before you for decision early in the present year. The borrowing capacity of the city will permit of the carrying out of some, but not all, of these undertakings. I know you will give careful consideration to each one of them, and select for favorable action such measures of the most pressing urgency and likely to result in the greatest good to the city as a whole. You will not always find it pleasant to vote against measures which your judgment does not approve. Back of these measures stand men whom you respect and whose wishes you would gladly carry out. It is much easier to acquiesce in requests for public improvements than it is to vote against them. But you have a better opportunity than the present citizens to judge of the relative merits of the different measures suggested, as well as of the financial ability of the city to respond to them, and it is your duty to act in obedience to the dictates of your own conscience, rather than in response to the thoughtless importunity of neighbors and friends.

Having thus briefly referred to some of the principal factors in our present financial problem, I will not longer delay the business of the evening. At a later date, I shall direct your attention to several important departments and measures to which I was unable to refer in my late inaugural address.

Respectfully submitted

Albion A. Perry
Mayor

Read for information.

√ Committee on part of Board of Aldermen

His Honor, the mayor, made appointments to committees on the part of the board for the municipal year of 1897, as follows:-

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council

Accounts - Aldermen Huntley and Berry.
City Engineering - Aldermen Berry and Lamont.
Claims - His Honor the Mayor, Alderman Whitaker.
Electric Lines - Aldermen Andrews, Huntley and Irving.
Finance - His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Whitaker and Huntley.
Fire Department - Aldermen Huntley and Lamont.
Public and Street Lights - Aldermen Irving and Pratt.
Highways - Aldermen Berry and Irving.

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Legislative Matters - His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Whitaker,
Ordinances - Aldermen Pratt and Lamont,
Printing - Aldermen Andrews and Irving,
Public Grounds - Aldermen Kall and Whitaker,
Public Property - Aldermen Pratt and Andrews,
Soldiers' Relief - Aldermen Lamont and Kall,
Water - Aldermen Pratt and Andrews,

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen

Elections and Returns - Aldermen Andrews, Irving, Kall,
Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions - Aldermen Huntley, Reay and Andrews,
Licenses - Aldermen Kall, Irving and Huntley,
Police - His Honor the Mayor - Aldermen Andrews and Whitaker,
Sewers - Aldermen Lamont, Pratt and Kall,
Special Building Permits - Aldermen Reay and Huntley,
State Aid - Aldermen Whitaker, Pratt, Lamont and Reay,
Read and sent down for information

Received a communication from the Common Council, transmitting a list of appointments to committees, on the part of that board, for the municipal year of 1897, as follows — Committees on part of Common Council ✓

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council

Accounts - Councilmen Wilcox, Osborne and Gracey,
City Engineering - Councilmen Reay, Timson and Kenney,
Claims - the President of the Common Council, Councilmen Wilcox and Story,
Electric Lines - Councilmen Timson and Reed,
Finance - the President of the Common Council, Councilmen Law, Lowell, Cummings and Macdonald,
Fire Department - Councilmen Reed, Burrows and Kenney,
Fuel and Street Lights - Councilmen Timson, Raymond and Law,
Highways - Councilmen Gracey, Macdonald and Wilcox,
Legislative Matters - the President of the Common Council, Councilmen Raymond and Reed,
Ordinances - Councilmen Cummings, Lowell and Kenney,
Printing - Councilmen Story, Timson and Osborne,
Public Grounds - Councilmen Lowell, Reed and Burrows,

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Public Property - Councilmen Berry, Cummings and Robinson.
Soldiers' Relief - Councilmen Burrows, Raymond and Osborne.
Water - the President of the Common Council, Councilmen Dow and Robinson.
Standing Committees of the Common Council.
Elections and Returns - Councilmen Reed, Gray and Macdonald.
Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions - Councilmen Berry, Robinson and Stacey.
Heads for information.

√ Committee on Electric Lines

His Honor, the Mayor, in pursuance of the provisions of section 1 of Article One, of the joint rules and orders of the City Council, as amended by amendment approved May 29, 1896, announced, as the members, on the part of this board, of the joint standing committee on Electric Lines - Aldermen Buckley and Irving - being, respectively, the first alderman of the committee on police, and the chairman of the committee on fire department and fuel and street lights.
Read and sent down for information.

Received a communication from the Common Council, to the effect that the following - named members had been appointed, on the part of that board, to the Committee on Electric Lines - Councilmen Timson and Reed.
Read for information.

√ Appointments

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen,

James Mason,	City Messenger.
Ernest W. Kelsey,	City Engineer.
William P. Mitchell,	Clerk of Committees.
Albert H. Hales,	Clerk of the Board of Assessors.
Charles S. Philbrick,	Inspector of Milk and Vinegar.
Luther B. Pillsbury,	Inspector of Petroleum.
George D. Wenger,	a member of the Somerville Mystic Water Board, for three years.
Allen F. Carpenter,	a member of the Board of Health, for three years.

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

√ Appointments

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed, -

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Melville C. Parkhurst, James F. Davlin and John H. Dussault,	Lock-up Keeper (P.S. ch. 28 sec. 27)
	Burial Agents under the provisions of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1896.

Received a petition from Patrick J. Garvin, for appointment as a constable. — Petition ✓

Referred to the mayor.

His Honor, the mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, as Constables, — Appointments ✓

Melville C. Parkhurst,	Edward McGan,
Jaime Mann,	Joseph J. Giles,
William D. Hayden,	Dennis Kelley,
Charles C. Folsom,	Christopher C. Cavanagh,
Robert H. Perry,	Eugene A. Carter,
Charles S. Ellis,	George H. Carleton,
Patrick J. Garvin.	

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

His Honor, the mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, Special Police, without compensation as follows, — Appointments ✓

William Armstrong	Charles E. Gould	David Russell
Charles H. Atwood,	George H. Griffin	Charles F. Sargent,
Nathaniel C. Barker,	Sidney E. Hayden	Peter Savage,
William J. Blaisdell,	Wilbur M. Hagen	Peter J. Savage,
Henry S. Braden,	George W. Holden,	Milo P. Shattuck,
Davis P. Bucknam,	Frank C. Hopkins,	Bernard F. Sheridan,
William E. Bucknam,	James R. Hopkins,	Alfred M. Sibley,
Frederick A. Burt,	Joseph M. Howe,	William W. Smith,
William Butler,	William H. Kelley	Samuel H. Snow,
Alfred Clark,	Thomas F. Leahey	Charles A. Southwick
Cyrus D. Clark,	Nicholas Leonard,	Daniel R. Spike,
Andrew B. Colesworthy,	Augustus A. Lewis,	Samuel H. Stevens,
E. Parker Cook,	Charles A. MacDonald,	Asbury Strahan,

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Frederick R. Cutter,	Albert A. Marshall,	Homer O. Streeter,
Thomas H. Daley,	David G. Marston,	Lewis R. Stuart,
Michael F. Davis,	Lambert M. Maynard,	Wm. H. Symonds,
Gideon E. Dean,	John J. McGonagle,	S. Arthur Thompson,
George H. Dearborn,	Daniel Joseph McIsaac,	Alonzo H. Trafton,
Nathaniel Dennett,	Wesley S. Merrill,	Louis B. Tucker,
Frederick S. Dickinson,	William Meyer,	Albion W. Waining,
James F. Dolliver,	John F. Murray,	George K. Walcott,
Jerome P. Donovan,	Caleb A. Page,	John H. Walker,
Reuben Doucett,	Nathan S. Pennock,	Frederick W. Walsh, Jr.
Adelbert Doty,	Edward T. Peterson,	Harry H. Waugh,
John Ducy,	Joseph S. Pike,	Charles W. Weston,
Nicholas Dwyer,	Luther B. Pillsbury,	James S. Whitaker,
Albert Fisk,	Charles H. Pratt,	Clifford F. White,
Michael J. Fitzpatrick,	John P. Prichard,	John A. Whitney,
Philip J. Fitzpatrick,	Philip Quinlan,	Irwin E. Wilson,
Lipley C. Gilman,	Edward F. Reed,	Fred S. Young,
Elmer E. Goggins,	Jacob W. Reed,	Joseph Young,
Andrew Gilkey,	Edward W. King,	Lionel P. Young,
Jabez R. Gott,	Daniel H. Rinn,	William H. Young,

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

√ Constables' Bonds. Received constables' bonds, each in the sum of Three thousand dollars and in form approved by the City Solicitor, from

Charles S. Ellis with Frank S. Norris, Howard Lowell, and Charles M. Berry as sureties.

Patrick J. Gorman with Ellen Gorman and John H. Ponce, both of Cambridge as sureties.

Joseph J. Giles with Albion M. Prescott and Philip Ehale as sureties.

William D. Hayden with Joseph O. Hayden and Lyman H. Brown as sureties.

James Mann with F. De Witt Sapham and Jackson Caldwell as sureties.

Approved and accepted.

√ Bond. Received the bond of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the year 1897 in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor, signed by John F. Cole, as principal, and by Edward Glines,

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Edwin S. Conant, Charles S. Lincoln, William Taylor, George A. Bruce, Mark F. Burns, C. Williams Jr., and Jaaganiah Gross as sureties, each in the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Approved and accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 13, Approved and accepted in concurrence.

Received the bond of the City Clerk, in the sum of Two thousand Dollars, and in form approved by the City Solicitor, signed by George I. Vincent as principal and by Joseph H. Clark and Charles B. Sanborn as sureties. — Bond ✓

Approved and accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 13, Approved and accepted in concurrence.

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of December 1896. — Report ✓

Placed on file.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of December, 1896. — Report ✓

Read and sent down down for information.

In Common Council Jan. 13, Read for information.

Received the annual reports for the year 1896, of the Trustees of the Public Library, Superintendent of Electric Lines, Superintendent of Sights, — Annual Reports ✓

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

In Common Council Jan. 13 References concurred in.

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 ✓

John M. Atkinson, J. Lawrence Ellis, Albert L. Newell,
Benjamin S. Berry, William R. Ellis, George H. Norton,
Fred W. Blaisdell, Arthur W. Fallis, Ralph L. Patrick,

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Walter F. Blaisdell,	John F. Fuerdon	Walter E. Robertson,
Charles H. W. Brown,	William E. Gillette,	Ernest Sampson,
Frederick Capitello,	George R. Grover,	Alfred J. Saunders,
Horace A. Colby,	Albert W. Headley,	Ernest A. Saunders,
George Doherty,	Joseph J. Henderson,	Harold A. Skinner,
Robert Doherty,	Corey J. Hetherington,	Ralph H. Smith,
Bernard Donovan,	Roy H. Hetherington,	George C. Whelpley,
William I. Edgerly,	Arthur V. Howland,	Anthony Ziegel,

all approved by the Chief of Police.
Licences granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition for a licence to collect junk, from Wladyslaw Maugnucki, 1 Ward street, approved by the Chief of Police.
Licence granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition for a licence to cry his goods in the streets, from Wladyslaw Maugnucki, 1 Ward street, approved by the Chief of Police.
Licence granted.

√ Petition — Received as unfinished business of the last board of aldermen, a petition from Fred W. Jackman for permission to erect and use a one horse stationary hot air engine to supply power for a printing press, in the basement of the premises No. 368 Somerville avenue.

and — Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Accompanying the said petition was the following order,

√ Order of Notice — Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, that fourteen days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday the 10th day of February 1897 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.

Adopted.

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Received a petition from H. Carlton Abbott, for permission to erect and use a six-horse stationary steam engine, with a six-horse boiler, in a building at No. 34 Chestnut, to furnish power for cutting wood. — Petition ✓ and

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Accompanying the foregoing petition was the following order — Order of Notice ✓

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, that fourteen days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday the 10th day of February, 1897, 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.

Adopted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Solomon S. Higgins, for a license as an Auctioneer.

William G. Drady and Michael F. Kelley, for a license to keep two pool tables at No. 681 Somerville avenue.

Alfred Prince, for a license as a Common Victualler at # 375 Somerville avenue.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

the Somerville Electric Light Company, for locations for poles on Fremont St.

Estate of Sarah J. Bradbury and others, for brick sidewalks on both sides of Ames street, from Central street to Bartlett street.

A. Nelson and others, for edgestones and sidewalks on the southerly side of Temple street, from Derby street to Sydney street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

F. W. Acomb and others, for edgestones on both sides of Crocker street, and that the street be graded.

Charles K. Cushman and others, for a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Sacramento street.

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John Quinn, for permission to erect a one story frame building, 18 x 12 feet in size, upon land belonging to the city, on Holland street, at the ledge, said building to be used as a shoe-repair shop, endorsed by Asa Durgin, Kenneth McRae and Ezra Harmon and accompanied by a communication from Franklin F. Phillips to the effect that such a building might not be objectionable to the residents of Holland street, if located opposite Cameron avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition

Received a petition from the Somerville Hospital, that the City Council petition the Legislature for the right to make annual appropriations as contributions to the funds of the hospital to be used for the payment of its running expences.

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Notice

Received a notice from Frank Emblom, that he claims damages from the city for injuries (including fracture of right leg) received by being thrown from his wagon while driving on Somerville avenue, in front of the house No 95, on Wednesday, December 9, 1896, at about two O'clock P.M. in consequence of a hole or depression in said avenue, left unguarded.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 13, Reference concurred in.

√ Request

Received a request from George A. Bruce, that the City Council should at once take the necessary action to compel the Boston and Maine R.R. Co. to fence its location at the Winter Hill Station, and construct a foot bridge over its tracks, for the public accommodation.

Referred to a joint special committee to consist of two aldermen and three members of the common council, Aldermen Berry and Seamont appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan 13, Referred to a joint special committee and Councilmen Berry, Robinson and Cummings appointed to the com-

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mittee, on the part of the Common Council, in concurrence.

Received a petition from Timothy Burns, for permission to move a wooden building, measuring 20 feet in length, 20 feet in breadth and 25 feet in extreme height, from land of Carl Weiger on the north side of South street, near Earl street, through South and Hunting streets to land of said Burns, on the easterly side of Hunting street near South street, certified by the Superintendent of Streets and Electric Lines that the statement as to construction and measurement is substantially correct, and that the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property. — Petition ✓

Placed on file.

Alderman Irving offered an order granting a permit to Timothy Burns to move a wooden building through South and Hunting streets, as recorded on page 505 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 Whitaker offered an order for the reference of the majority and minority reports of the City Electric Commission referred to this City Council by the City Council of 1896 — to a joint special committee to consist of two aldermen and three members of the common council. — Order ✓

Adoption lost.

On the majority and minority reports of the City Electric Commission — referred to this City Council by the City Council of 1896 — it was voted that they be assigned for consideration at the next regular meeting. — Report ✓

Alderman Kalb offered the following order: — Order ✓

Ordered:

That upon any petitions for a license for a theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement, or exhibition of any description, to be held before the three next succeeding meetings of this board, if the grant-

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ing of such petition has 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 the next succeeding meeting for its ratification or such other action in the premises as the board shall deem proper.

Adopted.

√ Order — Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,—

That so much of the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, as relates to the providing of some building other than the police station, for the housing of tramps and the requiring of some service from the tramps in return for the city's bounty, be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on police.

Adopted.

√ Order — Alderman Dumont offered the following order

Ordered,—

That so much of the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, as relates to the necessity of improving the sewer system in those parts of the city where the present sewers are of insufficient size, be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on sewers.

Adopted.

√ Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,—

That so much of the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, as relates to the extension of the paving on Somerville avenue, be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on highways.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

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

Approved by the mayor Jan. 15.

√ Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order

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Ordered:

That those portions of the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, which relate to the following subjects, namely,

1.- An investigation to fix the responsibility for the mistake made in the size of the class rooms in the English High School,

2.- The purchasing of land and procuring of plans for a seven teacher room schoolhouse in the Spring Hill district,

3.- The erection of a four-room schoolhouse on Washington street, between the Fitchburg railroad and Beacon street, for the relief of the Prospect Hill district and the abandonment of the old Kawanda school,

4.- The purchasing of land near the corner of Central and Albion streets near site for a twelve-room schoolhouse,

be and the same hereby are referred to the committee on public property.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 13, 1897. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 15.

Alderman Kelly offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered:

That those portions of the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, which relate to the following subjects namely,-

1.- The acquiring of land on Prospect Hill for the purpose of a public park,

2.- The securing of the Sanborn Field, on Washington street, for park purposes,

3.- A conference with the governments of the city of Medford and the town of Arlington, upon the question of the improvement, by the Metropolitan Park Commission, of the banks of the Mystic river,

4.- The extension of the Mystic valley driveway or boulevard from its present terminus in West Medford to Powder House square,

5.- A soldiers' memorial,

be and the same hereby are referred to the committee on public grounds.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 13, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 15.

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√ Orders

Aldermen Huntley offered the following order

Ordered,

That those portions of the address delivered by His Hon. the mayor at the inauguration of the present city government, which relate to the following subjects namely,-

1- The placing of a hose wagon in the house of engine company No. 4 and the transference of the chemical engine now in said house to the house of ladder company No. 2

2- The co-operation of the committee on fire department with the water board in an effort to secure a large storage reservoir at some elevated point in the Middlesex Fells for the supplying of water from the Metropolitan system to the highlands of the city.

be and they hereby are referred to the committee on fire department

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Jan. 13 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the mayor Jan 15

√ Orders

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,-

That so much of His Honor, the mayor's inaugural address as relates to the printing in the annual report of all messages from the mayor to the city council, which relate to subjects of general and permanent interest- be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on printing

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Jan 18, Adopted in concurrence

√ Orders

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the suggestion contained in the address delivered by His Honor, the mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government, that the committee on legislative matters in conjunction with the city solicitor, give careful attention to the subject of taxation and appear before the present taxation commission and urge such amendments to existing laws as shall seem to them equitable and expedient,-

be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on legislative matters

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

Alderman Pratt offered the following order. Order ✓
Ordered,-

That the recommendations contained in His Honor, the mayor's inaugural address, of such changes in the city ordinances as will permit the payment of school teacher's salaries on the first day of each month, be and the same hereby is referred to the committee on ordinances.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 13 Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the mayor Jan. 15

Alderman Andrews offered the following order. Order ✓
Ordered,-

That the committee on printing be and is hereby instructed to have printed for the use of the city government, six 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 joint 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 calendar for the year 1897, the expense so incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 13, Received its first reading. Amended by adding "That the pamphlet also contain a list of all the fire stations, their location, number of men employed and an enumeration of the apparatus housed therein." As amended received its second reading and adoption. Sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen Jan. 13, Amended by Common Council and order as amended, adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the mayor Jan. 15

Alderman Andrews offered the following order. Order ✓
Ordered,-

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That the committee on printing be and is hereby instructed to solicit proposals to print fourteen hundred copies of the Annual Reports of the city for the year 1896, in form similar to that in which the reports of previous years have been printed, eleven hundred copies to be bound in paper, two hundred and fifty copies to be bound in cloth and fifty 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 herein after stated, at prices based on the same reports for the year 1895 with a proportionate increase or decrease according as these reports for the year 1896 shall contain more or less pages, than for the year 1895, viz.—

200 copies of the report of the Board of Health.
300 " " " " " City Engineer,
200 " " " " " Overseers of the Poor (with the City physician's report)
1000 " " " " " School Board,
400 " " " " " Trustees of the Public Library,
150 " " " " " Water Board,

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

√ Order — Alderman Anderson offered the following order.

Ordered,—

That the committee on printing be and is hereby instructed to have printed for public use, one thousand 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.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 13, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the mayor Jan. 15.

√ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order.

Ordered,

That His Honor the Mayor, on behalf of the city council and in accordance with the request of many business men and citizens of Somerville, be and he hereby is authorized to petition the United States Postmaster at Boston, for such changes in the postal department regulations as shall

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permit the use of the word "Somerville" on the printed return request envelopes issued by the department, instead of simply "Station 11" as at present.

(signed) Wm. E. Robinson

In Common Council, Jan. 13, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan. 13 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the mayor Jan. 15.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That all unfinished business of the last city government, which has not been disposed of by special order, be and the same hereby is referred to the appropriate committee.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan 13, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Jan 15

Alderman Ball offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered

That the Committee on Public Grounds be authorized to flood the pond in the Broadway park when in their judgment it is advisable for the purpose of skating, the amount so expended to be charged to the Public Grounds 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 Huntley offered the following order — 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. unless otherwise ordered.

Adopted

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That Friday, January 22nd 1897, at 8 o'clock P.M. and

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Notice has been given as within directed
George I. Vincent
City Clerk

the Common Council chamber in the City Hall, be assigned as the time and place for a hearing by the City Council of all persons desiring to be heard, on the matter of placing an iron bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad tracks at Kent Street, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the Somerville Journal and the Somerville Citizen of January 16th inst.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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

In Common Council Jan 13, Adoption reconsidered. Amended by stuckking out the words "An iron bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad tracks at Kent Street," and inserting in place thereof the words, "a bridge over or a subway under the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street or at any other point between Park street and Beacon street." As amended adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan 13, Amendment made by Common Council and order as thus amended adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan 14

√ 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 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 13, Request granted and Councilman Wilson appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Sapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Berry, Gracey

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Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Hilary, Lowell, Reed and Timson present.

In pursuance of an order of this date, the convention proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent of Streets. — Elections ✓

Aldermen Huntley and Councilmen Cushman and Wilson 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
J. P. Vague	has	2
Thomas H. Gamer		5
Julia P. Prichard		17

and John P. Prichard was declared, by the chair, elected.

In pursuance of this same order the convention proceed to ballot for three Trustees of the Public Library for three years. — Elections ✓

Aldermen Hilary and Councilmen Burrows and Raymond 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,	23
Necessary for choice,	12
Charles S. Lincoln, has	21
Christopher E. Rymes,	22
Charles H. Brown,	20
John Stackpole	1

and Charles S. Lincoln, Christopher E. Rymes, and Charles H. Brown were declared, by the chair, elected.

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention now dissolved and the mayor and aldermen returned to their chambers. — Convention dissolved.

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Election	Voted to proceed to ballot for a president of the board of aldermen. Aldermen Andrews and Whitaker 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
	Aldermen Huntley had	4
	Aldermen Pratt "	4
	and there was no choice	
	Voted to proceed to a second ballot for a president of the board of aldermen.	
	Aldermen Andrews and Whitaker were again 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
	Aldermen Pratt had	5
	Aldermen Huntley "	3
	and Aldermen Jacob N. Pratt, of Ward One, was declared by the chair elected	
	On motion of Aldermen Huntley it was voted that the vote for Aldermen Pratt be made unanimous.	
Election	Voted to proceed to ballot for a City Solicitor.	
	Aldermen Keay and Huntley 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
	Frank W. Kaan had	3
	Selwyn J. Bowman "	5
	and Selwyn J. Bowman was declared, by the chair, elected on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.	
	We received information from the Common Council that, on ballot for City Solicitor, Frank W. Kaan was elected on the part of that branch, in now current.	

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Voted to proceed to a second ballot for a City Solicitor.

Aldermen Huntley and Whitaker 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
Frank W. Kaan has 4
Selwyn J. Bowman " 4

and there was no choice.

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

Aldermen Whitaker and Andrews 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
Charles S. Robertson has 8

and Charles S. Robertson was declared by the chair, elected, on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Received from the Common Council information that, on ballot for a city auditor, Charles S. Robertson was elected, on the part of that branch, in concurrence.

Voted to proceed to ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years. Election ✓

Aldermen Whitaker and Pratt 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
Nathan H. Reed, has 8

and Nathan H. Reed was declared by the chair, on the part of this board, elected, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Received from the Common Council information that, a ballot for an Assessor of Taxes for three years, Nathan H. Reed was elected on the part of that board, in concurrence.

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Election

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

Aldermen Irving and Ball 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
Fred B. Bloffs has 8

and Fred B. Bloffs was declared, by the chair elected on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Received from the Common Council information that, on ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward One, Fred B. Bloffs was elected, on the part of that branch in concurrence

Election

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

Aldermen Lamont 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
Charles B. Farrington had 8

and Charles B. Farrington 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 Common Council that, on ballot for an assistant assessor of taxes from Ward Two, Charles B. Farrington was elected, on the part of that branch, in concurrence

Election

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

Aldermen Irving and Huntley 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

Edgar T. Mayhew, had 8

and Edgar T. Mayhew was declared by the chair, elected on the part of this board, and notice of such election was sent to the Common Council

Received from the Common Council information that, on ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Three, Edgar T. Mayhew was elected, on the part of that branch in concurrence.

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

Voted to proceed to ballot for two Fence Viewers. — Election ✓

Aldermen Dramont and Ball 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, 6

Necessary for choice, 4

Lambert M. Maynard had 6

Charles M. Kerry 6

and Lambert M. Maynard and Charles M. Kerry were declared, by the chair, elected on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council

Received from the Common Council information that, on ballot for two Fence Viewers, Lambert M. Maynard and Charles M. Kerry were elected, on the part of that branch, in concurrence.

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

Aldermen Kerry and Pratt 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

Samuel T. Littlefield had 8

and Samuel T. Littlefield was declared, by the chair, elected, on the part of this board, and information of such election was sent to the Common

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

✓ Ordered

Received from the Common Council an order instructing the Chief of Police to detail a patrolman at the Broadway Park each day and evening when the pond is in condition for skating, any expense that may be so incurred to be charged to Public Grounds account.

In Common Council Jan. 13. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Jan. 13. Laid on the table.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to join with the Common Council in a public hearing on the matter of placing a bridge over or a subway under the Fitchburg Railroad between Park and Beacon 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, January 24, 1897 — 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Dumont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.

Recorder approved.

Alderman Berry offered the following order — Orders V.

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 be heard in the matter of placing a bridge over or a subway under the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent Street or at any other point between Park and Beacon streets, in pursuance of an order for such hearing approved January 14th inst.

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

In Common Council Jan. 24 Request granted and Councilman Sidell appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Dumont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Dapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Macdonald, Story, Wilson, Sidell, Reed

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and Tinson present

Hearing

In pursuance of orders passed January 12 and this evening, a hearing was given to all persons desiring to be heard in the matter of placing a bridge over or a subway under the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street or at any other point between Parker and Beacon streets, due notice having been published, as directed by said first named order.

Frank E. Dickerman, Esq. appeared as counsel for the petitioners for a bridge at Kent street, and Hon. George A. Bruce as counsel for the petitioners for a bridge at Sacramento street.

Mr. Dickerman introduced and presented testimony from Messrs. George A. Kimball and Charles D. Elliot, Civil Engineers, the City Engineer Ernest W. Bailey, Ex-Alderman and member of the School Committee Martin H. Lowe, Ex-Alderman Wm. E. Field, Ex-Councilmen George A. Proctor and Richard T. Blackwell, Messrs. John E. Nichols, John H. Woods, Daniel H. McDermott, and William Armstrong, Mrs. Jenkins, and Doctor Charles E. Morgan.

Mr. Bruce introduced and presented testimony from Mr. George A. Lomas, owning real estate on Sacramento street on both sides of the railroad, who also said he represented the Miller Saffin Manufacturing firm; Mr. Morrison representing the firm of Charles H. Cushman & Co. manufacturers, Mr. Richard Purcell, grocer at the corner of Somerville avenue and Sacramento street, Mr. Gray and Mr. Ball.

Mr. Frederick T. Saffin also testified.

It appeared that for many years the Fitchburg Railroad Company has endeavored to maintain fences at both sides of its tracks across Kent street and across Sacramento Street, but the residents, by cutting away portions of the fences, have kept a way open for pedestrians at each street.

The company now proposes to close the streets effectually by means of fences or otherwise.

The distance from the grade crossing of the railroad at Parker street to the bridge over the railroad at Beacon street is more than half a mile, and Sacramento street is about halfway between these two points and Kent street about six hundred feet near Parker street. Kent and Sacramento streets are the only streets crossing the railroad between Parker and Beacon streets.

The Durell school is at the Beacon street end of Kent street and the Franklin school at the Somerville avenue end, and 191 school children are

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said to cross the railroad at Kent street daily. The erection of a twelve room school house on the site of the present Reach street school is contemplated, which if carried out, would increase the number of children crossing the railroad.

A road bridge can be constructed over the railroad at Kent street, with a grade of 5 feet in a hundred on the Somerville avenue end and the same on the Beacon street end if the approach be carried to Beacon street, or 7 feet if carried only to Beacon street.

Mr. Elliot estimated that a road bridge at Kent street could be constructed for $8,000.00, the approaches to be of earth, (estimate for filling 20¢ per cu. yd.), the bridge itself to be fifty feet long, with an iron deck and the roadbed of the approaches to be macadamized. Mr. Bailey had roughly estimated the cost of such a bridge at $17,000 to $20,000, and the cost of a subway for pedestrians at $6,000 to $10,000.00.

It is impracticable to construct a road bridge over the railroad at Sacramento street because of the short distance from the railroad to Somerville avenue. To provide such a bridge the grade of Somerville avenue must be raised several feet.

Ordinarily Sacramento street would seem the most suitable place for a bridge or subway, as it is about midway between Park and Beacon streets, but in view of the existence of a school house at each end of Kent street, and the contemplated erection of another on Beacon street, it was thought by most of the witnesses that a bridge or subway at Kent street would, at least better accommodate the school children. It was also said that Kent street was largely used by persons walking from Somerville to Harvard College.

A road bridge was strongly advocated by the Kent street people, to afford fire protection and for general traffic, and some said they wanted a road bridge or nothing. Some said that if the railroad was to be raised about the streets very soon it would be advisable to postpone action, but others said that some measures of crossing for pedestrians at least, should be provided now, without waiting longer for the railroad company to act.

The Sacramento street people did not wish to withhold relief from Kent street but did ~~not~~ insist that Kent street should not be provided for at their expense. If a road bridge were to be erected, and but one, it should be at Sacramento street, if feasible, or if not, then as near it as possible by crossing private lands. If only a foot bridge or subway be provided there should be one at each street. Sacramento street is forty feet wide and has

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very good earth and gravel sidewalks, while Kent street is but thirty feet wide at one end, and in very poor condition.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

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

His Honor, Mayor Peay presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Henry present.

Appointment Railroad Police

Received a certificate of the appointment by the Mayor and Aldermen of Waltham on the 11th and 18th of January 1897 of Algernon Bromfield Kidd, upon the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, to be a police officer for the purpose and with the powers set forth in sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 20 of chapter 103 of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereto (received by the City Clerk Jan. 22.)

Placed on file.

Request

Received, through His Honor the mayor, a request from His Honor the mayor of Cambridge that a committee be appointed by this city council to meet a similar committee of the city council of Cambridge, to consider the advisability of extending Fifth and Sixth streets, (in Cambridge), either or both, from their present termini to Somerville avenue; said committee to report such recommendations to their respective city councils as may be mutually agreed upon.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Read for information.

Communication

Received a communication from the Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution, asking co-operation in securing a filling and comm-

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venal observance of the Fourth of July throughout the Commonwealth.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council Jan 22, Read for information.

Received a communication from Frank H. Kasey, stating that he cannot consent to the use of his name, in voting for as city solicitor, in opposition to the present incumbent of that office, and that he could not accept an election under such circumstances. — Communication ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Jan 22, 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 ✓

Chester A. Bailey,	Americo Capitello,	Guy A. Coates,
M. Frank Dooling,	John C. Holland,	William L. Holland,
Arthur H. Jackson,	James C. Murphy,	William M. Murphy,
Albert Phillips,	Charles T. Phillips,	Edward H. Phillips,
Jacob A. Phillips,	Edwin A. Tripp,	George E. Willer,
	Joseph F. Willer,	

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

Received a petition from Dr. Fred H. Lowe, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows, - at No. 168 Somerville avenue, on an apartment house, - two bay windows, each seven feet long, in second and third stories, to project over sidewalk two feet, with cornice to project eighteen inches in addition, also the cornice on the remainder of said house to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Specials, Building Permits.

Accompanying the foregoing petition was the following order of notice. — 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 February, 1897, at 8 o'clock, P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer

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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.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Ann Parkinson, for a license as a common victualler at 75 Broadway.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

√ the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to move a round pole on Bond street about 190 feet from Broadway to a point 150 feet from Broadway - to remove four poles from Broadway between Pauline street and Teele square, - and to replace one pole at the corner of Kight street and Prospect Hill avenue, and one pole on Dickson avenue, which were blown down Nov. 5, the old poles to be removed and the locations abandoned within sixty days after the erection of the new poles;

√ Thomas B. Gowell and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Flint street, from Cross street to Aldrich street;

√ Alvin Goodhue and others, for edgestone and paved gutters on both sides of Jenny Lind avenue, between Broadway and Medford street;

√ H. H. Huff and others, for curbstones on the easterly side of Bartlett street, from Medford street to Vernon street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Hattie M. Hurlburt and others, for a crossing across Medford street at the westerly side of Bartlett street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

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

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

George L. Storm and others, for arc lights on Moreland street, between Main street and Mystic avenue;

Frank E. Hodgkins and others, for an arc light on the southeast corner of

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Sycamore street and Broadway.

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 Willard C. Kinsley Post No. 139, G. A. R. for an appropriation of Three hundred and fifty dollars for the expense of the observance of Memorial Day. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Reference concurred in.

The Committee on Highways on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect poles on Fremont street reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The order accompanying the foregoing report, granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company, locations for poles in Fremont street, is recorded on page 120 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 — Order ✓ — Acceptance & Agreement filed March 2nd 1897.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of John Lanin, for permission to place a shoe-repair shop on the Holland street Sledge Lot, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 22, Accepted in concurrence.

Aldermen Berry offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be and is hereby authorized to purchase such quantities of field and ledge stone, together with such quantities of sand and gravel as may be required in the department during the year, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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In common Council January 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 25

√ Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the committee on highways be, and is hereby authorized, to solicit proposals, for the furnishing of such quantities of edgestone and paving stock as may be required by the city during the year, and to submit said proposals when received, to the city council.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In common Council Jan 22, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Jan 25

√ Order — Alderman Berry offered the following order

Ordered,

That the committee on highways be and hereby is instructed to confer with a committee appointed for the same purpose, by the city council of Cambridge, as stated by His Honor the mayor of that city in a communication received by the city council this day, and to consider and report, upon the advisability of extending Fifth and Sixth streets in Cambridge, from their present termini, across the boundary line between the two cities, to Somerville avenue; including in the report, such recommendations as may be mutually agreed upon by the two committees.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In common Council Jan 22, Adopted in concurrence

Approved Jan. 25

√ Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the committee on public property be, and it hereby is, authorized to dispose of all old furniture discarded from the several offices at City Hall, the amounts so received to be credited to City Hall Improvement accounts

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In common Council Jan. 22, Adopted in concurrence

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Approved by the Mayor June 25.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on finance, be and is hereby requested, in reporting this appropriation from Funded Debt account for the present year, to report an appropriation of one thousand dollars, for the purchasing of a hose wagon, or pair of horses and a set of double harness, the same to be placed in Steamer Four house on Highland avenue, and to be placed in charge of the Fire Department.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 22, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 25

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, January 27, 1877 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
Records approved.

✓ Appointment — His Honor, the Mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the Board, - Charles A. Southwick, as Janitor of the City Hall and Public Library Building.
Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

✓ Appointments — His Honor, the Mayor, made the following appointments subject to confirmation by the Board, -

Weighers of Beef

D. Warner Danforth, with North Packing & Provision Co.
Clarence Edwards, Frederick A. Geiling, Edward M. Wheeler, with New England Dressed Meat & Wool Co.
Charles Tucker, Amherst F. Durkee, Thomas W. Sisne, Charles E. Rockwell, Joel J. Fisher, Charles H. Ward, C. Edward Byrnes, with Fitchburg Railroad Co.
George E. Slack, Clinton E. Somers, Alfred A. Waldron, with Boston & Maine Railroad.

Weighers of Coal

Sidney E. Hayden, (at Pumping Station, Cedar Street)
Frank A. Tule, Sumner H. Tule, Robert A. Yerpa, Irwin S. Smith, Coal Dealers.

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Charles P. Brann — Coal Dealer

George E. Slack,
Clinton E. Somes,
Alfred A. Waldron, } with Boston & Maine Railroad

Charles H. Tucker,
Amherst F. Durkee,
Thomas W. Lane,
Charles E. Rockwell,
Joel J. Fisher,
Charles H. Ward,
C. Edward Byrnes, } with Fitchburg Railroad Co.

Measurers of Grain

John Craig,
Albert C. Lyman, } with Nathan Tufts & Son

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

His Honor the Mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the Board, as special Police, without compensation, — Appointments ✓

John L. Brennan,
William M. Lennan,
Thomas W. Sutherland, } with Boston and Maine Railroad

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

Received from the School Committee a communication recommending additional school accommodations, as follows, — Communication ✓

1 That land be purchased in the vicinity of the present Beech street schoolhouse and a twelve-room building be erected thereon,

2. That land be bought near the corner of Calvin and Dimick streets and that a six-room schoolhouse, constructed with a view to future enlargement be built thereon,

3. That the office of the Superintendent of Schools be removed from the English High schoolhouse to some suitable building.

4. That a lot of land for school purposes be purchased near the corner of Highland Avenue and Central street.

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Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council Jan. 28, Reference concurred in

✓ Request	Received from the School Committee, a request that appropriations for the current year be made as follows, -
	For Teachers' salaries, $174,105.00
	For Officers' salaries and School supplies, $19,640.00
	Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council Jan. 28, Reference concurred in
✓ Annual Report	Received the annual report of the School Committee, transmitting the report of the Superintendent of Schools, for the year 1896.
	Referred to Committee on Printing, to be printed in the Annual Reports, sent down for concurrence
	In Common Council Jan. 28, Reference concurred in
✓ Annual Report	Received the annual report of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the year 1896.
	Referred to Committee on Finance, and sent down for concurrence
	In Common Council Jan. 28, Reference concurred in
✓ Request	Received a request from the Overseers of the Poor, for an appropriation for the present year for the purchase of land and the erection of an almshouse, and for the appointment of a joint special committee to confer with the Overseers for the purpose of selecting a site for the same
	The overseers stated in their communication that there are at least fifty paupers, over whom the board has an oversight, who could be cared for in an almshouse owned by the city, but now are beyond the control of the board
	Laid on the table. Later in the evening taken from the table and referred to the joint special committee appointed under an order of this date to consider the subject matter of the request. Sent down for concurrence
	In Common Council, Jan. 28, Reference concurred in
✓ Petitions	Received petitions for appointments, as follows, -
	from W. D. Ewing, Genl Supt Fitchburg Railroad Company, - that the following named employees of said company be appointed Weighers of Coal and of Raf-

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Charles H. Tucker, 7 Wesley street, Charlestown, Mass.
Amherst F. Darkee, West Acton, Mass.
Thomas W. Seane, 3 Fitchburg street, Somerville, Mass.
Charles E. Rockwell, Union Market, Watertown, Mass.
Joel J. Ficher, Union Market House, Watertown, Mass.
Charles H. Ward, 23 Belmont street, Somerville, Mass.
C. Edward Byrnes, 73 Somerville avenue, Somerville, Mass.

from W. F. Berry, Second Vice President Boston and Maine Railroad, that the following-named employees of said railroad be appointed Weighers of Coal and of Beef,

George E. Slack, Clinton E. Somes, Alfred A. Waldron,

from Charles P. Brann, Frank A. Teele and Sumner M. Teele, all coal dealers, that they severally may be appointed, Weighers of Coal

from D. W. Sanborn, Genl. Supt. Boston and Maine Railroad, that the following-named employees of said railroad be appointed Special Police,

Thomas W. Sutherland, General Yardmaster,
John S. Brennan, Watchman,
William Meyers, Yardmaster,
William M. Sennan, Night Yardmaster

Placed on file, the appointments having been made

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 ✓

Austin J. Fitzpatrick, Frank Fitzpatrick, Ambrose B. Taylor,
Irving W. Young, Otto Jinks,

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licence granted

Received a petition from Wm. H. Sannin, for a licence to give a lecture in Bacon Hall, Thursday evening, January 28, subject, - Spain, Her Past Power and Present Poverty, — Petition ✓

recommended by the Chief of Police

Licence granted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

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Hiram Turner, for a license as a common victualler, at 198 Highland avenue,
Cornelius H. Kelley, for a license to keep two pool tables at 382 Somerville avenue,
James McCauley Jr. representing that he is the owner of land and buildings on Charlestown and Hemam streets, opposite the slaughtering establishment and cattle yards of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, which company is licensed by this board to slaughter cattle and calves at said premises, that the exercise of such business is attended by noisome and injurious odors which are dangerous to the public health and injurious to the estates in the vicinity, that large numbers of cattle and swine are kept in the cattle yards of said company, that the manure there accumulating is stacked upon the premises of said company opposite the premises of the petitioner, that the men there employed in handling said cattle and swine are continually, both at night and during the day making loud and unnecessary outcries, thereby disturbing the peace and quiet of the community, - all of which is injurious to the petitioner in the enjoyment of his health and estate, and praying for such action as will cause said company to exercise its business in such manner as will permit the petitioner to enjoy his estate.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from
John C. DeCellar and others for a sewer in Weave and Curtis streets,
Henry W. P. Colson for a catch basin on the S.W. side of Highland avenue, in the vicinity of Belmont street and Spring Hill Terrace.
D. C. Stillson and others, for a catch basin on the westerly corner of Tennyson and Forster streets.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petition

Received a petition from R. E. Hopkins and others, for edgestones and gutters on both sides of Tennyson street between Forster and Medford streets.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

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Henry W. P. Colson, for brick sidewalks with edgestones, on the southwest side of Highland avenue, in front of the estates numbered 204, 204 A, 266 and 266 A.

Henry W. P. Colson, for crosswalks, one on the S.W. side of Highland avenue across the end of Spring Hill Terrace, and one across Highland avenue at Spring Hill Terrace.

John E. Dougherty and others, for a crosswalk from the south side of Concord avenue to the east side of Prospect street.

Martin W. Carr and others, for the acceptance of Thorndike street, from Holland street to the Boston and Maine Railroad,

and the protest of

James J. O'Brien and others, against the action of the Fitchburg Railroad Company in obstructing the passageway of Kent Street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 28, References concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Francis N. Sievers and others, for an Arc light on the S.W. side of Avon street nearly opposite the estate No. 65.

Henry W. P. Colson, that an Arc light be furnished by the city in Spring Hill Terrace, the Arc light now there being maintained at the expense of the petitioner.

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

In Common Council Jan. 28, References concurred in.

Received notice of an action of Tort brought by Frank Emblom of Arlington in the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of March next, to the damage of the said Emblom, as he saith, the sum of Four thousand Dollars (served on City Clerk Jan. 26) — Notice ✓

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

In Common Council Jan. 28, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

The Committee on Licenses, — Reports ✓

on the petition of Solomon S. Higgins for an auctioneer's license reported an

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order

on the petition of Alfred Prince for a license as a common victualler at 375 Somerville avenue, reported an order

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing report were as follows,

Ordered,

That a license 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 the following named person, who to the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such license, 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.

Solomon S. Higgins

Ordered,

That a license be, and is hereby granted to Alfred Prince, as a Common Victualler at No. 375 Somerville avenue, said license to remain in force until May 1st 1897, unless sooner revoked or revoked void.

Adopted

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of George H. Atwater and others, for edgestones on both sides of Bow street, from School street to Central street, reported an order of notice

Accepted

√ Order of Notice

The order of notice, accompanying the foregoing report, for a hearing on the construction of sidewalks in

Bow Street

as recorded on page 130 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 January 28

√ Report

The Committee on Public Grounds, on that portion of His Honor, the Mayor's inaugural address which relates to a conference with the government

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of the City of Medford and the Town of Arlington upon the question of the improvement, by the Metropolitan Park Commission, of the banks of the Mystic River, reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 28, Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered, -

That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, requested to communicate with the Mayor of the City of Medford and the selectmen of the Town of Arlington, and ask that committees may be appointed on behalf of the said city and town, respectively, to confer with the Committee on Public Grounds, of this city, upon the question of the improvement, by the Metropolitan Park Commission, of the banks of the Mystic River, the said committees to report to their respective city and town governments, such measures as they may mutually agree to recommend.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Jan. 28. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to consider the advisability of including in the list of Appropriations from Funded Debt Account a sum of money sufficient to purchase the whole or a part of the piece of land on Washington street near the Fitchburg Railroad, commonly called the Sanborn Field, for the purpose of a public park and play ground.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 28, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered, -

That the mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City to petition the Legislature for legislation to enable cities and towns to take land for the purpose of erecting school-house thereon.

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Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 28, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

√ Order — Alderman Whitaker offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City to petition the Legislature for such further legislation in regard to the watering of streets and the laying and collection of assessments therefor, as shall be in his opinion necessary to further define the mode of procedure, and especially for collecting assessments under the present act in regard to the watering of streets.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 28. Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

√ Order — Alderman Whitaker offered the following order

Ordered,

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City to petition the Legislature in such form as he shall deem advisable for such legislation as will prevent the levying during the present year of the assessments for the present year, and last year on account of the Metropolitan sewer, and to avoid the levying in any one year of assessments for two years.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Jan. 28, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

√ Order — Alderman Dramont offered the following order

Ordered,

That a joint special committee consisting of two aldermen and such number of the common council as may be deemed expedient by their boards, be appointed to consider the advisability of selecting a desirable site for an almshouse, and the erection thereon of a suitable building for the poor of the city.

Adopted. Aldermen Dramont and Loring appointed to the committee.

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on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 28. Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Story and Kenney appointed by the chair, and President Sapham was requested to serve as the third member on the part of this branch. Sent up for information.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on ordinances be and hereby is instructed to draft, and report to the city council at an early day, an ordinance providing for the appointment of an assistant janitor of the city hall and public library building, and defining his duties.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Jan. 28. Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Jan. 28.

On motion of Alderman Ball it was voted to proceed to ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Four. — Election ✓

Aldermen Ball 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
Wm. H. McAllister, has 2
Frank A. Teele, 6

and Frank A. Teele was declared, by the chair, elected on the part of this branch, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

The majority and minority reports of the City Charter Commission assigned, January 18, for consideration this evening - were taken up for action. — Reports ✓ City Charter Commission

The majority report was, on motion of Aldermen Samont, considered section by section, and all the sections were rejected; - the votes on every section except sec. 2 being taken by yeas and nays, the question in each case being on rejection, and the results of the several votes on the different sections being as follows; - on sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 14 to 24 inclusive, unanimous; on sections 7 and 12, Aldermen Irving, Ball, Samont, Andrews, Huntley and Berry-

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6, in the affirmative, and Aldermen Pratt and Whitaker - 2, in the negative; on section 9, Aldermen Irving, Ball, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry - 6, in the affirmative, and Aldermen Seamont and Pratt, - 2, in the negative, on section 10, 11 and 12, Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry - 7, in the affirmative, and Alderman Whitaker, 1, in the negative.

Before the rejection of section 16, Alderman Whitaker moved to amend said section by striking out the words, - "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;" also by striking out, after the words "and such board shall perform the duties and have the powers of," the words, "the board of health and of the overseers of the poor and of said motion was lost by ayes and nays vote, - Alderman Whitaker - 1, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry - 7, in the negative.

The minority reports of Commissioners Davis and Wilde were also rejected.

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 the members having been duly notified in writing.

City Hall, Somerville, February 1, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Fremont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.

Records approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented and read the following communication. — Communication

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office
February 1st, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen,-

I desire to suggest to your Honorable Board the propriety of a reconsideration of the vote taken at your last meeting, by which the reports of the Charter Commission were wholly rejected. I am convinced that it would be a mistake to drop the entire subject of the revision of our city charter at this time, and that such an important question should only be dismissed after a thorough discussion of its various phases of both branches of the City Council.

As you well know, our present charter is a thing of shreds and patches. At the time of its adoption it was a model document, and it has served an excellent purpose. Like many other good things, it has had its day. It is based in part upon theories of municipal government which have become obsolete, and it has been so often changed by general and special legislation, that many of its provisions are obscure and uncertain.

I cannot take time in this brief communication to point out the defects in the existing charter, but if your Honorable Board should be willing to reopen the question which was so summarily closed at your last meeting, I should be pleased to join with you in a careful study of the whole problem.

For several years past there has been a strong popular demand for the

revision of our city charter, and last year's City Council, of which all of you were members, appointed a Commission to consider and report upon the subject. This Commission was composed of men of high character and broad experience in public affairs. A report coming from such a body of men is certainly entitled to the most respectful attention.

Even if the members of your Honorable Board should find themselves unable finally to adopt the recommendations of the Charter Commissioners, it might be possible, after more careful consideration, for you to agree upon a charter which would be a great improvement upon the present organic law of the city.

It has occurred to me not unreasonable to hope that your Honorable Board in view of the somewhat expeditious action of last Wednesday evening, might think it proper to reconsider the votes of rejection then taken, and allow the whole subject to go before a joint special committee of the two branches of the City Council. Such a committee would be likely to take time for a proper study of the question, and give hearings to members of the City Council and citizens who might desire to appear before them.

I have ventured to suggest further consideration of this important subject, not for the purpose of influencing your final action, but solely in the interest of deliberate and intelligent treatment of a question which ought to be dealt with in a serious and broad-minded manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion F. Perry,
Mayor

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry moved that all votes passed by this board at its last meeting, rejecting the reports of the City Charter Commission and proposed amendments thereof, be reconsidered.

The motion was lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Whitaker and Berry - 2, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews and Huntley - 6 - voting in the negative.

√ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of one good and lawful man to serve as a Grand Juror at the Superior Court to be holden at Bainbridge on the second Monday of February next, the person so

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drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on the first day of its sitting at 10 o'clock, A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Hawthey, who drew therefrom and read aloud the name of William Lynch.

The slip bearing the said name so drawn was passed to the mayor, who verified the said name by reading it therefrom aloud, and it was then passed to the City Clerk, who also read aloud the said name therefrom and then properly endorsed the slip and returned it to the proper compartment of the jury box.

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 in the second Monday of February next, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday February 15, 1897 at 10 o'clock, A.M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Dumont, who drew therefrom and read aloud the names of William E. Gilman, Robert H. Belt and James F. Prindle.

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

Received from the Common Council an order providing that no permits be granted to various parties applying for permission to project coverings, bow windows, or any other projections over the sidewalks during the present year. — Order ✓

Ruled by the Mayor as not properly before the Board, as the subject matter of the order is not within the jurisdiction of the Common Council.

Received, from the Common Council, the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Printing be and they are hereby

requested to ascertain and report to the City Council the cost of printing and binding five hundred copies of the address delivered by the Hon George A. Bruce at the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Somerville as an independent municipality.

In Common Council Jan 28, Referred to Committee on Printing and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feby 1, Reference non-concurred in. Amended by adding at the end of the order, the words, together with such other addresses and proceedings of that occasion as may be obtainable, & the same as amended adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 11, Order as amended adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feby 15.

√ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order.

Ordered,

That the Board of Health be requested to include in its estimate of expenses for the coming year, an amount sufficient to cover the extra expense of four collections of house offal per week in the months of June, July and August, instead of three as at present, and that the attention of the finance committee be specially called to the same.

In Common Council Jan 28, Referred to the Board of Health and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feby 1, Reference non-concurred in. Order adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 19.

√ Order — Received from the Common Council, an order for the appointment of a joint special meeting to consider the expediency of purchasing land and erecting a building suitable for the maintenance of a public bath for adult males, said building to be erected in the vicinity of Union Square.

In Common Council Jan 28, Amended by referring to Committee on Public Property. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feb 1, Laid on the table.

√ Report — Received the report of the Superintendent of Electric Lines for the

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month of January.

Placed on file

Received a petition from Charles K. Patch and others, for a crosswalk on Chandler street, easterly side, from Chapel street to Broadway — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Alderman Kenny 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 twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street, also to consider the advisability of making an appropriation of six thousand dollars for the construction of a subway under the Fitchburg Railroad at Sacramento street.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 11 Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 15

Received Notice of Suit, in an action of tort, brought by Mary A. Knowles of Somerville, before the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of March next, to the damage of said Knowles, as she saith, the sum of Five thousand Dollars — Notice ✓

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

In Common Council February 11, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George F. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, February 10, 1897, 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Dumont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Hartley, and Berry present.
Records approved.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed January 13, a hearing was given on the petition of Fred W. Jackman, for permission to erect and use a stationary engine of one-horse power, to be propelled by hot air, to supply power for a printing press, in the basement of the premises, No. 366 Somerville avenue, due notice having been published by the petitioner, and directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed January 13, a hearing was given on the petition of K. Barlton Abbott, for permission to erect and use a stationary engine of six horse power, with boiler of six-horse power, in a building at 34 Chestnut street, to furnish power for cutting wood, due 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 January 22, a hearing was given on the petition of Dr. Fred H. Howe, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows, - At No. 668 Somerville avenue, on an apartment house, - two bay windows, each nine feet long, in second and third stories, to project over the sidewalk two feet, with coving to project eighteen inches in addition, also the coving on the remainder of the front of said house, to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches, due notice having been published, as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of January — Report ✓

Placed on file.

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for the month of January — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Feb 11, Read for information

Received a petition from Thomas K. Martin, for re-appointment as a weigher of beef — Petition ✓

Appointment ✓

Appointment, as requested, made by the mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the board of aldermen

Received the annual reports for the year 1896, of the Somerville Mystic Water Board, — Annual Reports ✓

Board of Health,

Overseers of the Poor,

City Clerk, 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 Feb 11, References concurred in

Received the resignation of Stephen S. Smith, as a police officer, dated February 8, 1897, to take effect that day — Resignation ✓

Accepted.

Received a petition from D. K. Chandler and twelve others, for the appointment of an inspector and weigher of hole hay and straw, for this city. — Petition ✓

Referred to the Mayor.

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 ✓

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Arvid Ryanson, Frank I. Robinson, L. Charles Small and Ralph W. Small

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Petition. Received a petition from William Harris, for a license to give a dramatic entertainment in Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Saturday afternoon, February 6.

recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the mayor and licence issued by the city clerk. Issuing of license approved.

√ Petitions. Received petitions for licenses as funeral undertakers from

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

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition. Received a petition from Gustaf Ohlson, for a licence to keep one billiard and two pool tables at No. 2 A Davis square.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition. Received a petition from Thomas Gunnham and others for catch-basins in Hancock street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions. Received petitions from

√ Edwin F. Whitney and Cyrus W. Babcock, for permission to stretch a telegraph wire over and across Gorham street, from the house numbered 49 to the house numbered 58 on said street;

√ E. W. Fox and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southeasterly side of Elm street, from the Nathan Tufts Park to Kidder avenue;

√ Louis E. Merry and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Elm street, from Kidder avenue to Morrison street;

√ Thomas Gunnham and others, for brick sidewalks on both sides of Hancock street, from Elm street to Summer street;

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Cutler B. Crowell and others, for brick sidewalks on one or both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Crowell street;

Edmund Gibbs for a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of White street, from White street place to Elm street;

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Avison Hager and others, for the laying out of Edmunds street, from Broadway to Bonair street;

Peter S. Roberts and others, for the acceptance of James street, from Pearl street to Vaughn street;

William H. Teele and others, that the southeasterly line of Broadway and the southeasterly line of Curtis street, at and near their point of intersection, be re-established and defined, in accordance with a plan thereof, dated November 28, 1896, entitled City of Somerville, plan showing laying out of easterly side line of Curtis street, at Broadway, Ernest W. Bailey City Engineer and on file in the city engineer's office.

Edwin R. Jenkins and others, that the name of Mondamin Court be changed to Mondamin avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, References concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Harris P. Tibbetts and others, for an arc light at the corner of Bradley and Vaughn streets;

J. C. H. Snow and others, for an arc light in Pearl Terrace;

Homer S. Clark and others, that the electric light on Central street at the head of Berkeley street be changed so as to better accommodate the public at large.

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

In Common Council Feb. 11, References concurred in.

Received a petition from the Somerville Tennis Club, for the use of the Old Lincoln School Lot, on Elm street for the ensuing year. — Petition ✓

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

In Common Council, Feby 11, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Edward W. King and others, Captains in the Fire Department, for an increase of compensation as set forth.

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

In Common Council, Feb. 11, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition — Received a petition from H. W. Whittier, Captain, Co. H. 8th Regt. M. V. M. for the annual appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars for target bars and transportation to the ranges for the current year.

Referred to Committee on Finance and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition — Received a petition from the Executive Committee of the Prospect Hill Park Association, and others, for the taking of land on Prospect Hill, as indicated on the accompanying plan, for the purpose of a public park, the land extending on the S. W. side of Monroe street from land of Thos. H. Smith to land of Elbridge A. Parks.

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

In Common Council Feb. 15, Reference concurred in.

√ Reports — The Committee on Licenses,

on the petitions of Paul Epstein, for a license to keep two pool and two billiard tables at No. 56 Holland street, reported leave to withdraw,

on the petitions of Ann Parkinson and Hiram Turner for licenses as Common Victuallers, reported an order.

Accepted.

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

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 licenses to

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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.

Ann Parkinson, 75 Broadway
Hiram Turner, 198 Highland avenue
Adopted

Alderman Seamont offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the City Engineer be and he hereby is authorized to procure, under the direction of the committee on sewers, and cause to be inserted in his annual report for the year 1896, plans and photographs showing the construction of the Tannery Brook Drain and Sewers, and the connections in this city, with the Metropolitan Sewer, the expense incurred not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and to be charged to Sewer Construction Account.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 12.

The Committee on Printing, in pursuance of an order of January 12, submitted the following list of proposals received to print the Annual Reports of the city for the year 1896, viz. — Report ✓

Names of Bidders	1400 [illegible]	Board of Health	City Engineer	Overseers of the Poor	School Committee	Trustees of the Public Library	Water Board	Total for separate reports
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Samuel Usher	2.30	12.00	14.00	10.00	60.00	16.00	12.00	124.00
John Cashman & Co.	1.75	8.50	10.50	8.25	56.50	17.25	12.50	115.50
Somerville Journal Co.	1.55	8.00	9.00	5.75	45.00	12.50	10.50	90.75
Am. Printing & Engraving Co.	1.52	7.25	14.25	5.00	24.00	6.00	5.00	61.50
Robinson Press	1.43	5.25	7.84	4.50	47.60	11.70	11.80	88.69

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council February 11, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Andrews offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the committee on printing be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to make a contract with the Robinson Press for the printing

of the annual reports for the year 1896, together with additional copies of the Board of Health, City Engineer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and Water Board, at the prices named in their respective submitted in said committee report of this date, the amount so expended to be charged to Printing and Stationery account, said company to furnish a bond satisfactory to the committee on printing and to the City Solicitor and in the sum of five hundred dollars.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 12

√ Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,

That the committee on printing be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to include in the Annual Reports for the year 1896 the inaugural address of his Honor, the Mayor, delivered January 4, 1897, and to exclude from said Annual Reports the address of the year 1896.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feby. 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feby. 15

√ Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order

Ordered,

That the committee on printing be and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to have printed one hundred copies each of the seventeen street lists of accredited polls, as compiled by the Board of Assessors for the year 1897, and twenty copies additional of the whole, to be bound in half leather for the use 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 15, of chapter 417, of the acts of 1894, the expense so incurred to be charged to printing and stationery account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feby. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feby. 15

√ Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order

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Ordered,-

That the committee on fire department be, and it hereby is authorized to purchase three hoses for the use of the fire department and to dispose of three hoses now in service at the Central Fire Station, - the expense so incurred not to exceed $440 and to be charged to Fire Department account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feby 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on water be and it hereby is, authorized to purchase two street watering carts at an expense not exceeding eight hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Watering Streets account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 15.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on water be, and it hereby is, authorized to make repairs on street watering cart #7, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Watering Streets account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 15.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on water be, and it hereby is, authorized to employ some suitable persons to take the time of the men employed in street watering during the coming season, and to render such other assistance

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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. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19.

√ Order — Alderman Irving offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is, requested to appear before the committee on street railways of the legislature in favor of the fare transfer bills now pending before that committee, at the hearings held in regard to the aforesaid legislation.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

√ Order — Alderman Whitaker offered the following order

Ordered,-

That the committee on legislative matters and the city solicitor be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to depose, before any committee to which it may be referred and by every other proper means, the passage of a bill, presented to the Legislature by the city of Cambridge, for the changing of the boundary line between that city and the city of Somerville.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 15.

√ Order — Alderman Whitaker offered the following 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 fifty thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the city therefor, payable within one

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year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon.

The said debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the city under this order are to be paid from the candidates 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 Feb. 11. Received its first reading, Rules suspended to admit of second reading by yea and nay vote as follows, Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Riley, Gracy, Burrows, Cummings, Barr, Robinson, Macdonald, Raymond, Wilson, Howell, Timoney and the President (14) voting in the affirmative and Councilman Story (1) voting in the negative. Absent Councilman Reed. Received its second reading and final passage by unanimous yea and nay vote, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 12.

The Committee on Public Property, on an order of Nov. 11, 1896, to consider the suitability of plans submitted with said order, for a building to be used as an armory and for other purposes to be erected on Central Hill Park, using the abandoned engine house at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street as a part of such building, reported that, in the judgment of the committee, it is inexpedient to erect such a building on Central Hill Park. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11. Acceptance non-concurred in and report recommitted to the committee on public property. Sent up for concurrence. (see subsequent record)

Alderman Seamont offered an order for the purchasing by the committee on public property, of one hundred copies of "Somerville, Past and Present," edited by Edward A. Samuels and Henry B. Kimball, A.M., the expense not to exceed three hundred dollars, and to be charged to Miscellaneous account. — Order ✓

Referred to Committee on Public Property, with instructions to consider the expediency of passing the order and to report.

In Common Council Feb. 11. Reference concurred in.

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✓ Report

The joint special committee, to which was referred the request of Hon. George A. Bruce, that the Boston and Maine Railroad Company be compelled to fence its location at the Winter Hill station and construct a foot-bridge over its tracks, reported that the committee met with General Manager McKenzie, at the Boston and Maine Railroad Station in Boston January 28th, and Mr. McKenzie stated that the question of station crossings all along the Boston and Lowell branch, is now under consideration, and would need to be dealt with in a broad way, if any action be taken. The conditions at the Winter Hill Station are in no sense different than those at other stations along the road, and for that reason they could not take action at any particular station with reference to bridging it. There is a probability in the near future, of the road bed being widened in order to have four tracks, which would necessitate the taking away of any bridge which would be constructed. The railroad tracks are so close to each other at this location the road could not be successfully fenced between the tracks.

The officials have carefully looked into the matter and should be pleased to have this committee suggest any way out of the difficulty, but the committee should not want to bear any portion of the expense of a foot bridge, still if the city should decide to place a bridge there for the protection of life, no doubt the directors of the road would grant the privilege to cross at a convenient point. They also deem it inexpedient to place a flag-man at this station to warn people of danger, as the electric signal is now in perfect working order announcing the approach of trains, again this would be a further expense. The officers of the road feel very keenly, and sympathize deeply with our neighbors who have lost their loved ones at the Winter Hill Crossing.

Accepted as a partial report. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Accepted as a partial report, in concurrence.

✓ Order

Alderman Damon offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the City Engineer be, and he hereby is requested, to prepare a plan, and submit an estimate of the cost for the construction of a suitable foot bridge to be placed over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad (Lowell division) at Winter Hill station, at a point most

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convenient to passengers. The expense so incurred under said order to be charged to Engineering Department account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb 11, Received title first reading. Motion to lay on the table lost by ayes and nays vote as follows, Councilmen Osborne & Kenney (2) voting in the affirmative and Councilmen Berry, Gracey, Harrows, Cummings, Barr, Robinson, Macdonald, Stay, Raymond, Wilson, Lowell, Timson and the President (13) in the negative. Councilman Reed absent. Second reading refused by a unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to consider the report of the Committee on Finance recommending appropriations for the current year, and to transact such other business as might come before the board, - all the members having been duly notified in writing. -

City Hall, Somerville, February 24 1897 - 3 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley, and Berry present.

Records approved.

√ Appointments — His Honor the Mayor made the following appointments, subject to the confirmation of the Board, -

Janitor of Police Building, Henry S. Braden,

Police Patrolman, on regular force, Eugene A. Woodcum, now a member of the reserve force.

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

√ Appointment — His Honor the Mayor made the following appointment, subject to confirmation by the board, -

Constable, Clarence Tucker

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

√ Recommendation — Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Harry W. Elwell be appointed a relief driver in the Fire Department, for the probationary term of six months.

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

√ Petition — Received from the Common Council a petition from James M. Towle and others for an arc light at the corner of Cutter avenue and Hawthorne street.

In Common Council Feb. 11, Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street

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Lights in concurrence.

Received from the Common Council the report of the Committee on Public Property presented and accepted in this board February 10th, that it is deemed by said committee inexpedient to erect a building on Central Hill Park, to serve as an armory for Company M, 1st Regt. M.V.M. and for the purposes, as stated in an order passed Nov. 11, 1896, and approved Nov. 12, 1896, — endorsed as follows, — Report ✓

In Common Council Feb. 11, 1897 Acceptance non-concurred in and the report recommitted to the Committee on Public Property. Sent up for concurrence.

Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Further action on said report was taken as follows, —

In Board of Aldermen, Feb. 24, Adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

In Common Council Feb. 24, Adhered to former action. Sent up for information.

Received from the Common Council an order requesting the City Engineer to prepare plans for a new street forty feet in width from Somerville avenue to Kenson street, the northerly line of said proposed street to adjoin the northerly line of Franklin School lot from Somerville avenue to a point about fifty feet from the westerly line of the location of the Fitchburg Railroad, thence curving to the right and by a tangent to said curve to a point on the easterly side of Kenson street a few feet south of land of Chas. H. Bushman; also requesting the city engineer to submit his estimate of the cost of constructing said street including a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad tracks with eighteen feet clear headroom. Order ✓

In Common Council Feb. 11, Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feb. 24, Laid on the table.

Received from the Common Council an order requesting His Honor the Mayor to ascertain from the president of the Fitchburg Railroad Company what payments and contributions said company will make toward constructing a highway bridge over said company's tracks between Kent and Sacramento streets, with suitable approaches thereto, and on what terms said payments and contributions will be made. Order ✓

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In Common Council, Feb 11, Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Board of Aldermen Feb 24, Said on the table

✓ Order — Received from the Common Council, an order requesting the City Solicitor to ascertain the probable cost of the land for and the damage occasioned by the construction of the proposed street over the Fitchburg Railroad tracks, with the amount of betterment that could legally be collected toward defraying the expense of the same, and to report such information at the next regular meeting of the board of Aldermen.

In Common Council, Feb 11, Adopted and sent up for concurrence
In Board of Aldermen, Feb 24, Said on the table

✓ Order — Received from the Common Council, an order requesting the committee on finance to include, in its estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the current financial year, the sum of eighty thousand dollars for Highways and the sum of twenty thousand dollars for sidewalks

In Common Council Feb 11, Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Board of Aldermen Feb 24 Adoption lost

✓ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order

In Common Council, February 11, 1897

Ordered,

That Article II of the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto the following section

Section 12 The reports of all joint standing committees or joint special committees shall be made to that branch of the city council, in which the petition, resolve, order, or ordinance, in regard to which the report is made, shall have been originally presented, except in regard to matters which are required by law or ordinance to first be acted upon by the mayor and aldermen, or to be acted upon by the mayor and aldermen alone. (signed) W. E. Robinson

In Common Council, February 11, 1897 Adopted and sent up for concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

In Board of Aldermen, Feb 24 1897 Adopted in concurrence

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George S. Vincent, Clerk

Feb. 24, 1897. Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Received from the Common Council the following resolution and order. — Resolution ✓

In Common Council Feb. 11, 1897.

Resolved,

That in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Somerville, the bills now pending before the legislature compelling the West End Street ~~Street~~ Railway Company to issue free transfers, good on connecting cars, ought to pass. Be it therefore,

Ordered, That the city clerk be and he hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Massachusetts legislature now in session.

(Signed) Arthur D. Osborne

In Common Council Feb. 11, Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feb. 24, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 24.

The appointments made by the Mayor January 27th of — Appointments ✓

Weighers of Beef
Weighers of Boats
and
Measurers of Grain

were confirmed by the board of Aldermen.

The appointments, made by the Mayor January 27th of — Appointments ✓

Special Police without compensation,

were confirmed by the board of aldermen.

Received the annual reports for the year 1896 of the — Annual Reports ✓

City Engineer
City Physician,
Committee on Sewers,
Committee on Highways, and
Committee on Park and Street Lights,

Referred to Committee on Printing to be printed in the Annual Re

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ports. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 24, References concurred in.

√ Constable's Bond — Received a constable's bond, in form approved by the City Solicitor and in the sum of Three thousand dollars, from Clarence Tucker, with William J. McCarthy and Frank E. Dickerman as sureties.

Approved and accepted.

√ Report Appropriation — Received the following report of the Committee on Finance.

City of Somerville,

In Committee on Finance, February 19, 1897.

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 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 $2,200 (he to furnish and maintain his own teams)			$ 9,000	00
Electrical Department				
including salary of Superintendent of Electric Lines and Lights $1,200			6,400	00
Fire Department				
including salaries of				
Chief Engineer	$ 1,800	00		
Assistant Engineer	600	00		
Permanent Captains				
for first year's service as permanent man	770	00		
for second year's service as permanent man	900	00		

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for subsequent service	1.050	00		
Engineemen of steam fire engines,				
for first year's service as permanent men,	860	00		
for second year's service as permanent men,	1.000	00		
for subsequent service	1.140	00		
Drivers acting as captains each,	50	00		
Assistant Engineemen, drivers and all other				
permanent men except as above provided,				
for first year's service as permanent men,	720	00		
for second year's service as permanent men	850	00		
for subsequent service	1.000	00		
and of Callmen,				
Captains each,	180	00		
Lieutenants, each,	162	00		
other call-men	150	00	55.000	00
Health Department				
(including salary of Agent)	1.200	00		
(and Superintendent of Collection of Ashes				
and Offal)	900	00	20.000	00
Highways				
(including salary of Superintendent of Streets				
the city to furnish his teams)	1.600	00	63.000	00
Indigent Soldiers & Sailors			300	00
Interest				
(on funded debt and temporary loans)			80.000	00
Miscellaneous				
for contingent purposes and pay of election				
officers				
Wardens, each per day	8	00		
Deputy Wardens,	8	00		
Clerks,	8	00		
Deputy Clerks	8	00		
Inspectors,	7	00		
Deputy Inspectors	7	00		
Deputies who do not serve, for reporting to				
Wardens before opening of polls	1	00		

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	Salary of Sealer of Weights & Measures	300	00		
	Pound Keeper	25	00		
	Office expenses of the City Solicitor	150	00	7000	00
Police					
	for contingent expenses and salaries of				
	Chief	1900	00		
	Captains	1,500	00		
	Sergeants (4) each	1,200	00		
	Keeper of lock up	100	00		
	Patrolmen,				
	for first year's service from date of appointment each per day	250	00		
	for second year's service from date of appointment each per day	275	00		
	after two years service from date of appointment each per day	300	00	46,000	00
Police Stations Incidentals					
	(including salary of Janitor)	850	00	2,500	00
Printing and Stationery				6,500	00
Public Grounds				6,000	00
Public Library					
	(to which amount shall be added the sum received from the County Treasurer, as the City's part of the fee for dog licenses)			7,500	00
Relief & Burials of Indigent Soldiers & Sailors				7,000	00
Reduction of Funded Debt				110,000	00
Salaries					
	(to which amount shall be added the sum received from the State for Corporation and bank taxes)				
	Mayor	2,500	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		

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Third Assistant to same	500 00		
Deputy Collector of Taxes	1200 00		
City Solicitor	1500 00		
City Auditor	500 00		
Clerk of Common Council	250 00		
Clerk of Committees	1800 00		
First Assistant to Clerk of Committees	900 00		
Second Assistant to Clerk of Committees	500 00		
Clerk of Assessors	1600 00		
First Assistant to Clerk of Assessors	700 00		
Second Assistant to Clerk of Assessors	500 00		
City Messengers (the city to furnish horses and teams)	1500 00		
Inspector of Buildings (he to furnish horses and teams)	1900 00		
Inspector of Plumbing	1200 00		
Inspector of Milk	400 00		
Inspector of Animals and provisions	400 00		
Assessors, (Chairman)	900 00		
Assessors (3) each $800	1600 00		
Assistant Assessors (4) each $250	1000 00		
Registrars of Voters (4) each $200	800 00		
Janitor of City Hall and Public Library	850 00		
Night Janitor at City Hall	720 00	10000 00	
School Contingent		18000 00	
School Contingent (Janitors Salaries)		16500 00	
School Fuel		10000 00	
Schoolhouse Incidentals		16000 00	
School Teachers Salaries		165000 00	
Sewer Maintenance		6000 00	
Sidewalks		10000 00	
Street Lights		45000 00	
Support of Poor (including salaries of Agent $1500 secretary $500.00 and salary of City Physician he to furnish all medicines $1150		18000 00	
Watering Streets		3500 00	
Amounting in the aggregate to		$744200 00	

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And it is further recommended that from the receipts from the City of Boston for return on water rates, Appropriations be made as follows, -

Water Maintenance	$46	000	00
Water Works Extension	20	000	00

Albion A. Perry,
Geo. E. Whitaker,
S. Herbert Huntley,
F. DeWitt Sapham,
Fred M. Carr,
Howard Sowell,
Silas S. Cummings,
John W. Macdonald,
} Committee

(see subsequent entry in this same record)

√ Order

Pending action on the foregoing report of the Committee on Finance, Alderman Whitaker offered the following order

Ordered, -

That a communication be sent to the Common Council requesting a convention of both branches for the purpose of informally considering the report of the Committee on Finance.

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

In Common Council Feb. 24, 1897, Request granted and Councilman Gracey appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Samont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Berry President Sapham and Councilmen Osborne, Stay, Raymond, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Sowell, Reed, Carr, Macdonald, Robinson, Timson and Wilson present.

√ Report

In pursuance of an order passed this day the convention consider

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ed, informally, the report presented to the Board of Aldermen by the Committee on Finance this day, recommending appropriations to defray the current expenses of the city for the current financial year.

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished the convention was dissolved. — Convention dissolved

In Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry presiding

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Berry present.

The hour of eight P.M. having arrived a hearing was given, in pursuance of an order approved January 28, for all persons desiring to object to the construction of gravel sidewalks, with edgestones, on both sides of Avon Street, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 131 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

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: — Petitions ✓

Garfield J. Grille, John Morrison and George M. Proctor

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Received a petition from John McMahon for a license to give a literary entertainment in Bacon Hall, Friday evening, February 12. — Petition ✓

approved by the Chief of Police. Received by City Clerk to late to issue the license

Placed on file

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√ Petitions

Received petitions from
John D. Collins, for a licence for a Tug of War exhibition in Union Hall Friday evening Feb. 26.
Mrs. Clotilda E. Mosley for a licence for a musical entertainment in Odd Fellow Hall, Broadway, Thursday evening February 25.
approved by the Chief of Police
Licences granted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from James J. Downey and Dennis E. O'Neil, doing business as Downey and O'Neil at No. Somerville avenue, for licences as funeral undertakers.
Referred to Committee on Licences.

√ Petition

Received a petition from John R. Curtis, M.D. and others, asking the board to reconsider the (acceptance of) the resignation of Officer Stephen S. Smith and reinstate him on the Magoun square route.
Referred to Committee on Police.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Henry W. P. Coleon, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows:- At the southeasterly corner of Highland avenue and Vinal avenue, on a four story wooden building, to consist of stores and dwellings - the finish at the second story of three bay windows on Vinal avenue, and the finish of six bay windows in different stories, all above the first, on Highland avenue, to project over the sidewalk one foot; a belt course over the stores to project, for a distance of thirty feet in the middle of the Highland avenue frontage, one foot over the sidewalk; the coving of Vinal avenue, including that over the bay windows, to project one foot, and on Highland avenue to project from one foot at the corner of Vinal Avenue to two feet three inches at the other extremity of the building. None of the bay windows are to project over the sidewalk, only portions of the coving and finish.
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.
the said petition being accompanied by the following order of notice.

√ Order of Notice

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 March, 1897, at 8 o'clock, P.M. at its room in the

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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 27th inst.

Adopted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

W. J. Smith, for permission to erect a private telegraph wire between the corner of Oak and Prospect streets to Oak street, at the bend, on the poles placed along Oak street,

James R. Miller, for permission to blast frozen earth and rock in excavating for a cellar on the westerly side of Kensington avenue near Broadway,

Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to construct two coal holes in the sidewalk of Highland avenue in front of the apartment building he is about to erect at the southeasterly corner of Vinal avenue.

Lucy C. McCarthy and others, for the removal of the horse chestnut tree standing in front of No. 45 Jenny Lind avenue,

Julia F. Trimmings and Mary C. Collupy, for a brick sidewalk on the westerly side of Central street, from Atherton street to Cypress street,

Walter C. Kentzer and others, for a brick sidewalk on the northwesterly side of Cherry street from Summer street to Highland avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk on Highland avenue in front of an apartment building he is about to erect at the S.E. corner of Vinal avenue, and that the city will allow him, toward the cost thereof, a sum equal to one half the cost of a brick sidewalk,

John E. Bryant and others, for the acceptance, grading and putting in proper condition, of Grant street, from Broadway to Jaques street,

Edward B. Morgan and others, for the laying out of Lesley avenue, from Highland avenue to Lexington avenue,

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Warren Richardson and others, for the acceptance, grading and putting in proper condition of Tower street, from Highland avenue to Brown street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 24, References concurred in.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

√ John B. Curtis, M.D. and others, for an arc light on Broadway, midway between Magoun square and Cedar street;

√ G. H. Gunter and others, for an arc light on Gilman Terrace;

√ Francis Tufts and others, for an arc light at the corner of Willow avenue and Foskett street;

√ Mr. Frank Kenney and others, for an arc light midway on Spring street, instead of the Incandescent light now in use.

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

In Common Council Feb. 24, References concurred in.

√ Statement

Received from the Common Council a statement signed by E. G. Park and others, that a section of Prospect Hill remains as it did a generation ago, but the greater part has been dug away and the land built over with houses, while the remaining section is now in danger of being sold for building purposes; and that on account of its historical associations, its sightly location, and its adaptability for park purposes the signers believe that the place should be permanently procured as a public park.

In Common Council Feb. 24 Read and sent up for information.

In Board of Aldermen Feb. 24, Read for information.

√ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of two good and lawful men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the second Monday of March next, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday, March 8th 1897, at ten o'clock, A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Seamont, who drew therefrom and read aloud the names of

Charles E. Joslin

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and

Benjamin P. Lovejoy

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

The Committee on Licenses — Reports ✓

on petitions for licenses to keep billiard and pool tables, from Cornelius H. Kelley, two tables at 883 Somerville avenue, and Gustaf Ohlson, one billiard and two pool tables at 2 & 4 Davis square, reported leave to withdraw.

on petitions for licenses as funeral undertakers from Thomas J. Barker, Charles F. Bryant, John J. Cummings, William A. Flaherty, William A. Frink, Alfred E. Mann, Edward G. Marsh, G. Roscoe Marsh, George F. McKenna, Patrick H. Haffety, Francis M. Wilson 2d, Charles J. Winterbottom, reported accordingly.

Accepted.

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

Ordered,

That a license as an Undertaker to attend and manage funerals, be and is hereby granted to each of the following named persons, under the provisions of law and ordinances applicable to such licenses.

Thomas J. Barker,	Edward E. Marsh,
Charles F. Bryant,	G. Roscoe Marsh,
John J. Cummings,	George F. McKenna,
William A. Flaherty,	Patrick H. Haffety,
William A. Frink,	Francis M. Wilson, 2d
Alfred E. Mann,	Charles J. Winterbottom,

Adopted.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petitions of Dr. — Report ✓

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Fred M. Sears, for permission to build and maintain certain projections over the sidewalk at No 668 Somerville avenue, referred as order
Accepted

Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,
Ordered,
That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to Dr Fred M. Sears to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows, — at 668 Somerville avenue, on an apartment house, two bay windows, each nine feet long, in second and third stories, to project over sidewalk eighteen inches, with coving to project eighteen inches in addition, also the coving on the remainder of the front of said house to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches, such projections to be placed on the building in such a manner as shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings
Adoption lost

Report — The report of the Committee on Finance, this day received and herein before recorded, recommending appropriations to defray the current expenses of the city for the present financial year, was
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Feb 24, Accepted in concurrence

Order — Received from the Common Council the following order
City of Somerville
Order making appropriations to defray the current expenses of the City and also for the State and county taxes for the year 1897, laying a specific tax to provide in part, for the payment of the same, and authorizing the collection of interest on non-payment of taxes
In Common Council,
February 24th 1897
Ordered,-
That for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the city for the financial year 1897 the following named sums of money be, and they are hereby respectively appropriated to the accounts, and for the objects and purposes as hereinafter explained, and the several items of salaries agreed to by the City Council in pursuance of the report of the

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Committee on Finance are hereby fixed and included in the respective appropriations hereinafter named, that is to say,-

Engineering Department		
Nine thousand dollars,	9.000	00
Electrical Department		
Six thousand four hundred dollars,	6.400	00
Fire Department		
Fifty five thousand dollars	55.000	00
Health Department		
Twenty thousand dollars,	20.000	00
Highways		
Sixty three thousand dollars,	63.000	00
Indigent Soldiers and Sailors		
Three hundred dollars,	300	00
Interest		
Eighty thousand dollars,	80.000	00
Miscellaneous		
Seven thousand dollars	7000	00
Police		
Forty six thousand dollars,	46.000	00
Police Station Incidentals		
Twenty five hundred dollars	2.500	00
Printing and Stationery		
Sixty five hundred dollars,	6.500	00
Public Grounds		
Six thousand dollars,	6.000	00
Public Library		
Seventy five hundred dollars,	7.500	00
Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors		
Seven thousand dollars,	7.000	00
Reduction of Funded Debt		
One hundred and ten thousand dollars,	110.000	00
Salaries		
Ten thousand dollars	10.000	00
School Contingent		
Eighteen thousand dollars	18.000	00

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School Contingent (Janitors' salaries)		
Sixteen thousand five hundred dollars,	16 500	00
School Fuel,		
Ten thousand dollars,	10 000	00
Schoolhouse Incidentals,		
Sixteen thousand dollars,	16 000	00
School Teachers Salaries,		
One hundred and sixty five thousand dollars,	165 000	00
Sewers (Maintenance)		
Six thousand dollars,	6 000	00
Sidewalks,		
Ten thousand dollars,	10 000	00
Street Lights,		
Forty five thousand dollars,	45 000	00
Support of Poor,		
Eighteen thousand dollars,	18 000	00
Watering Streets		
Thirty five hundred dollars,	3 500	00
amounting in the aggregate to	$ 744200	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 1897.

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 as 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 county tax for the year 1897.

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,-

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That the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and forty four thousand two hundred dollars, and the sums which will 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 a 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 six thousand dollars	46	000	00
Water Works Extension			
Twenty thousand dollars	20	000	00

and it is further.

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 seven 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.

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The said debt, or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the city, under this order not to be paid from the said tax of the current municipal year.

In Common Council Feb 24, Received its first reading and under a suspension of the rules its second reading and final passage by unanimous yeas and nay votes and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Feb 24, Received its first reading and, under a suspension of the rules, its second reading and final passage by unanimous yeas and nay votes in concurrence.

Feb 25, 1897 Approved, Albert A. Perry, Mayor

√ Orders

Aldermen Berry offered an order for the construction of sidewalks on Avon Street.

as recorded on page 132 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, Feb 25, 1897

√ Reports

The Committee on Finance,-

on the petitions of H. W. Whitten, Captain of Company M, 8th Regt, M. V. M. for an appropriation for target practice,

and Willard B. Kimley Post, No. 139, G. A. R. for an appropriation of $250.00, for the expense of the observance of Memorial Day, reported orders.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 24, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,-

That the committee on accounts be, and is hereby instructed, to draw in payroll of Miscellaneous, a bill amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, in favor of Co. M 8th Regt. M. V. M. for the purpose of defraying the expense of Rifle practice for the current year.

Ordered,-

That the committee on accounts be, and is hereby instructed, to draw in payroll of Miscellaneous, a bill amounting to three hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) in favor of Willard B Kimley Post G. A. R. for the

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observance of Memorial day May 30th 1897

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 25

The Committee on Finance, on the petition of Martin H. Carr, President of the Somerville Hospital for an early application to the Legislature for the right to make annual appropriations or contributions to the funds of the hospital, to be used for the payment of its running expenses, reported inexpedient to take any action. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 24, acceptance non concurred in. Petition referred to next City Council. Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Feb. 24 adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

In Common Council Feb. 24 adhered to former action. Sent up for information.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report. Report ✓

City of Somerville,

Committee on Finance February 12, 1897

To the City Council of Somerville,

The Committee on Finance, report, that in compliance with section 10, of Chapter 4, of the revised ordinances, they have, in conjunction with the Auditor, and in the manner prescribed by said section, examined and audited the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, for the year ending of December 31st 1896.

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 statements transmitted by the City Clerk, as provided in section 5 of said chapter.

The Committee also carefully verified the cash balance at the close of of business February 12th 1897, as shown by the books and accounts of the Treasurer, such verification having been made by an actual count of the cash on hand, and statements from the banks in which the funds of the city were

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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 recommend that this report be accepted and printed in the annual reports of 1896.

Albion A. Perry Mayor
Geo. E. Whitaker
S. Herbert Huntley } Committee.
F. DeWitt Stephens
J. H. Macdonald

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb 24 Accepted in concurrence

√ Report — The Committee on Fire Department, on the petition of Edward H. King and others, Captains in the Fire Department, for an increase of compensation as captains, recommended an increase to $1200.00 of salaries of the following named captains,

Edward H. King	Captain of Engine Company	#1
Thomas H. Daley	" " "	#2
Samuel H. Stevens	" " "	#4
Melvin B. Richer	" Ladder	#1
Loring L. Jackson	" " "	#2

Laid on the table

√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, to which was referred an order of February 16, for the purchase of one hundred copies of "Somerville Past and Present" edited by Edwards A. Samuels and Henry H. Kimball, at an expense not to exceed three hundred dollars, reported inexpedient to make such purchase

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb 24 Acceptance non-concurred in

√ Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered,

Wednesday, February 24, 1897

That the committee on public property be, and it hereby is, authorized to dispose of the lot of land on Elm Street known as the old Lincoln school lot, containing 8,000 square feet, more or less, the amount so received to be credited to Reduction of Funded Debt account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Feb. 24. Adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, Feb. 25.

Alderman Damonte offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the portion of the City Farm, so called, situated at the southeasterly corner of Broadway and Cedar Street, which is designated, Proposed Play Ground, on a plan made by Ernest W. Bixby, City Engineer, dated February 24, 1897, entitled "City of Somerville, Plan showing sub-division of City Farm," and on file in the office of the city engineer, be and the same hereby is placed in charge of the committee on public grounds, to be prepared and maintained under the direction of said committee, as and for a public play ground, the expense incurred in pursuance of this order to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Feb. 24. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 26.

Alderman Irving offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on fuel and street lights be, and it hereby is, instructed to consider the question of a more comprehensive plan of street lighting, using as far as practicable the arc system with lights of nominal 1200 candle power capacity, and burning all night and every night, and to ascertain upon what terms and under what conditions a contract can be made for such service, to follow the present contract which expires in October of this year.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Feb. 24. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 25.

Alderman Damonte offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,

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That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause the bells of the city to be rung and flags displayed on Patriot's day, the seventeenth of June and the Fourth of July next ensuing; the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 24 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb 25.

√ Report

The Committee on Ordinances on the recommendation contained in His Honor, the Mayor's inaugural address, of such changes in the city ordinances as will permit of the payment of school teachers salaries on the first day of each month, reported an ordinance.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb 24, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Ordinance

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, being entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Times of Payment of School Teachers' wes"

Read twice and passed to be enrolled and sent down for concurrence.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order

In Common Council Feb 24, 1897.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and is hereby instructed, to ascertain the amount of land which can be purchased on the summit of Prospect Hill, also the approximate cost of said land, and to report to the City Council its findings at an early day.

In Common Council, Feb 24.

Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Feb 24, Adopted in concurrence.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order

In Common Council Feb 24, 1897

Ordered,

That on and after March 1st 1897, the collection of ashes be placed in the hands of the Highway department, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account.

In Common Council Feb 24, Referred to Committee on Ordinances. Sent

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up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen Feb. 24. Reference non-concurred in. Amended by striking out the word "March" and inserting in place thereof the word "April". As thus amended rec'd twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Feb. 24. Receded from former action. As amended adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor Feb. 25.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, March 10, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Seamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Berry present.

Records approved.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed February 24, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Henry H. P. Colson for permission to build and maintain certain projections over sidewalks to consist of portions of the coving and finish on the bay windows and other parts of a wooden building, for stores and apartments, to be erected at the south easterly corner of Highland and Vinal avenues, - due notice having been published by the petitioners, as required by said order.

√ Protest

A protest, in writing, was received from Charles Taylor, owner of adjoining land, against the granting of the petition.

Mr J. Albion Briggs appeared, in behalf of Charles Taylor, and remonstrated against the granting of the petition. He thought it hardly necessary to appear in remonstrance against the granting of such a privilege in a strictly residential neighborhood. If granted, such projections would be likely to deter possible investors from buying the land immediately adjoining on Highland avenue. He protested against the granting of permission for any projections on Vinal avenue.

Mr Colson, the petitioner, explained his plans, stating that the building was to set back two feet from the line of Vinal avenue, and on Highland avenue it would set back two feet at the corner of Vinal avenue and seven inches at the other extremity of the building, the frontage between the two points being straight. The projections over the sidewalks would be very slight, except at the top of the building, which was to be four stories high, where the projections would be one foot over Vinal avenue, and from one foot to two feet, three inches over Highland avenue.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

√ Message

Received the following message from His Honor, the Mayor

Wednesday March 10, 1897

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office March 4 1897

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen,

I return herewith with my objections the order which originated in your Honorable Board, authorizing the Committee on Public Property to dispose of the lot of land on Elm street known as the old Lincoln School lot.

It seems to me not unreasonable to believe that the land in question will be required in the future for public use. Building operations in Somerville have been very active of late, and it will become more difficult each year to obtain vacant lands in desirable locations. The lot referred to in the order is situated in a pleasant and central spot, and would serve well at a later day as a site for a public building.

If the growth of our population continues, it will be necessary to erect many additional buildings for the use of schools, and for the fire and police departments, and it will not always be easy to find tracts of land suitable for such purposes.

Several times, in recent years, the Committee on Public Property have been sorely perplexed in selecting lands for school and fire department buildings, and in nearly every case the city has been compelled to pay prices far in excess of the fair market value of the property purchased. Last year, as you will recall, the Committee on Public Property was put to great trouble in finding a suitable schoolhouse lot in Ward 1, and the parcel finally purchased was not as large as it ought to have been. In the case to which I refer, it was necessary to buy and remove from the land three dwelling houses and a fire station, and the cost of the lot was thereby greatly increased.

Instead of selling any part of the real estate now owned by the city, I believe it would be better to purchase, from time to time, parcels of vacant land in those sections where the population is now, or may hereafter become, dense.

I would suggest the propriety of improving the city's lot on Elm street. By the expenditure of a small sum of money for grading and setting out ornamental shrubs, it could be made an attractive feature of the neighborhood, and would serve a good use as a pleasure-ground for young children. The time will come when small open spaces, on different parts

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of the city, will be highly appreciated, and I cannot conscientiously sanction the sale of those which we already own.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor.

Read for information

√ Order

The order returned with the foregoing message, authorizing the sale of the old Lincoln school lot on Elm street, which order was adopted by this board February 24th, was, after the reading of said message reconsidered, and its adoption was lost by a yea and nay vote, Alderman Irving, Ball, Seamont, Whitaker, Huntley and Berry-6, voting in the negative, and Alderman Paatt 1, voting in the affirmative.

√ Communication

His Honor, the Mayor presented the following communication

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, March 10th 1897

To the City Council,

Gentlemen,

For several months past a small wooden building has stood as an obstruction to travel in Dana street, one of the public streets of this city. So far as I can learn, no permission was ever given for thus encumbering one of our highways, but, on the contrary, it appears that the building was originally placed, and has since been maintained, in its present situation in violation of the ordinances of the city. The building occupies the entire width of the northwesterly sidewalk and projects several feet further into the street. The owners and occupants of adjoining real estate justly complain of such an unlawful use of a public street, and urge that steps should be taken by the city for the immediate removal of the building.

I would recommend that the Highway Committee be instructed ~~be instructed~~ to proceed at once, under the direction of the City Solicitor, to remove the unsightly and dangerous obstruction, and institute such further proceedings as shall be deemed proper against the violators of the city ordinance.

Read and sent down for information

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His Honor, the Mayor, made the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the board, - Appointments ✓

Inspector of Buildings, Frederick C. Fuller,
Superintendent of Electric Series and Sights, Edward Hackner,
Inspector of Animals and Provisions, Charles M. Bray,
Public Weigher in charge of City Scales at Union Square, Fulton O'Brien,

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed

His Honor appointed, subject to confirmation by the board, as Registrar of Voters, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1897. Appointment ✓

Cromwell G. Rowell,

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

Received from Nathan Tufts and Sons a petition that James McFadgean, living at 491 Salem street, Medford, and employed at their grain mill at the corner of Webster and Concord avenues in this city, may be appointed a measurer of grain. Petition ✓

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

The following appointments, made by the Mayor February 24th to wit, - Appointments ✓

Henry S. Braden, Janitor of the Police Building
Eugene A. Woodrum, Police Patrolman
Harry W. Elwell, Relief Driver in the Fire Department.

the latter for the probationary term of six months, were confirmed by the board of aldermen

The report of the Committee on Finance, inexpedient, on the petition of Martin W. Carr, President of the Somerville Hospital, for an early application to the Legislature for the right to make annual appropriations toward the running expenses of the hospital, - on which report, February 24th this board voted to accept, the common council voted to refer to next City Council Report ✓

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cil, and this board voted to adhere to its former action, - was received - back from the common council, endorsed as follows,

In Common Council, Feb 24, 1897 adhered to former action sent up for information. Chas S Robertson, Clerk

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order.

In Common Council, Feb. 24, 1897

Ordered,-

That a conference be proposed with the board of aldermen in the matter of asking for legislation to allow the city to make appropriations for the City Hospital, and that a committee of three on the part of this branch be appointed as a committee of conference

(signed) W. E. Robinson,

In Common Council, Feb 24, 1897 Adopted, and councilmen Robinson Carr and Story appointed a committee on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, March 10 Acceded to request for committee of conference, and Aldermen Hauntley, Lamont and Irving, appointed as such committee on the part of this board.

√ Reports

Received the reports, for the month of February, of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lines

Placed on file

√ Annual Reports

Received the annual reports, for the year 1896, of the Committee on Fire Department,
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department
Committee on Public Property
Inspector of Buildings
Superintendent of Public Buildings
Sealer of Weights and Measures
City Solicitor

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

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in

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Received a communication from the Inspector of Buildings, calling attention to the fact that an application has been filed with him for a permit to build a six-story brick building at the corner of Broadway and Grand street, not less than 67 feet in height on the front, and about 78 feet high in the rear, with a frontage of 47 feet, that the ordinance does not cover buildings of more than 55 feet in height; that the proposed hallways and stairways in said building are very narrow and in the inspector's opinion wholly inadequate, in case of fire, the building being planned for twelve families; that the ordinance does not provide for a party wall in such building, it being less than fifty feet wide; expressing the hope that the board will prescribe special laws in regard to party walls for said building and calling attention to the provision that all buildings to be erected, of a description not specified in the Building ordinance shall be constructed in a manner that shall be satisfactory to this board. — Communication. ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received a communication from the Inspector of Buildings submitting a draft of an ordinance to amend the Building ordinance and requesting that it receive early attention. — Communication ✓

Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

Received a communication from the Mayor of Cambridge, with a copy of an order of the board of aldermen of that city, asking this city's co-operation in removing the sewage deposits at and near the outlet of the Bridge street sewer. — Communication. ✓

Read for information.

Received a request from the Mayor of Cambridge, for the appointment of a committee to confer with a committee of the city council of that city in relation to securing such legislation as will change and establish the boundary line between Somerville and Cambridge. — Request. ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council March 11, Read for information.

Received petitions, each signed by a parent, or guardian of the pro- — Petitions ✓

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proved licenses — that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following named minors

Arthur G. Graves, Edward F. Holland, George S. Holland, Harry T. Holland, Elmer Leonard and Charles G. Madras

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from John Caparosia and Henry Ray

both approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

√ Petition — Received a petition from Wm. H. Smith, for a license for a sacred concert in Union Hall, Sunday evening April 18

approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

Lorenzo Sangielo for a license as a common victualler at No. 320 Broadway

Giovanni Di Napoli for a license to play a hand organ in the streets

Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petition — Received a petition from Obed C. Shepherd, for permission to project a bay window in the five upper stories of a six story brick building to be erected at the northwesterly corner of Broadway and Grant street and to be used for stores and dwellings, twenty inches over the sidewalk of Grant street,

and

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

√ Order of Notice — said petition being 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 24th day of March, 1897, 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 12th inst.

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Adopted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Francis Tufts and others, for a sewer in Broadway, from Liberty avenue to Willow avenue

Wilbur P. Rice, for a sewer in Milburn Place, from the sewer in Summer st northeasterly about 115 feet.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received a complaint addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, from Theodor Peter and others, of the manner in which the quarry, owned by the City of Cambridge, near Endicott avenue, in this city, is managed, the blasts being considered unreasonably heaving and shocking, and requesting that the quarrying be regulated so as to be conducted in a reasonable and satisfactory manner — Complaint ✓

Read for information

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

the West End Street Railway Company, for a location for a double track in Beacon street and Somerville avenue from the Cambridge line near Inman square to the Cambridge line at North Cambridge.

Harris P. Tibbetts and others, for edgestones and paved gutters on both sides of Bradley street, from Pearl street to Walter street

W. W. White and others, for a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of Richdale avenue, from School street to Sycamore street

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Frank R. Shepard and others, for edgestones and brick sidewalks in front of their estates in Browning Road, they to pay the cost of the material;

Josephine A. Box, for a brick sidewalk on Central street, from Atherton street to John L. Nichols estate;

Mrs. Huldah J. Downing, for brick sidewalks in front of her premises, Nos. 198 and 200 Highland avenue, she to pay for the bricks and

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edgestones,

Nathan H. Reed, for edgestones on the easterly side of Pinckney street, from Pearl street northerly to the end of his estate, he to pay for the edgestones;

Augustus S. Vinal and others, for brick sidewalks on the westerly side of Walnut street, from Summit avenue to Giles Park;

Albert Burgess and others, for a stone crossing at the end of Joseph street, at its junction with Newton street;

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, References concurred in.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Levi A. Dame and others for an electric light on Meacham street at the corner of Ash avenue.

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

In Common Council, March 11, Reference concurred in.

√ Remonstrance

Received a remonstrance from the West Somerville Board of Trade against the sale of the old Lincoln school lot on Elm street, and favoring its continued use by the tennis club, but suggesting that, if it be desired to throw it open to the public, a few trees and shrubs might be planted and settees provided, and that in the winter it might be flooded for skating.

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

In Common Council March 11, Reference concurred in.

√ Notice of Suit

Received a notice of suit, in an action of Tort, brought by Margaret E. Osborn before the superior court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of April next, to the damage of said plaintiff, as she saith the sum of Two thousand Dollars.

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

In Common Council March 11, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

√ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of three good and lawful men to serve as Traverse jurors at the Superior court now in session at Cambridge,

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the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court Friday, March 12, 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

By direction of the mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Irving, who drew therefrom, and read aloud, the names of

Daniel E. Mansfield,
Patrick F. Kennedy,
and
John M. Eaton,

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

The Committee on Licenses, on the petitions of James J. Downey and Dennis E. O'Neil for licenses as funeral undertakers, reported an order.

Accepted.

Report ✓

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows.

Ordered.

That a license as an Undertaker to attend and manage funerals, be and is hereby granted to each of the following named persons, under the provisions of law and ordinance applicable to such license.

James J. Downey 203 Highland Avenue
Dennis E. O'Neil, 203 Highland Avenue

Adopted.

Order ✓

The Committee on Police, on the petition of John H. Curtis M. D. and others, for reconsideration of (the acceptance of) the resignation of Officer Stephen S. Smith and his reinstatement on the Magoun Square route, reported that assignments to routes are made by the Chief of Police and not by this board; that Officer Smith ceased to be a member of the police force the moment his resignation was accepted and his standing as a candidate for appointment is precisely the same as that of any other applicant and is governed by the civil service rules and therefore reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report ✓

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√ Order

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the committee on electric lines consider the advisability of extending the Police Signal System by the location of six new street signal boxes and two new office instruments with the necessary wire and appliances.

The street signal boxes to be located as follows,

One in the first circuit, in Campbell Park,

One in the second circuit, at Wellington Bridge,

Two in the third circuit, one at the corner of Poplar and Linwood streets, and one at the corner of Linden street and Somerville avenue,

Two in the fourth circuit, one on Columbia street and one at the corner of Beacon Street and Concord Ave.

Adopted.

√ Report

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Henry W. P. Balcom, for permission to erect and maintain certain projections over the sidewalks of Highland and Vinal avenues, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

√ Report

The Committee on Fire Department, on the petitions of

Fred H. Jackman, for permission to erect and use a hot air engine at No. 368 Somerville avenue, and

H. Carlton Abbott, for permission to erect and use a stationary engine at No. 34 Chestnut street.

reported an order.

Accepted.

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,

Ordered,

That a license be, and hereby is granted to H. Carlton Abbott to erect for use a six horse-power Stationary Steam Engine, with boiler of six horse-power, at No. 34 Chestnut street, in accordance with specifications contained in the application for such license, also in accordance with a permit to be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, and under such regulations as the said Inspector may prescribe, which permit must first be obtained

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before such engine or boiler is erected

Ordered.

That a licence be, and hereby is granted to Fred W. Jackman to erect for use a one horse-power stationary engine, to be propelled by hot air to supply power for a printing press in the basement of premises No. 368 Somerville avenue, in accordance with the specifications contained in the application for such licence, also in accordance with a permit to be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, and under such regulations as the said Inspector may prescribe, which permit must first be obtained before such engine or boiler is erected.

Adopted.

Alderman Lamont offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered.

That in pursuance of a communication from His Honor the Mayor of Cambridge, transmitting a copy of an order passed by the city council of that city, presented to the board this day, the committee on Sewers be and hereby is authorized, in its discretion, to co-operate with the city of Cambridge or any committee or officer thereof, in removing such sewage deposits as may be found at or near the outlet of the Bridge street sewer, and to approve, in pay roll of Sewers Maintenance, a bill for five ninths of the cost of making such removal.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor March 15

Alderman Berry offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered.

That His Honor, the Mayor, be and he hereby is requested to transmit to His Honor, the Mayor of Cambridge, a copy of the complaint signed by Theodore Peter and others and this day presented to this board in regard to the manner in which the business of blasting stone is conducted by the city of Cambridge in its quarry situated near Endicott avenue, in this city, and with such copy to present a request that the management of said quarry be so regulated that the cause of complaint may be removed.

Adopted.

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√ Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Lucy C. McCarthy and others, for the removal of the horse chestnut tree standing in front of the estate, No. 45 Jenny Sund Avenue, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

√ Report — The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks as follows,

Petitioners	Materials	Location (street)	Side	From (street)	To (street)
H. S. Aldrich	brick	Aldrich	easterly	Gilman	Flint
Frederick M. Kilmer	edgestone	Broadway	southerly	Adams	Bartlett
Frederick S. Nelson & others	"	Cambria			
F. W. Acomb & others	"	Crocker	both		
W. J. Lamb & others	"	Elm		St. James Ave.	Wilson Ave.
Thomas B. Gosnell & others	brick	Flint	southerly	Cross	Aldrich
Franklin A. Hobart & others	edgestone	Francesca Ave.	both		
Thomas Gurnham & others	"	Hancock	west		
"	edgestone & brick	"	both	Elm	Summer
William B. Holmes	edgestone	Heath	remaining		
Jose Calecuras & others	bricks √	Joseph	southerly		
Grace F. Sowell & others	edgestone	Kidder Ave.	"	Elm	Liberty Ave.
Isaac S. Craig & others	brick	Madison	easterly	School	Sycamore
J. B. Wescott & others	"	Sargent Ave.	both		
N. Nelson & others	edgestone	Temple	southerly	Derby	Sidney
H. E. Hopkins & others	"	Tennyson	Both	Forster	Medford
James Driscoll & others	"	Wheatland	southerly	Broadway	Jaques

reported orders of notice

Accepted.

√ Order of Notice — The order of notice, accompanying the foregoing report, with two other orders, submitted by the committee on highways, for hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

Aldrich street,

Broadway

Cambria street,

Crocker street,

Elm street,

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Flint street,
Francesca avenue,
Hancock street,
Heath street,
Hudson street,
Joseph street,
Kidder avenue,
Madison street,
Sargent avenue,
Temple street,
Tennyson street,
Summer street,
and
Wheatland street,

are recorded, respectively, on page 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 148, 151, 154, 157, 160, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181 and 184, respectively 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 March 11.

The Committee on Highways, - Reports ✓

on the petition of Edwin B. Jenkins and others, that the name of Mondamin Court be changed to Mondamin Avenue reported that as the said court is a private way, the city has no jurisdiction in the matter, and therefore recommended leave to withdraw;

on an order of January 22, to confer with a committee of the city council of Cambridge upon the advisability of extending Fifth and Sixth streets in Cambridge to Somerville avenue in Somerville, reported that such extension would be a good measure but deems action in the matter inexpedient at the present time.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11. Accepted in concurrence.

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√ Orders	Aldermen Berry offered the following orders	
	Ordered,	That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized to have the Kearsarge Road Roller repaired at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account
	Ordered,	That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized, to purchase a street sprinkler at a cost not to exceed two hundred and seventy dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account
	Ordered,	That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized, to purchase a set of crusher jaws, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and thirty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways account
	Ordered,	That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby authorized, to dispose of three horses now in service of the department, and to purchase three horses, at an expense not exceeding four hundred dollars, the amount received from the disposal of the horses, and the expense incurred by the purchasing of horses, be credited and charged to Highways account
	Ordered,	That the Committee on highways, with the advice of the city solicitor, be and hereby is instructed to take immediate measures to cause the speedy removal from the public highway of the building, standing wholly or partially within the limits of Dana street on the northwesterly side thereof, distant about fifty feet, more or less, from Mosaic street, and it is further
	Ordered,	That the said committee and the city solicitor take such steps as may be necessary for the prosecution of any person or persons who may be liable for a violation of the ordinance of the city in causing the obstruction of the highway by said building

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 13

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Alderman Kenney offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the committee on finance be and is hereby requested in making appropriations from Funded debt account for the present year, to consider the expediency of making appropriations for paving as follows, to wit,- Paving of Somerville avenue, from the easterly line of Park street, to the westerly line of Kent street, the sum of $15,550.00

Paving of Somerville Avenue, from the westerly line of Kent street, to the easterly line of Belmont street, the sum of $4,550.00

and for the

Paving of Somerville Avenue, from the easterly line of Belmont street to the junction of Somerville Avenue and Elm street the sum of $13,130.00

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 13.

The Committee on Accounts, reported that by authority of an order dated February 24, a bill of $250.00 had been approved in favor of Company K 1st Regt M V M to defray the expense of rifle practice for the current year. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Hourihan offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested in making the annual appropriations on Funded Debt Account for the year, to include in said appropriations a sum of nine thousand dollars for the repairing and remodelling the fire houses of Hook and Ladder Company, No One and Hose Three situated at the corner of Washington street and Prospect street.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor March 13.

Alderman Hourihan offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered,-

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That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation from Funded Debt of $1050.00 for the substitution of a storage battery for the gravity battery at present in use at the Central Fire Station.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 13.

√ Order. Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation from Funded Debt of four thousand dollars, for the fitting up of the old fire station corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, for the use of the Superintendent of Schools and the Overseers of the Poor.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 13.

√ Order. Alderman Burnett offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation from Funded Debt of $11,509.74, for the purchase of land for the erection of an almshouse.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 13.

√ Order. Alderman Pratt offered the following order.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to lower the windows in the kindergarten room on the first floor of the Sanford Grammar schoolhouse to a level with the other windows on said floor, the amount so expended not to exceed seventy-five dollars and to be charged to Schoolhouse Hardware Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council March 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 13

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum shall be charged from the thirtieth day after the date of assessment until paid, upon all assessments on account of betterments and other public improvements which are a lien upon real estate, which interest shall be added to, and be considered as a part of such assessment.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 13

Alderman Irving offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Printing be and hereby is instructed to have printed five hundred copies of all the ordinances of the city that are not contained in the Municipal Manual of 1892, the expenses incurred to be charged to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 11, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor March 13,

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That in response to a communication from His Honor, the Mayor of Cambridge, a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the board of aldermen, with such number of common councilmen as may be joined, be appointed to confer with a committee of the city council of Cambridge upon the matter of the boundary lines between Cambridge and Somerville, and with a view toward the readjustment of said lines, if deemed desirable, and to report the result of such conference to the city council.

Adopted and Aldermen Whitaker and Hall appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council March 11, Adopted in concurrence and Councilmen Timson, Sowell and Osborne appointed on the part of this Branch.

Approved March 13, by the Mayor.

√ Report

The joint special committee appointed, under an order of January 27, to consider the advisability of selecting a suitable site for an almshouse and the erection thereon of a suitable building for the poor of the city, and to which was referred the request of the board of Overseers of the Poor for an appropriation for the purchase of land for an almshouse and the erection of a building, reported that in its opinion the most desirable site which can be secured is the piece of land owned by William Volger of Somerville, bounded easterly by North street 214.38 feet, northerly by land of Robinson and others 828.94 feet, westerly by land of the City of Somerville, southerly by land of Russell 562.65 feet and by land of Gunsenhiser 229.14 feet, and containing 210.77 square feet, that this estate can be purchased for 5½ cents per foot, amounting in the aggregate to $11,559.74. Extending from North street to the land now owned by the city known as the North street gravel land, it is the key to the City's land and the road now used runs through this estate, that this land would in the judgment of the committee be sufficient for all future needs, and recommended the purchase of the William Volger estate as an ideal spot for an almshouse and farm and the erection thereon of a suitable building at as early a date as possible, and submitted an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 11, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Ordinance

Alderman Ball offered an ordinance to amend Chapter eleven of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, entitled "Board of Health", as amended by Ordinance No. 53, which was approved December 26, 1894, by striking out the provision that the board of health shall make provision, by contract or otherwise, for the collection, carrying away, sale and disposal of the ashes and house dirt of the city.

Read twice and passage to be enrolled lost.

Adjourned.

Attest,

George F. Vincent, City Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners

November 18, 1896.

Whereas, The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board known as the Metropolitan Park Commission, under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act to authorize construction of roadways and boulevards", being chapter two hundred and eighty-eight of the Acts of the year 1894, deem it desirable and expedient to take the lands and rights in land hereinafter described for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in said act, and in chapter four hundred and fifty of the Acts of the year 1895;

Now, therefore, the said Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority conferred upon us by said acts, and of any and every other power and authority us hereto in any wise enabling, acting herein in consultation and concurrence with the purpose local boards, being the City Government of the Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, have taken and do hereby take in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for the benefit of the said Commonwealth and the inhabitants thereof in manner prescribed in and by said acts and for all the purposes therein provided, the lands and rights in land, and all easements, privileges and appurtenances of every name and nature thereto belonging, being three parcels lying in the Cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, and shown on 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, *** 4 sheets October 21, 1896. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects, *** Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer," being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 99, Sheets 1, 2, 3 and 4, the originals of which are to be recorded herewith, and the duplicates of which are on file in the official archives of said Commissioners, and bounded and described as follows, viz:- First: A parcel of land lying in the City of Somerville and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Northeasterly side line of Mystic Avenue, at a point marked "A" on Sheet 1 of said plan, nearly opposite the Northwesterly side line of Chauncey Street, at land of Frederick L. Ames Estate, and others; thence curving to the East and Northeast on a radius of Twenty feet, Thirty-one and four-tenths (31.4) feet to a stake; thence North 57° 1' East, Sixty-four and sixty-two hundredths (64.62) feet to a stake; thence still Northeasterly, curving to the left on a radius of Five hundred and fifty-three and thirty-six hundredths feet, Four hundred and ninety-two and twenty-nine hundredths (492.29) feet to a stake; thence North 36° 41' East, Nine hundred and thirty-one and twenty-seven hundredths (931.27) feet to a stake; thence North 36° 36' East, One hundred and seventeen and fifty-seven hundredths (117.57) feet to a stake, all courses last four given being through said land of Frederick L. Ames Estate, and others; thence North 36° 41' East, through said land, land of F. O. and J. T. Reed and L. D. Farrar, and crossing mean high water mark of Mystic River, about Eight hundred and fifty-one and sixty-six hundredths (851.66) feet to Harbor and Land Com-

missioners' line of extreme low water mark, as shown on said plan; thence Southeasterly by said line of low water mark, as the same winds and turns, down stream, about One hundred and ninety-five (195) feet to a stake; thence South 26° 41' East, crossing again said mean high water mark of Mystic River and running by the Northwesterly side line of Middlesex Avenue, about Eight hundred and twenty-three (823) feet to a stake; thence still Southeasterly, more Southerly, curving to the left on a radius of Three hundred and ninety-four and seventy-one one hundredths feet, One hundred and eighty-four and five hundredths (184.05) feet still by said side line to a stake; thence South 0° 2' East by said side line, One hundred and two and eighty-nine hundredths (102.89) feet to a stake at land of said Frederick L. Ames Estate, and others; thence turning back at an acute angle and curving sharply to the Northwest, West and Southwest on a radius of Fifteen feet, Forty and thirteen hundredths feet (40.13) feet through said land to a stake; thence South 26° 41' West through the same Ten hundred and fifty-five and sixty-three hundredths (1055.63) feet to a stake; thence Southwesterly, Southerly and Southeasterly, curving to the left on a radius of Four hundred and sixty-four and eighty-one one-hundredths feet through said land and land of F. O. Reed, Four hundred and eighty-four and thirty-nine hundredths (484.39) feet to a stake in said Northerly side line of Mystic avenue; thence North 33° 1' 33" West by said side line of Mystic Avenue, Five hundred and seventy-six and eighty-six hundredths (576.86) feet to the stake at the point of beginning, comprising exclusive of land below high water mark in Mystic River, about Twenty-six thousand six hundred square feet taken from F. O. and J. T. Reed and S. D. Sawin, Two hundred forty-two thousand and fifty-three square feet taken from Frederick L. Ames Estate and others, and Ninety-seven hundred and ninety-four square feet taken from F. O. Reed.

Second: Another parcel in said Somerville bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Westerly side line of Middlesex Avenue at a point marked "B" on said Sheet 1 of said plan; thence Northerly and Northeasterly, curving to the right on a radius of Three hundred and thirty-four and seventy-one one hundredths feet, One hundred and fifty-six and seven hundredths (156.07) feet by said line to a stake; thence North 26° 41' East, by said side line and said side line extended on the same course crossing mean high water mark in Mystic River, about Eight hundred and forty-two (842) feet to the Harbor and Land Commissioners' line of extreme low water mark as shown on said Sheet 1; thence Southeasterly, down stream, by said Harbor and Land Commissioners' line as the same winds and turns, about One hundred and six (106) feet to a stake in said line; thence South 26° 41' West, crossing again said mean high water mark of Mystic River and running through land of said Boston and Maine Railroad, about Nine hundred and seventy (970) feet to a stake; thence South 59° 05' West through said land Seventy-six and twelve hundredths (76.12) feet to the stake at the point of beginning, comprising about Twenty-four thousand two hundred and fifty square feet, exclusive of land below said mean high water mark, taken from the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Third: a parcel of land lying partly in the City of Medford and partly in the City of Malden and shown on all four sheets of said plan taken together, bounded and described as follows: (description)

Intending to take and hereby taking each and every tract, estate or parcel or part thereof, included within the foregoing descriptions or however otherwise bounded or described, and by said measurements or any of

thereon more or less. For list of owners of the estates affected by this Taking reference is hereby made to information stated upon said plan, but all names of owners thereon given, although believed to be correct, are stated only as matters of information and belief.

Witness our hands this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety six.

Metropolitan Park Commission

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners,

November 18, 1896.

Whereas, The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board known as the Metropolitan Park Commission, under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled "An Act to authorize construction of roadways and boulevards," being chapter two hundred and eighty-eight of the Acts of the year 1894, deem it desirable and expedient to take the rights in lands herein-after described for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in said act, and in chapter 450 of the Acts of the year 1896; and

Whereas, The said Commission has heretofore, to wit, by an instrument of Taking dated November 18, 1896, and accompanied by its official plan No. 99 (said Taking and said plan being recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, and being hereby expressly referred to), established that portion of the Middlesex Fells Parkway, so called, lying in the cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, and extending from Mystic Avenue in said Somerville on the South, to Salem Street in said Medford and Pleasant Street in said Malden on the North; and

Whereas, said Commission further deems it desirable and expedient to provide for a set back and prescribe a building line and to impose building restrictions upon lands adjacent to said portions of said parkway or boulevard, upon both sides thereof, that is to say, upon or over certain lands or strips of land lying between the main Easterly side lines of said parkway established as aforesaid, and the dotted red lines parallel with said Easterly side lines and distant twenty-five feet Easterly therefrom, as shown on the plan hereinafter mentioned, and upon or over certain lands or strips of land lying between the main Westerly side lines of said parkway and the dotted red lines parallel with said Westerly side lines and distant twenty-five feet Westerly therefrom, also shown on the plan hereinafter mentioned.

Now, therefore, the said Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority conferred upon us by said Acts, and of any and every other power and authority us hereto in any wise enabling, acting herein in consultation and concurrence with the proper local boards, being the City Governments of the cities of Somerville, Medford and Malden, have taken and do hereby take, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for the benefit of the said Commonwealth and the inhabitants thereof, in manner prescribed in and by said acts, and for all the purposes therein provided and herein recited, all such rights,

including easements, privileges and appurtenances of every name and nature, as may be necessary to give full force, virtue and effect to the restriction for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the date of these presents that no buildings of any kind shall be erected or maintained upon, or over any of the strips or lots of land hereinabove described or referred to. For list of owners of the estates affected by this Taking and by the building restrictions hereby created and imposed, reference is hereby made to information stated upon said first mentioned plan, but all names of owners thereupon given, although believed to be correct, are stated only as matters of information and belief. The plan secondly hereinabove referred to is entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan Park Commission, Plan showing Building Line, Middlesex Fells Parkway, Mystic Avenue, Somerville, to Pleasant Street, Malden, and Salem Street, Medford * * * 4 Sheets October 21, 1896 Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects * * * Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer", being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 100, Sheets 1, 2, 3 and 4, the originals of which are to be recorded herewith and the duplicates of which are on file in the official archives of said Commissioners.

Witness our hands this eighteenth day of November, A.D. 1896.

Metropolitan Park Commission.

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, March 24, 1897, 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Dumont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews and Hunt by present.

Records approved.

In pursuance of an order passed March 10, a hearing giving for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Abel C. Shepherd for permission to project a bay window in the five upper stories of a six story brick building to be erected at the north-westerly corner of Broadway and Grant street, twenty inches over the sidewalk of Grant street, due notice having been published by the petitioner as required by said order. — Hearing ✓

Mr. Alonzo D. Wight appeared in behalf of the petitioner and said he did not desire to press the petition.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Received a recommendation from the Chief of the Fire Department that appointments be made as follows,- — Recommendation ✓

George K. Green, age 30, occupation Florist,
Michael K. Kennedy, age 25, occupation Dyer,
William C. Trefren, age 31, occupation Carpenter,
all to be Call Hoseman and members of Hose Company No. 5,
also that Jesse R. Lipsett be appointed Operator of Chemical Tanks on Chemical Engine A, and that Frederick G. Jones be appointed Driver of Engine One Hose Wagon, both for the probationary term of six months.

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed.

The appointment of Bromwell G. Howell as a Registrar of Voters for the term of three years beginning May 1 - made by Mayor March 10th and action deferred until this meeting, was confirmed. — Appointment ✓

The appointment of James McFadgean as a Measurer of Grain, made by the Mayor March 10th and action deferred until this meeting, was — Appointment ✓

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confirmed

√ Ordinance — Received from the Common Council, the ordinance passed by this board to be enrolled, February 24th, being Ordinance No 66 entitled An Ordinance in relative to the Times of Payment of School Teachers Salaries, and recorded on page 475 of the books of Enrolled Ordinances in the City Clerks office, endorsed as follows,

In Common Council, Feb. 24 1897 Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence Chas S Robertson, Clerk

In Common Council, Feb 24 1897 Enrolled

Chas S Robertson, Clerk

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council March 11th 1897 The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within ordinance report the same to be truly and correctly enrolled

Arthur H Berry
William E Robinson } Committee
Isaac N Stay

In Common Council, March 11, 1897 Passed to be ordained.

J. DeWitt Stafford, President

Attest Charles S Robertson, Clerk

Action by the board was then taken as follows,

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen, March 24, 1897 The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

S. Herbert Huntley } Committee
J. H. Andrews

In Board of Aldermen, March 24 1897 Passed to be ordained,

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Attest George L Vincent, Clerk

March 30, 1897 Approved

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

√ Orders — Received from the Common Council the following order

Ordered

That the committee on electric lines be requested to con-

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sider the expediency of placing a fire alarm box on or near the premises of the North Pond Lodge on Washington street, near the Fitchburg Railroad bridge.	
In Common Council March 11th 1897 Adopted, and sent up for concurrence.	
In Board of Aldermen March 24 Adopted in concurrence.	
Approved by the Mayor March 29	
Received from the Common Council notice of the election, by that branch, on the 11th inst, of William H. MacAllister as Assistant Assessor from Ward Four, in non-concurrence.	Election ✓
Read for information	
Received from the Common Council an ordinance to amend section 7 of an ordinance approved June 29, 1893, entitled An Ordinance in relation to Itinerant Musicians, Bears in the Streets and Ringing of Door Bells for the Distribution of Circulars, so as to read as follows, Section 7, The ringing of any door bell by any person in distributing advertisements for the sale of goods or for the purpose of peddling is hereby prohibited.	Ordinance ✓
In Common Council March 11, Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent up for concurrence.	
In Board of Aldermen March 24, Referred in concurrence.	
Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of February	Report ✓
Read and sent down for information.	
In Common Council March 25, Read for information	
Received a communication from S. K. Pillsbury, stating that he does not wish to serve longer as Sealer of Weights and Measures, and declining to serve as a Special Police and as Inspector of Petroleum.	Declination ✓
Placed on file.	
Received a communication to the Mayor of this city from the Mayor of Cambridge, acknowledging receipt of communication of March	Communication ✓

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15th and copies of petition presented to this board in relation to the nuisance caused by blasting in the City of Cambridge ledge, and of the order passed by this board in relation thereto, and stating that he had brought the matter to the attention of Superintendent Eldridge of the Cambridge Almshouse, who has charge of the ledge, and requested him to take all precautions to conduct the blasting in a safe manner and with as little noise as possible, and that Superintendent Eldridge had informed him that when the frost is out of the ground he will place his workmen in a part of the ledge that will be further removed from the house, and therefore less annoying.

Read for information

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to collect junk from Abraham Barron, 458 Columbia street, Cambridge, a licensed tin peddler in Middlesex County.

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from Abraham Barron, George Gavrill, Peter Dupoo and George Magonwodos, — the first named being a licensed tin peddler in Middlesex County and living in Cambridge, and the last three living in in Boston and holding fifty dollar state licenses.

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted

√ 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,

Blake Atkinson, Herbert A Currier, George H Darling, John Hoye, Morrill S Severing, William H Musgrave, George S Perry, Herbert S Tourtillotte, John White,

all approved by the Chief of Police,

Licenses granted

√ Petition — Received a petition from Charles W Harlow for a license for a lit-

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erary entertainment and dance in Bacon Hall, Wednesday evening, April 21,

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

William Wright, for a license as a Common Victualler at #211 Washington street.

Giorgio di Napoli, for a license to play a hand organ in the streets.

Arthur H. Grover, for a license of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors at apothecary store, No. 146 Cross street.

S. E. Putney and J. F. Willer, committee from the Socialist Labor Party, for such action as will open up for public speech Sundays (morning or afternoon) and week-day evenings, such places as Union, Davis, Magoun and Gilman squares, also some of the public parks, that all civil organizations, as well as private individuals may, by notifying the police authorities twenty-four horses before the time of meeting, hold such meetings as are desired.

S. E. Putney and J. F. Willer, committee of the Socialist Labor Party, for permission to hold such meetings on Sundays commencing June 6, and continuing every Sunday afternoon until November 10, at Broadway Park or on public street near park.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from — Petition ✓

Robert A. Miner, for a license to keep eighty horses in a stable to erected at No. 357 Summer street, the business to be conducted to be that of a livery and boarding stable.

and a remonstrance from Frank P. Channing and others, against the granting of a permit for the erection of a building five or six stories high, on Broadway corner of Grant street, believing it will bring an undesirable class of people into the neighborhood and otherwise depreciate

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property

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Petition — Received a petition George H. Taylor, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows, — at the southwesterly corner of Elm and Chester streets, on a one-story block of stores, having a frontage on Elm street of 16 feet 8 inches, and of 84 feet 6 inches on Chester street, — the cornices of the building (as shown on accompanying plans) to project over each sidewalk four inches

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 seven days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday the 14th day of April, 1897, 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 26th inst.

Adopted.

Petition — Received a petition from John Stifflet and others, for a catch-basin in Tyler street, at the foot of Tyler Court

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petitions — Received petitions from

G. H. Shaw, that the telephone pole standing in front of his premises, No. 242 School street, may be moved ten feet toward Broadway.

A. R. Hubbard and others, for edgestones on both sides of Rankin street, from Elm street to Summer street.

Orson D. Baker and others, for a brick sidewalk on the northerly side of Day street, from Davis Square to the Cambridge line.

Kent Perry and others, that Sue street be curbed and gutters paved.

A. Reynolds and others, for a brick sidewalk on Marion street, from Elm

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street to Grove street.

Ruth M. Greene and others, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones on the southerly side of Robinson street, from Ames street to Bartlett street, and the street be graded and macadamized.

Lucy M. Stone and others, for gravel sidewalks, with edgestones and paved gutters, on the westerly side of Stone avenue.

Maurice Kattimer and others, for gravel sidewalks with edgestones, on the westerly side of Trull street, from Medford street to Vernon street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

John W. Scott, for a brick sidewalk in front of the estate No. 80 Highland avenue the owner to pay for the bricks.

Aaron H. Gould, for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk in front of his estate on Columbus and Stone avenues, and that edgestones be set in front of said estate on Stone avenue (they being already set on Columbus avenue) the petitioner to pay for the edgestones used and to be allowed toward the cost of the granolythic one half of the sum a brick sidewalk would cost if there laid.

E. A. Southworth and others, for a crossing across Boston street, at its junction with Greenville street.

Joseph F. Wilson and others, that Sowell street be continued and extended from its present terminus at Princeton and Alpine streets across the Boston and Sowell and Arlington Branch Railroads, at their junction, to Medford street.

Annie M. Walker and others, that Dell street be laid out as a public street or way.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, References concurred in.

Received the following papers. — Communications ✓

Communication from J. S. Rich, stating that damage has been done to his estate 50 Rush street, by the erection of the San

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ford Hanscom school on land adjoining, as follows,- Tenants moved out - one in October and the other December 1st, and he had to move from the country and occupy it himself, and has been unable to let any part of it since, the house has settled because of the digging of the schoolhouse cellar so near and so much lower than his cellar, nails were driven into the building, blue pencil marks made upon it, batters nailed to it, mortar splashed upon whole side of building, windows and blinds, windows were broken, by bricks coming through, lumber was piled in front of his premises and kept there until people came to get in when it was ordered removed, staging is placed on his land so blinds cannot be closed or opened, bricks and other materials have crowed his fence over, and the house is darkened by the brick wall being so close, the perpendicular lines of the gutters of the two buildings being not more than twelve or thirteen inches apart. The contractor was notified but paid no attention. He makes no demands at this time but simply sets these facts before the city council, asking you to put yourselves in my place for the time and ask yourselves what you would want the city to do."

Notice from Armstrong Bros, dated March 22, that they will hold the city responsible for all material used by them in plumbing the new school building now in process of construction in Webster street.

Communication from Jacob W. Wilbur, asking if the city will sell its land in Waltham at Clematis Brook and if so to inform him of the lowest price for spot cash.

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

In Common Council, March 25, References concurred in.

√ Petition

Received a petition from G. W. Bryant and others, that not deeming it advisable that the vacant lot on Elm street, known as the Lincoln

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school lot and belonging to the city should be thrown open to the public, and it having been much improved and well cared for by the Somerville Tennis Club, some arrangement be made whereby said Club may continue to use said lot.		
Referred to Committee on Public Grounds, and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council March 25, Reference concurred in.		
Received a petition from A. H. Moore and others, that an incandescent light be located on Trull street, midway between Medford and Vernon street.		Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, March 25, Reference concurred in.		
Alderman Ball offered the following order. Ordered,		Order ✓
That the license to sell newspapers issued January 22, 1897 to Christian A. Bailey, be and the same hereby is revoked, he having surrendered his badge and license. Adopted.		
The Committee on Highways,		
on the petition of James P. Miller, for permission to blast frozen earth and rock in excavating for a cellar on the westerly side of Kensington avenue, near Broadway, reported leave to withdraw;		Reports ✓
on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for leave to construct a double track in Beacon street and Somerville avenue, from the Cambridge line (near Inman Square) to the Cambridge line (at North Cambridge), reported an order of notice;		
on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for permission to move one pole on Bond street, remove four poles from Broadway, between Pauline street and Teele square, and to replace one pole at the corner of High street and Prospect Hill avenue and one pole		

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on Stickney avenue, reported an order

on petitions for sidewalks, from E. W. Fox and others, for brick sidewalks on the southeasterly side of Elm street, from the Nathan Tufts Park to Kidder avenue, Louis E. Merry and others, for brick sidewalks on the southerly side of Elm street, from Kidder avenue to Morrison street, Julia F. Crimmings and Mary K. Collupy, for brick sidewalks on the westerly side of Central street, from Atherton street to Cypress street, and Walter C. Mentzer and others, for edgestones and brick sidewalks on the northwesterly side of Cherry street, from Summer street to Highland avenue reported orders of notice,

Accepted.

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with one additional order offered by Alderman Irving, are as follows,-

Order of notice of hearing on petition of West End Street Railway Company, for location for double tracks in Beacon street and Somerville avenue, as recorded on page 238 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.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor March 25

Agreement filed May 20 1897 Order granting location for one pole to the Somerville Electric Light Company in Bond street as recorded on page 161 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

Orders of notice of hearings on the construction of sidewalks

Central Street,

Cherry Street,

Elm street - from Kidder avenue to Morrison street,

Elm street - from Nathan Tufts Park to Kidder avenue,

as recorded respectively on pages 187, 190, 193 and 196 of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor March 25

Whereas in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit,-

A poplar tree standing in the roadway on the westerly side of Cedar street, in front of the Gurney estate, and being the eighth tree southwesterly from Highland 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 tree before mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said tree, and that Wednesday, the 14th day of April 1897 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 March 26.

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on the petitions of sundry parties for the construction of brick sidewalks with edgestones in front of their respective estates, as follows,-

Henry W. Pholson, 204, 204A, 206, 206A Highland Ave.

Miss Huldah J. Downing, 198 + 200 Highland Ave.

F. A. Gray, Walnut street at southeast corner of Pearl street,

reported an order;

on the petition of Nathan H. Read, for edgestones on the easterly side of Pinckney street, from Pearl street northerly, to the end of his estate, reported an order;

on the petition of Emma Gibbs, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones on the easterly side of White street, from White street place to Elm street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Martha A. Thompson, that the driveway in front of her estate, No 245 School street, be moved about eight feet in a northerly direction, she to pay the cost, reported an order;

on an order of March 10, to take immediate measures with the advice of

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the City Solicitor, to cause the speedy removal from the public highway, of a building standing in Dana street, near Banair street, reported that said building has been caused to be removed as directed by said order,

on an order of January 22, submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish edgestones and paving stock for the current year,

Names of Bidders	Edgestones per lin ft	Bricks per lin ft	Corners 2 ft ea	Granite flagging per sq ft	Paving Blocks Best	Paving Blocks Seconds
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Wm J. McCarthy	0.51	0.69	2.00	0.31½	42.00	26.00
S & R J Lombard	0.46	0.60	2.15	0.28	50.00	23.00
Best and Green	0.45	—	—	—	45.00	—
Sweatt & Gould	0.48½	0.58	2.50	0.28	44.00	28.00

and reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25, accepted in concurrence.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with one additional order offered by Alderman Irving, are as follows.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is authorized to construct brick sidewalks with edgestones in front of the estates of the following parties, namely,

In front of the estate of Henry P. Colson, 204, 204 A, 206, 206 A Highland avenue,

In front of the estate of Mrs Huldah J. Downing, 198 and 200 Highland avenue, and

In front of the estate of F. A. Gray, on the easterly side of Walnut street at the southeast corner of Pearl street, when they shall have first paid to the City Treasurer the approximate cost of the brick and edgestones.

Ordered,

That the Committee on Highways, be and is hereby instructed, to place edgestones in front of the estate of Nathan R. Reed on the easterly side of Pinckney street from Pearl street northerly, when said Reed shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of forty dollars which sum is an approximate cost of the edgestones.

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Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to change the driveway in front of the estate of Martha A. Thompson #348 School street, about eight feet in a northerly direction, where she shall first have paid to the City Treasurer the approximate cost of said change.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be and is hereby authorized to make a contract with Messrs. Smith & Gould, for the furnishing of such quantities of edgestones and paving stock as may be required during the year, at the prices named in their proposal submitted in said Committee's report of this date.

Ordered,-

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase a new buggy for the use of the Superintendent of Streets at a cost not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 27.

The Committee on Highways on the petitions of John E. Bryant and others, for the laying out of Grant street, and Warren Richardson and others, for the laying out of Tower street, presented favorable reports as recorded respectively on pages 353 and 361, of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Reports ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Accepted in concurrence.

Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings on the laying out of — Orders of Notice ✓

Grant Street

and

Tower Street

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as recorded respectively on pages 354 and 362 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 March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 26

√ Report

The Committee on Public Property submitted plans and specifications, prepared by Thomas M. Sargent, Architect, for heating and ventilating apparatus for the schoolhouse (Sanford Hancock) in Ward One, and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25, accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders

The order accompanying the foregoing report, with six additional orders offered by Alderman Pratt, is as follows,

Ordered,

√ That the plans and specifications prepared by Thomas M. Sargent, Architect, and presented by the committee on public property this evening, for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the schoolhouse in Ward One, known as the Sanford Hancock schoolhouse, be, and the same hereby are adopted, and the committee on public property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for heating and ventilating apparatus for said building in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted herewith.

Ordered,

√ That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to grade the grounds at the O. S. Knapp Schoolhouse, at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals account.

Ordered,

√ That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized to fit up two rooms in the Prospect Hill schoolhouse for school purposes at a total cost of not exceeding six hundred dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals account.

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Ordered,

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase a No. 4 Premier typewriter for use in the office of the city clerk, the expense of the same to be charged to miscellaneous account. ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of making appropriations from funded debt, as follows, -

for schoolhouse land, building and furniture in the Spring Hill District, - $65,000.00

for land near the corner of Central Street and Highland avenue, $6,700.00

for land near the corner of Calvin & Dimock streets, - $10,000.00

for heating apparatus and furniture for the Sanford Hancock schoolhouse (Schoolhouse in Ward One account), - $5,000.00 ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making an appropriation on funded debt account of twenty one thousand dollars for the purchasing of the land on Prospect Hill belonging to the heirs of William H. Thompson containing 56,100 square feet more or less. ✓

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

All approved by the Mayor March 27, except the order concerning the grading of the grounds at the A. L. Knapp Schoolhouse which was approved by him March 29.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order. Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee on Public Property be and he hereby is authorized in the name of the City to send to Armstrong Brothers the notice, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

Copy of Notice

Somerville, March 24, 1897

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To Armstrong Brothers,
108 Perkins Street,
Somerville, Mass

Gentlemen,-

Referring to your letter of date March 22, 1897, stating that you will hold the City of Somerville responsible for all materials used by you in plumbing the new school building now in process of construction on Walnut street in said city, the City of Somerville hereby notifies you that it will not be responsible to you in any way for any such material, as aforesaid to be by you, nor for any labor performed or furnished, or for materials furnished or used by you for or in the erection of the said school-building, and whether such labor and materials have been heretofore or may be hereafter furnished.

The said City further notifies you in order that you may be under no misapprehension, that it, being the owner of said building now in process of erection, and not being the party by whom or in whose behalf any contract for labor and materials has been made with you, hereby forewarns the attaching of any lien or claim for labor not at the time performed or for materials not then furnished (or for any other materials or labor) by giving to you this notice in writing, you being the person claiming to perform or furnish such labor or to furnish such materials, that the City of Somerville will not be responsible therefor or be responsible to you in any way for any work, labor or materials, heretofore or hereafter performed or furnished by you in the erection of said building or in regard thereto.

Any labor or materials, which you may furnish for said building or the erection thereof, you will furnish at your own risk and peril, so far as the City is concerned, and the City will be in no way accountable to you therefor, and does not recognize you in the matter.

City of Somerville by
Josiah A. Pratt, Chairman
of the Committee on Public Property

Officer's Return.

Somerville, March 27th 1897

This is to certify, I this day delivered to Abner T. Armstrong a copy of this order of notice in hand and on the 29th day of said month of March A.D. 1897, I left a like notice at the last and usual place of abode of David B. Armstrong in said Somerville.

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James Mann,
City Messenger,
of the City of Somerville

Order read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, March 25, Order read twice and adopted in concurrence.
March 26, 1897, Approved by the Mayor

The Committee on Public Grounds, on the petition of the executive committee of the Prospect Hill Park association and others, for the taking of land on Prospect Hill for a public park reported that, as it is impossible to purchase the land, in the judgment of the committee no action is necessary on said petition. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council March 25, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Irving offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the Committee on Finance be, and is hereby requested in considering appropriations to be raised from funded debt account, consider the advisability of including the sum of two thousand dollars to be used by the committee on highways for street crossings.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council March 25, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor March 27

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered,

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to place to the credit of Health Department account, such sums of money as he shall receive from the insurance companies on account of the recent fire at the contagious disease hospital near North street.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council March 25, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor March 29

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√ Order

Alderman Kuntley offered the following order

Ordered:

That the Committee on Fire Department be, and is hereby authorized and instructed, to approve in pay roll of Fire Department, the salary of the late George F. Harris in favor of his widow to March 31st 1897, said Harris having died in the service of the department March 11th 1897.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 27.

√ 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 reports for the year 1896, the jury list, of the city agreeably to the provisions of section 3, of chapter 514, of the Acts of 1894.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council March 25 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 27.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order

Ordered:

That the committee on water be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to solicit proposals for the watering of the streets of the city for the season of 1897, proposals to be received from residents of this city only, and to include the furnishing of a driver and pair of horses and harnesses for each cart, the streets to be watered every day when necessary, including Sundays and holidays, the length of day and route for each driver to be determined by the person selected by the committee on water to look after street watering. No contractor shall be allowed more than three carts.

Read twice. Amended by striking out the words "including" before the word "Sundays", and inserting in place thereof, the word "excepting".

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also by inserting after the words "Sundays and" and before the word "holidays," the words "including." As thus amended adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Received its first reading as amended. Received its second reading by the following year and nay vote, Councilmen Kinney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Story, Raymond Reid and Timson (8) voting in the affirmative, and Councilmen Osborne, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Lowell and the President (7) voting in the negative, absent councilman Wilson, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor March 26.

The Committee on Claims, on notices of claims from — Report ✓

George K. Woods, for damage to his estate on Clarendon avenue, North Cambridge, caused by laying sewer with manhole.

John Stone, for injuries by falling into a post hole on Highland avenue, near Willow avenue.

W. R. Gale, that a claim for damage occasioned by a defective street has been left with him.

Edward Courtney, for damage on account of the drowning of his child in the Wyatt Pit, June 21, 1895.

reported no action necessary.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Ordinances, on an order of January 27, to draft and report to the City Council, at an early day, an ordinance providing for the appointment of an assistant janitor of the city hall and the public library building, and defining his duties, reported a draft of an ordinance. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, March 25, Accepted in concurrence.

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, being entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Appointment of Janitor of City Hall and Public Library Building and of the Police Building," was — Ordinance ✓

Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concur-

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since

Adjourned

Attest

George F. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the mayor to act upon proposals to widen the streets, and to place heating apparatus in the Sanford Hanson school, 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 5 1897 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding.
Aldermen Spring, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley, and Curry present.
Records approved.

The mayor appointed, subject to confirmation by the Board, — John H. Dimmick, as Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Charles J. Philbrick, as Inspector of Petroleum or Earth or Rock Oil, or any of these products. — Appointments ✓

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

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Benjamin H. Daley be discharged from the department, at his own request.
Discharge, as recommended, made by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. — Recommendation ✓

Received from the Common Council the report of the committee of conference on the matter of the disagreement between the two branches of the City Council as to the disposition of the report of the Committee on Finance that it is inexpedient to take any action on the petition of the Somerville Hospital that the city council make early application to the legislature for the right to make annual appropriations as contributions to the funds of the hospital to be used for the payment of its current expenses, — recommending that the said — Report ✓

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report of the Committee on Finance be accepted, Councilman Carr, dissenting

In Common Council March 25 Accepted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen April 5 Accepted in concurrence

√ Report — Received from the Common Council the report of the committee on Public Grounds on the order of February 24, instructing said committee to ascertain the amount of land, which can be purchased, on the summit of Prospect Hill, with its approximate cost, reported that some 56,700 square feet of land can be bought of the Heirs of Geo. B. Thompson, at an approximate cost of $21,000.00, and possibly a portion of the land owned by Mary Jones, containing 35,627 square feet, can be secured, though no price could be obtained, but the land of Lydia E. Hutchins, comprising 20,556 square feet, can not be purchased

In Common Council, March 25, Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 5, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order

Ordered:—

That the committee on public property, be and hereby is requested to consider the feasibility of placing a clock in the tower of the old engine house on Central Hill

In Common Council March 25, 1897 Adopted, and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, April 5, 1897 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor April 5, 1897

√ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order

Ordered:—

That a joint special committee, consisting of three members of the Common Council and such number of aldermen as may be joined, be appointed to confer with the officials of the West End Street Railway Co. in relation to procuring a "Belt Line" of cars for the convenience of the inhabitants of the various sections of the city. Said committee to report to the city

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council at an early date, as possible		
In Common Council March 25 1897. Adopted and Councilmen Osborne, Raymond and Cummings appointed on the part of this branch joint ord for concurrence		
In Board of Aldermen, April 5 1897 Adopted, and Aldermen Andrews and Pratt appointed to the committee on the part of this board, in concurrence.		
Approved by the Mayor April 5, 1897		
Received a communication from the school committee referring to the city council recommendations made by the committee on additional school accommodations, as follows:-		Communication ✓
1. That the west exit of the Bell school-house be improved by a change of stairs to lead more directly to the open air		
2. That all entry doors of school buildings be provided with bolts, so arranged as to allow the opening of bolts doors with a single turn of the hand		
3. That pails to be kept filled with water be provided near the entrance to each school-room		
4. That the two central rooms on the first and second floors of the English High School be enlarged by the removal of partitions		
5. That the rooms of the Superintendent of Schools be transferred to the old engine-house on Central Hill, so that his present quarters may be made into a school-room		
Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence		
In Common Council April 5 Adverse concurred in		
Received the reports for the month of March of the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Electric Lights		Reports ✓
Placed on file		
Received certified abstracts from the records of the board of aldermen of Waltham, showing the appointment by the Mayor and Aldermen of that city, February 15, 1897, of the following-named con-		Certificates ✓

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ployees of the Fitchburg Railroad Company as police officers for the purpose and with the powers set forth in sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 of chapter 103 of the Public Statutes, and the Acts in addition thereto:-

George Augustus Bowtell	Charles Frederick Bliss
Andrew Morton Gray	Bowers Howard Church
Elmer Ellsworth Horton	William Saxton Hawley
Fred Andrew Kingsbury	Arthur Aaron Jones
Charles Washington Scott	George Danford Swallow
George Dennison Wood	Lyman Henry Tarbox
Albert Ellsworth Blanchard	George Edwin Keller
Charles Edward Clowser	Fred Elmer Howland
James Abbott Hesrick	Irving George Seward
Henry William Hughes	Edward Arthur Francoeur
John Richards	Dennison Dumont Britton
Henry Augustus Titus	Howard Purdy
Joseph Edward Bulkeley	Richard Albert Shepard
Fred Whitaker	John Butler Studley

Ira Francis Legrow

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from

Charles Lester Gilliatt, 23 Prescott St.
Iftimio Kanatas, 478 Commercial St., Boston - has a $50.00 state license
Stratis Lalusis, 482 " " " " $25.00 Somerville license
John I. Theofiles, 21 Eastern Ave. " " " $50.00 state license

all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

Jacob Demont, for a license as a common victualler at 145 Somerville Ave.
Fred H. Pearson, for a license as a common victualler at 304 Broadway.
Alfred Prince, for a license as a common victualler at 375 & 377 Somerville Ave.
Giuseppe Mizzo, for a license to play a clarionet in the streets.
Angelo Turco, for a license to play a hand organ in the streets.
Charles H. Crane, for a license of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors at his apothecary store, No. 154 Perkins street.

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	accompanied by requisite certificate of Board of Registration in Pharmacy.	
George B. Brown	for a license of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors at his apothecary store, No. 146 Broadway; accompanied by the requisite certificate of Board of Registration in Pharmacy	
Referred	to Committee on Licenses.	
Received	the following protest:-	
Remonstrance of	Kate Reynolds and others against granting a permit to Robert Moore to occupy a wooden building at No. 357 Summer St. as a stable for eighty horses.	Remonstrance ✓
Communication	from Hon. A. Barton and others urging formal action in matter of improving stable facilities at #357 Summer St.	Communication ✓
Referred	to Committee on Special Building Permits.	
	Received a petition from John and William Coleman for permission to erect and use a stationary steam engine of twenty horse power with a twenty horse boiler, to be used in connection with a store and ice, on the southwesterly side of Myrtle avenue near the Medford line	Petition ✓
	Referred to Committee on Fire Department.	
	said petition being accompanied by the following order	
	Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that fourteen days notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested that this Board will on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1897, 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.	Order of Notice ✓
	Adopted.	
	Received a petition from Reinford H. Elding and others for a sewer in Glendale Road, from the junction of said road and Charnwood Road, sixty feet toward Summer street	Petition ✓

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Referred to Committee on Sewers

√ Petition — Received a petition from Wm. H. Hille for permission to blast rock in removing a small quantity of ledge in his garden at No. 41 Belmont St.
Permit granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

√ J. E. Richardson for a permit to maintain a free bicycle pump at 310 Broadway, opposite his store, said pump to be on a plank 8 inches by 28 inches, fastened to the curbstone, with a proper sign on it to prevent any one from running into it;

√ James S. Heifetz for a permit to stand a night-lunch wagon near the electric light in the middle of Union Square in front of the block owned by the Somerville Union Hall Company;

√ Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect one electric light pole on Central street, opposite Hudson street, and to remove the pole now standing in that location;

√ E. C. Lundgren and others for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones on the westerly side of Harrison street, from Kent street to Mondamin court;

√ Florence M. and Laura B. Hollis for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones on Medford street, in front of lots 10, 11 and 12, owned by the petitioners;

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

√ Wm. H. Haskell and others for edgestones on the northerly side of Newbury street, and that the street be graded;

√ S. A. Davis, that the sidewalk in front of his estate, No. 4 Sargent avenue, be leaved, he to pay for the bricks;

√ Joseph F. Wilson and others, that Alpine street be accepted, from Cedar street to the commencement of New Alpine street, for which purpose the petitioners will contribute five feet on each side for the purpose of making it forty feet wide;

√ H. W. Covell and others, that Wheeler street, from Pinckney street to Mt. Vernon

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	street be accepted;	
North Packing and Provision Company,	that a driveway be constructed from their premises to Somerville avenue at the gateway near their cold storage building;	
Amelia Bell,	that the driveway in front of No. 156 Pearl street be discontinued and a continuous sidewalk constructed in its place, at her expense;	
Charles H. Sawyer and others,	that a stone crossing be laid from the brick sidewalk on Main street to the opposite brick sidewalk on Broadway at the junction of Broadway and Main street	
	Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council April 5, 1897 Reference concurred in.	
	Received a petition from Wm. T. Henderson and others, for a crossing on Elm street opposite Linden avenue, and for an arc light.	Petition ✓
	Part concerning crossing referred to Committee on Highways and part concerning light referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights. Sent down for concurrence. In Common Council April 5, Reference concurred in.	
	Received from the Common Council a petition from E. H. Gooding and others, for an arc light on the westerly side of Boston street opposite the end of the passageway in rear of the Charles G. Pope School. In Common Council April 5, Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen April 5, Reference concurred in.	Petition ✓
	Received a petition from E. C. Lundgren and others that Harrison street from Kent street to Swales street be watered. Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council April 5, Reference concurred in.	Petition ✓
	Received notice to appear at the Superior Court to be holden at Cambridge on the first Monday of May next and answer to the A. W.	Notice of Suit ✓

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Bryne Construction Company in an action of contract, to the damage of the plaintiff, as it saith, the sum of Ten thousand dollars.

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

In Common Council, April 5. Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

✓ Order

Alderman Irving offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That under the provisions of section six of chapter Fifty-nine of the Public Statutes, the compensation to be paid to the inspector of petroleum or earth rock oil or any of their products, by persons requiring the services of said inspector, be and the same is hereby fixed at the following rates, namely:- for every inspection of a sample, or of a lot of ten or less barrels, of said oil or its products, fifty cents, and for every inspection of a lot of more than ten barrels, five cents for each barrel inspected; each sample and barrel to be placed in position and opened for inspection, and said fees to be paid to the inspector by the owner or vendor.

Adopted.

✓ Reports

The Committee on Sewers,-

✓ on the petition of Wilbur P. Rice, for a common sewer in Melburn Place, from the sewer in Summer street northeasterly about 115 feet, and the petition of Francis Tufts and others for a common sewer in Broadway from Liberty avenue to Willow avenue, reported orders.

on the petition of the West Somerville Board of Trade, for the construction of a catch-basin in Davis Square, between the railroad crossing and Dover street, reported that a catch-basin has been constructed on the southwesterly corner of Holland and Dover streets.

Accepted.

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, for the construction of common sewers in

Melburn Place

and

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Broadway

are recorded respectively on pages 610 and 608 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order to Construct Sewers of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 5.

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of William Mahoney and others for a common sewer in Lowell street from the end of the sewer laid in 1891 to Summer street, presented a report for the taking of land for the purpose of said sewer, as recorded on page 393 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order to Construct Sewers of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, the said Lowell street being a private way. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 5 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 — Order of Notice ✓

Lowell street

as recorded on page 394 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order 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 5 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 5

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of John H Scott for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate, No 50 Highland Avenue, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5 Accepted in concurrence.

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

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Ordered:—

That the committee on highways be, and is hereby authorized to construct a brick sidewalk for John H Lutt in front of his estate No 50 Highland avenue when said Lutt shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer in the sum of forty-two dollars, which sum is an adequate cost of the brick

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 5 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, April 8, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order of March 24, submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish heating and ventilating apparatus in the Sanford Emerson School house in Ward One, situated at the corner of Webster and Rush streets, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Thomas M Sargent, Architect:—

Name of Bidder	Amount
Boston Furnace Company	$4,084.22
Merrill & Kane	3,995.00
Hayes Furnace Company	3,860.00
Smith & Anthony Company	3,597.00
Henry Brothers	3,577.00
Ingalls & Kendrick	3,575.00
Albert B Franklin	3,479.00
A A Sanborn	3,495.00
Lynch & Woodward	3,470.00
Foster, Ellingwood & Harvey	3,364.00
Brennan, Doe & Company	3,293.00
Yankee Construction & Supply Company	3,170.00
Isaac Coffin & Company	3,145.00

and submitted an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 5, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:—

Ordered:—

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That the committee on public property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Isaac Coffin & Company for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the school-house in Ward One situated at the corner of Webster and Rush streets, and known as the Sanford Mansion schoolhouse, in accordance with plans prepared by Thomas M. Sargent, Architect for the sum of three thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars ($3,148.00), being the amount named in their proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date: the amount so expended to be charged to School-house in Ward One account.

Read twice & adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 8, 1897

Alderman Ball offered the following order:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on public grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to rent the old Lincoln school lot on Elm street to the Neversnissit Tennis Club to December 31, 1897, for the sum of twenty-five dollars; the amount so received from said rental to be credited to Public Grounds account.

Adopted, and reconsideration refused. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5. Adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, April 7, 1897

The Committee on Finance, Reports ✓

on an order of February 1, to consider the advisibility of making appropriations of Twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street, and six thousand dollars for a subway under said railroad at Sacramento street reported inexpedient to take any action in relation to a bridge but recommended the construction of subways under said railroad at Kent street and Sacramento street

on an order of March 24, to consider the advisibility of making an appropriation from Funded Debt account of twenty-one

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thousand dollars for the purchasing of the land on Prospect Hill belonging to the heirs of Wm. H. Thompson and comprising about 56,700 square feet for the purposes of a public park reported inexpedient to take any action, as the city has no authority to acquire land for parks except by special legislation.

on an order of January 22, requesting the committee to report an appropriation of One thousand dollars for a hose wagon, a pair of horses and a set of double harnesses to be placed in Engine Four's house on Highland avenue and orders of March 10, and March 24, to consider the advisibility of making appropriations from Funded Debt account of $11,559.74 for the purchase of land for the erection of an almshouse, and of two thousand dollars for street crossings reported inexpedient to make such appropriations:

on recommendation of the school committee of the purchase of land and the erection of a twelve-room school-house in the vicinity of the Beach street school, - the purchase of land and the erection of a six-room schoolhouse near the corner of Calvin and Dimick streets, - the purchase of land near the corner of Highland avenue and Central street, - and the removal of the office of the superintendent of schools from the English High schoolhouse to some suitable building, - also on orders dated respectively March 24, March 10, and January 27, to consider the advisibility of making appropriations from Funded Debt account as follows: - for

Land, schoolhouse and furniture in Spring Hill District	$65,000.00
Land near corner of Calvin and Dimick streets	10,000.00
Land near corner of Central street and Highland Ave.	6,700.00
Heating apparatus and furniture for Sanford Hanscom school	5,000.00
Fitting of Fire Station, corner of Highland Ave. and Walnut St. for use of Superintendent of Schools and Overseers of the Poor	5,000.00
Substitution of storage battery for gravity battery at Central Fire Station	1,050.00

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Remodelling and repairing of houses of Ladder Co. No. 1 and Hose Co. No. 3, corner Washington and Prospect streets $9,000.00

Purchase of all or a portion of the Sanborn Field

Paving of Somerville avenue, -

from Easterly line of Park street to Westerly line of Kent street, 15,550.00

from Westerly line of Kent street to Easterly line of Belmont St. 4,550.00

from Easterly line of Belmont St. to Elm St. 18,130.00

reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, April 5, Accepted in concurrence

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, - 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: -

City Building, corner Highland avenue and Walnut street, improvement of, for the cost of fitting said building suitable for occupancy by the school and support of poor departments, the sum of $5,000.

City Hall Improvement, for the amount required to complete said improvements, the sum of 9,000.

Electrical Department, for the purpose of supplying said department with improved accumulators, the sum of 1,000.

Fire Department, Fire Station No. 3, Improvement, for the purpose of improving the sanitary arrangements of said building, the sum of 1,000.

Highways, Paving Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, the sum of 10,000

Highways, Subway at Kent street, the sum of 3,000.

Highways, Subway at Sacramento street, the sum of 3,000.

Public Grounds, Sanborn Field, for the purchase of a portion of the estate of the late Daniel Sanborn, located in Ward Two on the southerly side of Washington St., under the authority conferred by Chapt. 324 Acts of 1896, the sum of 33,000.

Schoolhouse, English High, for the purpose of providing additional

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	school accomodations, the sum of	$500
Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District	for the purchase of land, and the erection thereon of a schoolhouse consisting of twelve rooms, the sum of	50,500
Schoolhouse, Land on Ward Two	for the purchase of land, the sum of	10,000
Schoolhouse, Ward One	for the completion and furnishing of the same, the sum of	5,000
Sewers, Construction	the sum of	25,000
Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of		$159,000

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, for the aggregate principal sum of one hundred fifty-nine thousand dollars, and by transferring from Schoolhouse Land in Ward Three account the sum of six thousand dollars; the expense incurred in preparing said bonds to be charged to printing and stationery account.

Alderman Lamont moved to amend the order by striking out the words and amount "Highways: Opening Somerville avenue from Park street, Hyde Park, the sum of $10,000;" and inserting in place thereof the words and amount Land for Almshouse, the sum of $11,600, and by striking out the amount "25,000" after the words "Sewers, Construction the sum of" and substituting therefor the amount $20,400.

Alderman Lamont moved to amend the proposed amendment by changing the amount $11,600 to $12,000, and the amount $20,400 to $23,000.

The amendment to the amendment was lost by a yea and nay vote: Aldermen Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews and Huntley - 5 (less than two-thirds) voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Spring, Whitaker and Gray - 3, voting in the negative.

The amendment was also lost by a yea and nay vote: (precisely same as before)

Action on the order was then taken as follows:-

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.

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In Common Council, April 5, 1897. 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 being present and voting, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 8, 1897.

The Committee on Water, — Reports ✓

on an order of February 10, to make repairs on street watering cart #7, at an expense not exceeding One hundred dollars, reported that the repairs have been made at an expense of $85.00.

on an order dated February 10, to employ some suitable person to take the time of the men employed in street watering the present season and to render such other assistance to the committee as may be required, reported that Mr. Nathaniel P. Parker has been employed to render the service stated.

on an order of March 24, submitted the following list of proposals received to water the streets of the city during the current season, every day, excepting Sundays but including holidays, each bidder being a resident of this city and to furnish a driver, with a team of horses and harnesses for each cart, the length of day, and the route of each driver to be determined by the person selected by the committee on water to oversee the street watering: —

Names of Bidders	Number of Carts		Price
Henry A. Brandy	1	@	$70.00
A. A. A. Brown	2	@	75.00
Richard T. Blackwell	1, 2 or 3	@	75.00
Christopher Burke	3	@	70.00
Frank Bullions	1	@	70.00
Thomas F. Carey	1 or 2	@	70.00
Timothy F. Cummings	1, 2 or 3	@	75.00
G. H. Cummings	1	@	75.00
Owen Cunningham	3	@	70.00
William A. Dalton	1	@	75.00

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Names of Bidders	Number of Carts		Price
John H. Dodge	1	@	$ 70.00
John F. Elkins	1 or 2	@	72.00
	3	@	70.00
John F. Elkins Jr.	1 or more	@	70.00
Richard Falvey	1	@	80.00
do	1	@	75.00
James H. Fannon	1	@	70.00
W. A. Fegler	1	@	75.00
Martin Gill	1, 2 or 3	@	70.00
Eugene Gormley	1, 2 or 3	@	75.00
Mrs Henry Gray	1	@	73.00
William Heffron	1	@	70.00
William Horrell	1	@	70.00
Frank Kerney	1	@	72.00
J. A. Marsh	1	@	75.00
Henry McAvoy	3	@	75.00
Henry McAvoy Jr.	3	@	70.00
William J. McCarthy	1	@	70.00
William J. McElroy	1	@	70.00
George F. McKenna	1	@	75.00
A. M. Prescott	2	@	75.00
George H. Prichard	1	@	80.00
	2	@	157.50
	3	@	230.00
T. F. Reardon	1	@	70.00
Reilly Brothers	1	@	85.00
C. T. Shean	1	@	75.00
M. G. Staples	1	@	75.00
R. M. Sturtevant	2	@	75.00
S. B. Sturtevant	1	@	75.00
P. J. Sullivan	2	@	75.00
Benjamin Thomas	1	@	75.00
T. Tighe & Sons	2	@	70.00
Andrew White	1	@	75.00
John Wilson	1 or 3	@	70.00

and reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, April 5. Accepted in concurrence

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The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on water be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with each of the following named parties for the watering of the streets of the city for the season of 1897; the contract to include the furnishing of a driver and pair of horses and harnesses for each cart; the streets to be watered every day when necessary excepting Sundays and including holidays, the length of day and route for each driver to be determined by the person selected by the committee on water to look after street watering:-

Name of Contractor	Number of Carts	Price per month
Christopher Burke	one	$70.00
Frank Cullinane	one	70.00
Thomas F. Ryan	two	70.00
Owen Cunningham & Son	one	70.00
John H. Dodge	one	70.00
John E. Williams, Jr.	two	70.00
James H. Tennant	one	70.00
Martin Hill	two	70.00
William Heffron	one	70.00
William Howell	one	70.00
Henry J. McCarthy, Jr.	one	70.00
William J. McCarthy	one	70.00
William J. McAfee	one	70.00
T. Tighe & Son	two	70.00
John Hilson	two	70.00

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor April 5

Alderman Quill offered the following order:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on water be, and it hereby is, authorized to water such private streets of the city as may be requested, as far as the committee may deem advisable, when the abutters shall

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have first paid to the city treasurer the sums required for said watering, the price for watering private streets to be the same per foot as for watering public streets.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 5, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause the flags on all public buildings and flag staffs throughout the city, to be raised on the 27th inst. as a token of Somerville's love and reverence for the Hero of Appomattox and the greatest general of the 19th century - Gen. U. S. Grant; the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered.-

That the city clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause publication to be made in one issue of the Somerville Journal of Ordinance No. 66 entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Times of Payment of School Teachers", agreeably to the provisions of section three of chapter one of the Revised Ordinances of 1891; the expense incurred to be charged to Printing and Stationery account.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That a joint special committee, consisting of two aldermen and such members of the Common Council as may be appointed on the part of that branch, be appointed to consider the expediency of constructing a boulevard from Broadway, near Nathan Tufts

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Park, to the Medford City Line, and whether such boulevard can thence be extended to connect with the boulevard, recently constructed on the eastern shore of the Mystic Lakes, and to consult in regard thereto with any committee of the City Council of Medford which may be appointed to consider the construction of such boulevard through Medford, and with the selectmen of Arlington, if it shall be deemed expedient or necessary that such extension should be in part through the town of Arlington; — and also to confer with the owners of property in Somerville through which such proposed boulevard would pass with a view to ascertaining if they will release to the city for the purpose of such boulevard the land included therein, upon the condition that the boulevard within the limits of Somerville shall be constructed within three years from the date of such release, or upon what terms such owners will give their lands for the proposed boulevard; — and also to consult with the Metropolitan Park Commissioners as to what assistance will be rendered by them in regard to the construction of such boulevard in Somerville and the extension thereof to the Mystic Lake boulevard.

Adopted and Alderman Ball and Whitaker appointed to the committee on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 5, 1897, Adopted and Councilmen Carr, Lovell and Gracey appointed on the part of this branch in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 8, 1897.

Received from the Common Council the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Water be, and it hereby is instructed to cause the streets of the city to be watered on Sundays during the season of 1897, the expense so incurred to be charged to Watering Streets account.

(signed) Fred M. Carr

In Common Council, April 5, 1897, Read twice and adopted by a yea and nay vote, Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Macdonald, Wilson, Lovell, Timson and the President — 10, voting in the affirmative, and Councilmen Berry, Gracey, Raymond and Reed — 4, voting in the negative.

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Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, April 5, 1897. Read once; second reading refused

√ Order

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That from and after Wednesday, April 14th, 1897 the regular meetings of this board be held on every Wednesday, except the first Wednesday, of each month, at eight o'clock in the evening, until otherwise ordered.

Adopted. Later in the evening adoption reconsidered and lost.

√ Election

On motion of Alderman Ball it was voted to proceed to ballot for an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Four.

Alderman Ball and Huntley 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
Frank A Teele	has	5
Wm H McAllister	has	3

and Frank A Teele 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 Common Council that, on ballot Frank A Teele was this day elected an Assistant Assessor of Taxes from Ward Four in concurrence

Adjourned

Attest,

George I Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville April 14, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

In pursuance of an order approved March 26, a hearing was given for all parties interested in the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for permission to lay double tracks in Beacon street and Somerville avenue, from the Cambridge line (near Inman Square) to the Cambridge line (at North Cambridge) due notice having been given as appears by the city clerk's certificate recorded on page 208 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 ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order approved March 26, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of a poplar tree standing in the roadway on the westerly side of Cedar street in front of the Gurney estate, it being the eighth tree southwesterly from Highland avenue; due notice having been given as directed by said order. Hearing ✓

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard, living at #89 Cedar street, appeared and objected to the removal of the tree because it is opposite their house, is large and thrifty, and does not seem to stand enough in the roadway to interfere with public travel if drivers exercise ordinary care. Mr. Howard also appeared and objected in behalf of Mr. Stewart, living at No. 85 Cedar St.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order passed March 24, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the placing of cornices on a one-story block of stores to be erected at the southwesterly corner of Elm and Chester Hearing ✓

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streets, said cornices to project four inches over the sidewalk of each street, due notice having been published by the petitioners as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

✓ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved March 11, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in

Aldrich street
Broadway
Cambria street
Crocker street
Elm street
Flint street
Francesca avenue
Hancock street
Heath street
Hudson street
Joseph street
Kidder avenue
Madison street
Sargent avenue
Summer street
Temple street
Tennyson street
and
Wheatland street;

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Returns recorded respectively, on pages 134, 137, 140, 143, 146, 149, 152, 155, 158, 161, 164, 167, 170, 173, 176, 179, 182, and 185, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Mr. Wm. Franklin Hall, representing the Langmaid Estate, owning a frontage of 120 feet. Mr. Ellsworth Fish, representing the owner of No. 44 Heath street, and Mr. W. A. Parsons, representing his wife, who owned the property extending from West to Temple streets, appeared and objected because there appeared no immediate necessity for the sidewalk, because the

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owner of the abutting estate had not asked for it and did not wish to bear the expense, and because its construction would involve the cutting down of a fine row of trees and the lowering of the grade in front of the Fish estate, damaging the walks and causing other expense in adapting said estate to the new grade.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard in either case, the hearings were closed.

Received a communication to the Mayor, from the superintendent of schools recommending the appointment of John F. O'Brien, janitor of the Bingham school, as a special police; the communication bearing the approval of the Chief of Police. — Communication ✓

The mayor appointed John F. O'Brien a special police without compensation and under a suspension of the rules, the appointment was confirmed.

The appointments made by the mayor April 5th of John H. Dusseault as Sealer of Weights and Measures and Charles S. Philbrick as Inspector of Petroleum or Earth Rock Oil or any of their products, — were confirmed by the board. — Appointments ✓

Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of March. — Report ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council April 14, Read for information.

Received a petition from Edwin F. Cushing, Commander, and others, members of Willard C. Kingsley Post, No. 139, G. A. R. that John H. Dusseault be appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures. — Petition ✓

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 ✓

Henry M. Binney Jr. John J. Brine, William H. Harlow

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Frederick Hernas, John Murray, William H. Pearson,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to collect junk for the year beginning May 1, 1897, from
William J. Carey, Webster avenue
Licence granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets for the year beginning May 1, 1897, from
Georgia Prentice, 184 Endicott St. Boston - holding a $50.00 State license
Edward H. Burgess, 59 Otis St.
William J. Carey, 8 Webster Ave.
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, 182 Pearl street
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses as auctioneers from
J. Albion Briggs, Edward Courtney, William H. Fish, George H. Foster,
J. Robert Fenelon, Joseph J. Giles, Haskell H. Gleason, Walter H. Gleason,
F. De Witt Lapham, Stillman H. Libby, James E. Norton, Charles H. Sawyer,
Chauncey Allen Terry, Asa Henry Hicks
Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petitions — Received petitions from
Robert Jameson, for a license to keep for hire, 2 billiard and 2 pool tables and 5 bowling alleys at No. 341 Somerville Ave.
William F. Mills, for a license to keep for hire, 4 pool tables and one billiard table at No. 524 Medford street
Albert S. Willard, for a license to keep for hire, one pool table at No. 84 Broadway

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George A. Sanders for a license as a common victualler, at 15 Bow street.
Karl Shuck, for a license for himself and five others, as a street band
Gabriele Gigante and Pasquale Simmartino for a license to play on a harp, and a violin in the streets of the city.
Orth Poynter, Captain of the Salvation Army, at Winter Hill, for a license to hold open air meetings, parade and sing, and play on musical instruments in the streets.

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from Mrs. S. E. McLain and others, for such action as will stop the annoyance to the residents in the vicinity of Bonair street by disturbances during sleeping hours caused by a kicking horse confined in the stable of G. H. Towle on Otis street. — Petition ✓

Laid on the table.

Received a petition from Andrew R. and Stephen H. Lewis for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows: At the junction formed by the intersection of the northeasterly line of Holland street with the southerly line of Winter street on a three story building for stores and dwellings — two bay windows on Holland street and one on Winter street — all in second and third stories — to project over the sidewalks two feet, and the coving at the top of the building to project one foot additional at the bay windows and one foot on the remainder of the building. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

said petition being 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 28th day of April, 1897, 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 16th inst.

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✓ Petition	Received a petition from H. H. Callain and others for a catch-basin at the end of Hellington avenue. Referred to Committee on Sewers.
✓ Petitions	Received petitions for permits to blast rock, from Avery H. Nelson, in excavating for three cellars on his land on Pitman street. Andrew A. Lewis, in excavating for a cellar on his land on Hall avenue. Permits granted.
✓ Protest	Received a protest from T. E. Carr and others against the manner in which the blasting of rock is being carried on by one McCarthy and those associated with him, from the ledge near Jaques street, pieces of rock of considerable size being thrown two hundred and even three hundred feet from the place of the blast, endangering life, — with a request for a hearing. Voted that a hearing be given at the next meeting.
✓ Petitions	Received petitions from
	✓ The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cables to be placed therein, under the surface of the following-named streets — Broadway, Mt. Vernon, Pearl, Franklin, Cross, Walnut, Marshall, Temple, School, Medford, Highland Ave, Central, Summer, Somerville Ave, Webster Ave, Prospect, Bow, Mystic Ave, Holland; also for permission to erect and maintain the necessary distributing poles and to lay and maintain underground conduits, manholes, cables and wires for the purpose of making connections with said poles and with existing poles that it may desire to use for distributing purposes and for making building connections with its said conduits;
	✓ Ralph F. Perry and others for permission to erect a telegraph line running from 33 Gilman street to 60 Otis street, the line to cross Flint, Delaware, Pearl and Dana streets and Everett Ave;
	✓ Charles F. Bryant for permission to run a private telephone wire across

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Richdale avenue near School street.

Edward H. Foote and Lewis A. Hallow, for permission to erect and maintain a wire or wires directly across Sycamore street between their respective residences, for private telephone use.

Rev. C. J. McNeill, that the horse chestnut tree standing on the westerly side of Webster avenue in front of the St Joseph property, be removed.

Lucy A. Douglass and others for edgestones on the southwesterly side of Albion street, from Central street to Lowell street.

Howard Lowell and others for a brick sidewalk on the westerly side of Gilman street, from Aldrich street to Walnut street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Jonathan Brown and others, for the laying out, grading and acceptance of Browning Road, from Sycamore street to Central street.

Carl G. Rosengren and others, for the acceptance of Highland Road, from Highland avenue to Crown street.

Warren A. Smith and others, for the grading and macadamizing of Lowell street, from Highland avenue to Albion street.

Charles S. Lincoln and others, that the sidewalk on the northeasterly side of Highland avenue, between land of Edward Glines and School street, be relaid and the driveways abolished or so made as to avoid danger, in the belief that the present condition of the sidewalk between these two points is dangerous to foot travellers.

By vote of the board Warren A. Smith was allowed to address the board in advocacy of the above-named petition from himself and others for the grading and macadamizing of a portion of Lowell street.

Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 14, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

George E. Bartlett and others, that a fire-alarm box be placed at or near the corner of Mystic avenue and North Union street.

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Edwin Lowell and others, that a fire-alarm box be located at the corner of Washington and Mt Vernon streets.

Referred to Committee on Electric Lines and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 14, Reference concurred in.

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Received petitions from

Clara I Little and others that Hudson street from Lowell street to Cedar street be watered;

W J Lamb and others that St James avenue be watered;

J H Flitner and others that the streets be watered on Sundays in the same manner as on week days;

West Somerville Board of Trade that the streets be watered Sunday forenoons if at no other time during the day.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 14, Reference concurred in.

Petitions

Received petitions for permits to move wooden buildings from

Avery W Nelson, building 25 feet long, 22 feet wide and 30 feet high from land of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company on the easterly side of Spring street near Beach street, through Spring street to land of said Nelson on the northerly side of Pitman street near Spring street;

Luther Blaikie, building 35 feet long, 24 feet wide, and 30 feet high, from land of Hall and Clark on the southerly side of Highland avenue near Walnut street, through Highland avenue and Thorpe Place to land of Jerome Thorpe on the northwesterly side of Thorpe Place;

both certified by the Superintendents of Streets and Electric Lines that the statements as to construction and measurement are substantially correct and in their opinions the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Orders

Aldermen Berry and Irving respectively offered orders granting permits to move buildings to

Avery W Nelson, through Spring street, and

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Luther Blaikie, as recorded, respectively on pages 507 and 506, 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	through Highland avenue and Prospect Place	
Adopted		
The Committee on Special Building Permits –		Reports ✓
on the petition of George H. Taylor for permission to build and maintain certain projections over the sidewalks on a one-story block of stores to be erected at the southwesterly corner of Elm and Bluster streets, reported, an order		
on the petition of Obed B. Shepard, for permission to build and maintain projections over the sidewalks in front of a six-story building to be erected at the northwesterly corner of Broadway and Grant street, and the communication from the Inspector of Buildings, calling attention to an application for a permit to erect a six-story building such as is not provided for by ordinance at the corner of Broadway and Grant street, – recommended that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw		
Accepted		
The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, –		Order ✓
Ordered:–		
That permission be, and is hereby granted to George H. Taylor, to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows: at the southwesterly corner of Elm and Bluster streets, on a one story block of stores, having a frontage on Elm street of 76 feet 5 inches, and 86 feet 6 inches on Bluster street, the cornices of the building to project over the sidewalks of each street four inches.		
Adopted		
Alderman Berry offered the following order:–		Order ✓
Ordered:–		
That Wednesday, April 28th, 1897, at 8 o'clock P.M. the Mayor and Aldermen be found in the City Hall on Highland avenue,		

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be appointed as the time and place for a hearing, for all persons desiring to be heard, on the petition of Robert A. Kane for a license to keep eighty horses in a stable to be erected at No. 357 Summer street, the business conducted to be that of a livery and boarding stable; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the next issue of the Somerville Journal.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 16, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That Wednesday, April 28th, 1897, at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall on Highland avenue be assigned as the time and place for a hearing for all persons desiring to be heard, as to the manner in which blasting is carried on by one McCarthy and associates in the ledge near Jaques street; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Somerville Journal and the Somerville Citizen of the 16th inst.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 16, 1897.

√ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of two men to serve as Traverse jurors at the Supreme Court to be holden at Cambridge on the third Tuesday of April current, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court Wednesday April 21st, 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Whitney who drew therefrom and read aloud the names of

Frederick A. Gyling

and

George H. Merill

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were given by the messenger to the mayor who verified said names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then passed to the city clerk who also read aloud the said names therefrom, and, after duly endorsing said slips

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returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

The Committee on Electric Lines, on an order of March 10 requesting said committee to consider the advisability of extending the police signal system by establishing in certain locations named in said order, six new street signal boxes and providing two new office instruments with the necessary wire and appliances, reported an order. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28. Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying said report is as follows:— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the committee on electric lines, be and hereby is authorized to extend the police signal system by adding six new signal boxes and two new office instruments with all the necessary wires and appliances; the boxes to be located as follows:—

one in the first circuit in Campbell Park,

one in the second circuit at Wellington Bridge,

two in the third circuit, at the corner of Poplar street and Linwood street, and one at the corner of Linden street and Somerville avenue, and two in the fourth circuit, one on Columbia street and one at the corner of Beacon street and Concord avenue, the expense so incurred not to exceed eight hundred dollars, and to be charged to electrical department account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 3, 1897.

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order of April 5th, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Melburn Place, from the sewer in Summer street northeasterly, — about 160 feet of 6-inch pipe sewer, the pipe to be furnished by the city:— Report ✓

Name of Bidder	Laying 6" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
Maurice Ballinger	$ 0.49	$ 78.40

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Christopher Burke	$ 0.45	$ 72.00
T. F. Brennington	0.45	72.00
Dennis B. Collins	0.43	68.80
William T. Cunningham	0.42	67.20
Charles A. Kelley	0.40	64.00
Richard Foley	0.39	62.40
David A. Doyle	0.37	59.20
Charles A. Morgan	0.35	56.00
Patrick Burke	0.34	54.40

and presented, on order

Accepted.

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated April 5th, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Broadway, from the manhole at Willow avenue northwesterly - about 470 feet of 5-inch pipe sewer, with about 470 feet of 6-inch pipe under drain and 2 manholes, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city:-

Name of Bidder	Manholes each	Laying 5" pipe sewer per lin. ft.	Laying 6" underdrain per lin. ft.	Estimated Aggregate
Charles A. Kelley	$ 50.00	$ 0.95	$ 0.25	$ 664.00
Charles A. Morgan	50.00	0.90	0.20	617.00
Christopher Burke	65.00	0.70	0.30	550.00
Richard Foley	37.00	0.67	0.12	445.30
Dennis B. Collins	43.00	0.62	0.14	441.30
William T. Cunningham	34.00	0.60	0.14	429.90
John J. Doyle	39.00	0.56	0.15	411.70
David A. Doyle	35.00	0.57	0.14	409.70
T. F. Brennington	35.00	0.59	0.12	409.70
Maurice Sullivan	35.00	0.60	0.10	405.00

and presented on order

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the committee on sewers be, and it hereby is, au-

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thorized to make a contract with Patrick Burke for the construction of a common sewer in Melburn Place from the sewer in Summer street northeasterly about 160 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, April 16, 1897

Ordered:-

That the committee on sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Maurice Buttimer for the construction of a common sewer in Broadway, from the manhole at Willow avenue northwesterly about 470 feet to near Bay State avenue, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897

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 poplar tree standing in the roadway on the westerly side of Cedar street in front of the Gurney estate, and being the eighth tree southwesterly from Highland avenue

Read twice and adopted

Presented to the Mayor, April 16, 1897

Alderman Berry offered an order granting track locations to the West End Street Railway Company in Beacon street and Somerville avenue, as recorded on page 239 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 28, 1897

Adopted

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect one electric light pole Report ✓

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on Central street opposite Hudson street, and to remove the pole now there, reported an order.

Accepted

√ Order
Agreement filed May 5, 1897

The order accompanying the foregoing report, granting a location to the Somerville Electric Light Company for one post on Central street opposite Hudson street, is recorded on page 154 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

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of James S. Hiffy for a license to stand a night-lunch wagon in the middle of Union Square in front of the block owned by the Somerville Union Hall Company, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks from
Mary E. Wingersky and others, brick, both sides of Arthur street
Josephine A. Cox and others, brick, on Central street, from Atherton street to John G. Nichols' estate
Charles B. Patch and others, edgestones, easterly side of Chandler street, from Chapel street to Broadway
F. S. Hutchins and others, brick, with edgestones, both sides Knapp street, from School St. to Granite St.
W. H. White and others, brick, southerly side of Aichdale Ave. from School St. to Sycamore St.
Lucy M. Stone and others, gravel, with edgestones, westerly side of Stone Ave.
Augusta A. Kinsel and others, brick, westerly side of Walnut St. from Summit Ave. to Giles Park
reported orders of notice for hearings.

Accepted

√ Orders of Notice

The orders of notice, accompanying the foregoing reports, for hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

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Arthur street,
Central street,
Chandler street,
Knapp street,
Archdale avenue,
Stone avenue,
and
Walnut street,

are recorded respectively, on pages 199, 202, 205, 208, 211, 214, and 217 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Contracts of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor April 16, 1897.

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks — Orders ✓

are

1 Aldrich street,
1 Broadway,
1 Cambria street,
1 Cracker street,
1 Elm street,
1 Flint street,
1 Francesca avenue,
1 Hancock street,
1 Hudson street,
1 Joseph street,
1 Kidder avenue,
1 Madison street,
1 Sargent avenue,
1 Summer street,
1 Temple street,
1 Tremont street,
and
1 Westland street,

are recorded respectively on pages 135, 138, 141, 144, 147, 150, 153, 156, 162, 165, 168, 171, 174, 177, 180, 183, and 186 of volume 3 of the Records

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of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16 1897

✓ Reports

The Committee on Highways -

on the petition of Florence M. and Lewis B. Hollis for edgestones and brick sidewalks in front of lots 10, 11, and 12 Medford street reported an order;

on the petitions of Amelia Bell for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of estate No 136 Pearl street, - the North Packing and Provision Company, for the construction of a driveway on Somerville avenue, at the gateway near the cold-storage building of said company, - and S. A. Davis for a brick sidewalk in front of the estate No 4 Sargent avenue, - reported orders.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 15, 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 construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones in front of the estate of Florence M. and Lewis B. Hollis, situated on Medford street and being lots 10-11, and 12, when the City Treasurer shall have first received an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones and bricks, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways account.

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is authorized to discontinue the driveway and construct a continuous sidewalk in front of the estate of Amelia Bell, No 136 Pearl street when she shall have first paid to the city treasurer the approximate cost of such change.

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is

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authorized to construct a driveway in Somerville avenue, in front of the premises of the North Packing and Provision Co., at the gateway near the cold storage building of said company, when the said company shall have first paid to the city treasurer the approximate cost of the same

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of S. A. Davis No. 4 Sargent avenue, when he shall have first paid to the City Treasurer the approximate cost of the same

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, April 15, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897

Alderman Berry, offered the following order,- Order ✓

Ordered:

That the committee on highways be, and is hereby authorized and instructed 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 Miscellaneous Account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 28, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 1 1897

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of H. H. Covell and others, for the laying out of Wheeler street from Pinckney street to Mt. Vernon street, presented a favorable report as recorded on page 369 of volume 2 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 April 15, Accepted in concurrence

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the laying out of Order of Notice ✓

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Wheeler street,

as recorded on page 370 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 15, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby instructed, to have the name "Sanford Hanscom School" placed on the new school-house now in process of erection in Ward One, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, and to be charged to School house Ward One Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 15, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and it hereby is, instructed to furnish suitable school accomodations for such school children residing in the vicinity of the Moser and Forster schools, as are at present without suitable accomodation, the expense so incurred to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals account.

(signed) Arthur H. Perry

In Common Council, April 14, 1897, Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14, 1897, Received its first reading. Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 15, Referred to Committee on Public Property in concurrence.

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Alderman Bell offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Grounds be and it hereby is authorized to purchase plants and shrubs for the parks and public grounds of the city, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 15. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897.

The Committee on Printing, — Reports ✓

on an order dated January 13, reported that one thousand copies of the address delivered by His Honor, the Mayor, at the inauguration of the present city government have been printed for public use, at a cost of $36.25.

on an order of January 13, reported that six hundred copies of a pocket register have been printed for the use of the city government, at a cost of $141.50

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 15, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, on the notice of Richard Thomas Clark, of injuries received December 28th 1894, by falling on a slippery sidewalk on School street, reported, an order — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 15, 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 place on pay-roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of Richard Thomas Clark in the sum of six hundred eighty three and 11/100 dollars for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk, on School street, about one hundred and two feet southerly from Pleasant street on the evening of December 28th 1894.

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Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 15. Read twice, and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That a joint special committee, consisting of three members of the common council together with such number of the board of aldermen, as may be deemed expedient, be appointed to arrange for the proper observance of the Fourth of July of the current year, the sum to be appended for said observance not to exceed one hundred dollars, and to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

(signed) Frank B Burrows

In Common Council, April 14. Read twice and adopted. Councilmen Burrows, Raymond, and Red appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14. Read twice and adopted, and Aldermen Hutaker and Ball appointed to the committee on the part of this board, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That a joint special committee, to consist of three councilmen, and such aldermen, as the board may join, be appointed to consider and report, as soon as may be possible, upon the expediency and the feasibility of the giving by the city of financial aid to the Somerville Hospital, and also to consider and report, after conference with the trustees, as to the expediency of making the hospital, wholly or in part, a city institution.

(signed) William D. Robinson

In Common Council April 14. Adopted, and Councilmen Robinson, Carr and Burrows appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14. Adopted, and Alder-

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men Huntley and Andrews appointed to the committee on the part of this board, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16.

Alderman Perry 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 four, of the board of overseers of the poor, for four years.

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

In Common Council, April 14, Request granted, and Councilman Raymond appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Perry, Gracey, Burrows, Robinson, Macdonald, Raymond, Wilson and Lowell present.

In pursuance of an order passed this evening the convention proceeded to ballot for a member from Ward Four, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for four years. Election ✓

Alderman Pratt and Councilmen Macdonald and Timson were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes and having attended to that duty, reported as follows:-

Whole number of ballots 17

Necessary for choice 9

Albert G. Edmunds has 17

and Albert G. Edmunds was declared by the chair elected.

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished, Convention ✓

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Dissolved	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 Spring, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.	
Order		Alderman Lamont offered an order to transfer from School-house Land in Ward Two account, two thousand dollars, and from Sewer Construction account, one thousand dollars, and credit the said amounts to Land for Abatement account. The adoption of the order was lost by a yea and nay vote; Aldermen Ball, Lamont, Andrews, and Huntley – 4 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Spring, Pratt, Whitaker and Berry – 4 voting in the negative.
Order		Alderman Pratt moved to reconsider the vote of April 5th, whereby the order instructing the Committee on Water to cause the streets to be watered Sundays was refused a second reading. The motion was lost by a yea and nay vote; Aldermen Ball, Pratt, and Berry – 3 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Spring, Lamont, Whitaker, Andrews and Huntley – 5 voting in the negative.
Order		Alderman Berry offered an order instructing the Committee on Water to water the streets Sunday mornings once, between the hours of eight and eleven o'clock. Read once; second reading refused by a yea and nay vote; Alderman Berry – 1 voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Spring, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews and Huntley – 7 voting in the negative.
Resolution		Alderman Pratt offered the following resolution,– Resolved:–

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That it is the sense of this Board, that no meetings of Committees shall be called on the evenings assigned for meetings of either branch of the City Council, unless it be for some matter of great importance.

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered: -

That the mayor and city solicitor be, and they hereby are, requested to appear at any hearings before legislative committees upon the proposed amended charter of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and protest against the adoption of so much of said amended charter as would give to said Company an irrevocable 30 year franchise, and prevent legislative control of said Company in the matter of fares, tracks, bridges, etc, for said period of thirty years, and said mayor and city solicitor are further requested to oppose such other provisions of the funding bill as they may deem detrimental to the interests of the public.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 15, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1897

Adjourned.

Attest,

George A. Vincent - Clerk

		Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to draw jurors and to transact any other business that come before the board, - all the members having been duly notified in writing. - City Hall, Somerville, April 21, 1897, 7 P.M.
	His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding. Aldermen Spring, Bell, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Curry present. Records approved.	
√ Appointment	Received a recommendation from the Chief of Police that Lemuel H. Knowlton, janitor of the East Somerville Baptist Church, be appointed a special police without compensation. Appointment, as recommended, made by the Mayor and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.	
√ Petition	Received a petition from Dennis F. Bakery, for a license to give a foot-ball game entertainment in the G. A. R. Grounds, Washington street, Monday afternoon, April 19th. - recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk. Issuing of license approved.	
√ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee - that licenses to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minors. William A. Gordon, Elbridge K. Gordon. Both approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted.	
√ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses to collect junk, from John F. Fellon and Samuel Heilman. Both approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted.	

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Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from John F. Fallon, Samuel Heilman, and Vincenzo Valente; all approved by the Chief of Police. — Petitions ✓

Licenses granted.

Received a request, signed by B. L. Fitz Clark, in behalf of a meeting of citizens of West Medford, that this board will not grant to Mr. Dwyer or Prescott the privilege of fishing from land belonging to one Stevens near the railroad bridge. — Request ✓

Placed on file.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Nathaniel F. Babb, Patrick J. Garvin, Solomon S. Higgins and Luther B. Pillsbury, for licenses as auctioneers.

John F. Fay, for a license to keep, for hire, two pool tables, at # 281 Somerville avenue;

Seyrene B. McAskill, for a license as a common victualler, at # 10 Bow street;

Harry H. Goodnow, for a license as an innholder at the Hotel Woodbridge, No. 291 Elm street;

Egidio Argenzio, for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets;

Frederick Dick, for himself and five others, for a license as a street band.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from Alfred D. Terrio, for permission to project the coving at the top of a three-story addition (store and dwelling) to the building No. 29 Vernon street, twelve inches over the sidewalk. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits, said petition being accompanied by the following order:— &

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby — Order of Notice ✓

Ordered, that notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1897, 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

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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 23rd inst.

Adopted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from William T. Cunningham and Alfred D. Sibley for drain layers' licenses.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for permits to blast rock from

Mrs Catherine Reynolds, - three cocks in her garden, at No. 12 Belmont Place;

Owen Cunningham & Son, - about twenty cubic yards of rock from a cellar on School street, owned by A. F. Landers;

J. M. Andrews, - in excavating for a cellar on land of Benjamin Wiley, at the corner of Heath and Fenwick streets.

Permits granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Thomas F. Farrington, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a cellar on School street, between Preston and Landers streets, on land owned by A. F. Landers.

Given leave to withdraw.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Samuel C. Lund and Leander D. Junkins, that the permission granted William Cochlan to blast rock and earth on Nunnery Hill be revoked.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from

C. C. Crowell and others, for gravel sidewalks, with edgestones, on the easterly side of Benton avenue, from Hudson street to Highland avenue, in front of their respective estates, they to pay the cost of the edgestones;

Leonard C. Smith, for permission to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of the house, No. 20 Preston avenue, at his own expense.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, April 29. Reference concurred in.

Received a protest from Henry J. Leach, and others, tax-payers of St James avenue, against being assessed for widening the said avenue, as they cannot see any benefit to be derived therefrom. — Protest ✓

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 29. Reference concurred in.

Received a notice of claim from Hugh Hills, 251 Hosford street, Charlestown, for damage sustained by injury to his horse, caused by the horse coming through the surface of Medford avenue near the draw bridge, between three and four o'clock P.M. on Thursday, April 8, 1897, and cutting himself badly, under the shoulder. His claim is for fifty dollars, or to have the horse replaced by another equally good. — Notice of Claim ✓

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 29. Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from Charles F. Davenport, for permission to move a wooden building, 24 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 12 feet high, from the Cambridge line through Somerville avenue to land of Henry C. Rand on the northerly side of Somerville avenue near Prospect Terrace, certified by the superintendents of streets and electric lines that the statements as to measurements are substantially correct, and in their opinion the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property. — Petition ✓

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting Charles F. Davenport permission to move a building through Somerville avenue as recorded on page 505 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Lines, Street Railways and Moving Buildings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Order ✓

Adopted.

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of four good and lawful men to serve as Jurors at the Superior Court to be — Jurors ✓

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holden at Lowell on the third day of May next, the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said court on Monday, May 3rd 1897 at ten o'clock A.M.

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Ball, who drew therefrom, and read aloud the names of Samuel G. A. Twyerose, George H. Emerson, Edwin G. Dodge and Frederick E. Cheney.

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

√ Report

The Committee on Public Property, on an order of April 5, to make a contract with Isaac Coffin & Co. for heating and ventilating apparatus for the Sanford Hanson School for the sum of $3,148.00, reported that a contract has been made as authorized by said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 29, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered an order instructing the committee on Public Property to fit up the abandoned fire station at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, for the use of the Superintendent of Schools and the Overseers of the Poor, at a cost not to exceed Five thousand dollars, and to be charged to City Building, corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, Improvement account.

Read once; second reading refused.

√ Appointment of Committee

On motion of Alderman Huntley it was voted that Alderman Pratt be a committee to wait upon the Commander of Gilbard C. Kingsley Post, No. 139 G.A.R. and inquire as to the desire of the post to have the second floor of the abandoned fire station at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street fitted up for the use of the post, and to report at the next meeting of this board.

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Alderman Pratt offered the following order:-		Order ✓
Ordered:-		
That the Committee on Public Property be and is hereby instructed to purchase carpets for the Aldermen's and Common Council chambers in the City Hall, the expense so incurred to be charged to City Hall Improvement account.		
Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.		
In Common Council, April 29, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.		
Approved by Mr Mayor, May 1, 1897.		
The Committee on State, on the petition of J. H. Flitner and others that the streets of the city be watered Sundays, in the same manner as on week days, reported an order		Report ✓
Action postponed until the next meeting.		
The order accompanying the foregoing report, authorizing and instructing the Committee on State to cause the streets of the city to be watered on Sundays in the same manner as on week days, was		Order ✓
Read once, and further action postponed until the next meeting.		
Alderman Ball offered the following order:-		Order ✓
Ordered:-		
That the board of health be and it hereby is requested to cause all proper placard upon the ash-dumps of the city to be burned, so that the same may be prevented from blowing about the streets of the vicinity, and all objectionable or offensive materials or substances thus deposited to be buried, and generally to see to care for said ash-dumps that they may not be a source of annoyance or discomfort to the owners or occupants of property in their immediate neighborhood or become discreditable to the city.		
Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.		
In Common Council, April 29, Adopted in concurrence.		
Presented to the Mayor, May 1, 1897.		

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Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville April 25 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

Records approved.

In pursuance of orders approved March 25th, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object, on the construction of sidewalks in — Hearings ✓

Central street

Cherry street

Elm street from Kidder Ave. to Morrison St.

Elm street from Nathan Tufts Park to Kidder Ave.

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers Returns, recorded respectively, on pages 187, 190, 193, and 196 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

A remonstrance was received from F. K. Collins against the construction of the proposed sidewalk in Cherry street because of the expense. — Remonstrance ✓

Mr Scott, for Mr Eunice Scott, appeared and objected to the proposed sidewalk in Cherry street because of the expense and because Mr Scott considered it unnecessary.

No other remonstrances being received and no other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

In pursuance of an order passed April 5, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of John and William Coleman for permission to erect and use a twenty horse stationary steam engine and boiler, to be used in connection with a stone crusher, on the southwesterly side of Mystic avenue near the Medford line; due notice having been published by the petitioners as required by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed April 14, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Andrew R. and Stephen H. Lynn, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, at the intersection of the northerly line of Holland street with the southerly line of Hunter street, as follows:- two bay windows, on Holland street, and one on Hunter street, all in the second and third stories, to project two feet; the coving on the top of said windows to project one foot in addition, and the coving on the remainder of the building to project one foot, due notice having been published by the petitioners, as required by said order.

√ Communication

Received a communication from Warren J. Lake, withdrawing his objections made, at a previous hearing, to the granting of similar permission to the same petitioners, at the same location.

No remonstrances being received and no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed April 21, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Alfred D. Tucker for permission to project the coving of a three-story addition (store and dwelling) at 29 Vernon street, twelve inches over the sidewalk; due notice having been published by the petitioner, as required by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved April 16, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to be heard, on the petition of Robert A. Howe for a license to keep eighty horses in a stable to be erected at No. 357 Summer street, and to be used as a livery and boarding stable; due notice having been given, as provided by said order.

Howard D. Howe, Esq., appeared as counsel for the petitioner and introduced testimony from the petitioner, Mr. William A. Bardon and Mr. Frank A. Tuck, substantially as follows:-

The original part of the present stable was built by the petitioner about nineteen years ago. It is now 47 by 117 feet in size and includes three additions; it is two and one half stories high on the front

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and one story in the rear and have thirty stalls. The petitioner now proposes to remove the present stable and to erect another, of wood 50 by 140 feet in size, three stories high, with basement under the front part, and with seventy-five stalls. It will have all modern improvements, including iron stalls, and will be connected with the sewer. No manure will be allowed to accumulate, as a wagon will be kept standing in a closed enclosure to receive the manure, and for its immediate removal. Carriages will be kept on the first floor, the horses on the second, and hay and grain on the third.

The present dwelling where the present stable now built now on Butler avenue; now Chestnut Block, of nine houses, stands within three feet of it, on Summer street, and a vacant lot 106 feet wide, owned by Mr. Carter, is on the other side. Five small stables back up to his stable-lot. Chestnut stable, with thirty-five stalls, in which some twelve or fifteen horses are kept at the present time, is distant but about one hundred and fifty feet from the petitioner's stable. It was thought that the erection of a modern stable as now proposed, in the place of the present building, would be an improvement to the neighborhood. Mr. Tilt, who is a real estate agent, found no difficulty in letting houses near the present stable.

Frank O. Dickerman, Esq. appeared as counsel for Mr. Tillinghast, Mr. Bliss, and other remonstrants, and introduced testimony from Mr. Tillinghast and Dr. Grave, which, together with testimony from Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Reynolds, Miss O. H. Gilman, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Greene and Mr. K. B. Davis, was to the effect that while modern improvements in a stable were desirable, yet the erection of the proposed building would increase the probability of the improper use of the premises for stable purposes, and the keeping of eighty horses, with the increased disturbance and commotion incident to a large livery stable, would be a much greater nuisance and annoyance than the present building, and tend to depreciate the value of neighboring property.

No other persons interested appearing, and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of our order approved April 16, a hearing

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were given for all persons desiring to be heard, as to the manner in which blasting is carried on by Mr McCarthy and associates in the ledge near Jaques street: due notice having been given, as provided by said order

Messrs O D Field, H A Brady, Alfred McKinley, C H Kyle, John Haldron, Mr John Haldron, and R B Price appeared and testified to the careless manner in which the blasting is done, fragments of stone, some of which weigh three or four pounds, being thrown into the yards on both sides of Jaques street and even to premises on Heath street, falling near children and those who chance to be out of doors, and damaging in some instances the roofs of buildings and piazzas; also to the jar caused by the concussions, damaging buildings by cracking plastering and stairways. It was said that a year or more ago a whistle was sounded as a warning before the making of a blast, but since then it had been omitted.

Alderman Whitaker said that Mr George D Haven, who is sick and consequently not present this evening, had told the alderman that within a month he had paid ten dollars for repairing the roof of a house which he owned on Jaques street, which was damaged by rock from the blasts. It was not desired to stop Mr McCarthy from blasting but to have the blasting so conducted as to prevent the scattering of fragments of stone from the place of the blast.

Mr Ellsworth Fish, who leases the ledge to Mr McCarthy, said he had witnessed the blasting many times, but had never seen any stone thrown beyond the premises where the ledge is situated; neither had he received any complaint of the blasting from the tenants of the house on Jaques street, near the ledge.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

1 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.

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1 - upon the laying out of Grant street from Broadway to Jaques street;
2 - " " " " " Tower " " Highland avenue to Crown street;
orders for such hearings having been approved by the mayor, March 26, 1897

In Convention of the City Council — Convention

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Perry, Gracey, Burrows, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Reed, and Timson present.

In pursuance of orders passed this evening hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the laying out of — Hearings ✓

Grant street

and

Tower street;

all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the Officer's Returns recorded respectively, on pages 355 and 363 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

No persons 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

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In Board of Aldermen — Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the — Recommendation ✓

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Fire Department that Edwin R. Perham, a call-hose-man of Hose company No. 2, and George F. Hughes, a call-laddersman of Ladder company No. 2, be discharged from the Fire Department, each at his own request.

Discharges as recommended, made by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Communication

Received the following communication,—

School Department Somerville, Mass., April 27, 1897.

To the City Council of Somerville.

Gentlemen:— At a meeting of the School Board held last evening it was voted to adopt the following resolution and transmit a copy of the same to your honorable body.

Resolved:— That in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient for the city to erect school buildings of more than two stories in height, for considerations both of safety and of health.

Yours Respectfully,

G. A. Southworth,

Secy Sch. B'd.

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

In Common Council April 28, Reference concurred in.

√ 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:—

Edward Parker Walter Philbrick William K. Robes

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Invitation

Received an invitation from Willard C. Kinsley Post, No. 139, G. A. R. to attend a lecture to be given at G. A. R. Hall, Gilman square Monday evening, May 3rd, at 8 o'clock, by Mr. Edward H. Emerson on the life of a soldier.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28, Accepted in concurrence.

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Received petitions for licenses to give entertainments from — Petitions ✓

J. T. Butler, Minstrel entertainment in Odd Fellows Hall, Winter Hill, April 28 & 30.

Charles B. Green, Manager, Tufts B.B.A. - base-ball games on Tufts College Oval, April 23, May 4, and 12.

Benj F. Young, musical and literary entertainment, Bacon Hall, April 22;

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 for licenses as auctioneers from — Petitions ✓

John B. McKenna, Silas M. Saunders, Rufus West

also petitions for licenses as common victuallers from —

Jennie A. Bumstead, at 248 Washington St.

Warren Davis Church, at 61 Day St.

Rebecca Foodick, at 33 Elm St.

Josie O'Neil at 543 Somerville Ave.

Ann Parkinson, at 75 Broadway

Daniel H. Rinn, at 30 Union Square,

Fred B. Slade, at 15 Union Square,

Mrs. Emily J. Southward, at 206 Washington St.

Hiram Turner, at 198 Highland Ave,

also a petition for a license as an Innholder from —

Silas D. Carter, at Hotel Warren, 39 & 40 Union Square;

also petitions for licenses to keep Intelligence Offices from —

Oliver G. Foodick, at 33 Elm St.

Susan A. Rikes at 518 Somerville Ave.

Thomas Woods, at 418 Somerville Ave.

also petitions for licenses to play piano-organs in the streets from —

Giuseppe Argenti and Giovanni Castelloti,

Angelo and Louis Colaluco

Luigi Formi and Raffaele Musetti

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√ Petitions	Received a petition, in duplicate, and on forms provided by the cattle commissioner, from the New England Quarantine and Food Company for a license for the year ending April 30, 1898, to slaughter cattle, including calves, at 74 to 86 Medford street, each day of the week, except Sundays, and each hour of the day, the estimated number of animals to be slaughtered weekly being one hundred neat cattle and one thousand calves.	
	Referred to Committee on Licenses	
√ Petition	Received a petition from Thomas Hodge, for a license to sell fireworks for the 17th of June, and the 4th of July, at 415 Somerville avenue.	
	Referred to Committee on Fire Department	
√ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses as drain-layers from:- Bartholomew Burke, Patrick Burke, Maurice Cullinane, Jeremiah Donovan, Richard Fahey, Charles F. Kelley, Nicholas Leonard	
	Referred to Committee on Sewers	
√ Petition	Received a petition from Margaret A. Simpson for a common sewer in Simpson avenue, from the sewer in Holland street to Broadway.	
	Referred to Committee on Sewers	
√ Petition	Received a petition from Samuel T. Howard and others, that the rebuilding of the iron foundry at the corner of Washington and Myrtle streets, which was partially destroyed by fire on the 25th inst., be not allowed unless built of suitable fire-proof materials, and means provided to prevent the escape of sparks from the chimney.	
	Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits	
√ Petition	Received a petition from Joseph F. Wilson for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows:- at 257 and 259 Highland avenue, two bay windows in second and third stories of a block of stores and dwellings, to project over the sidewalk two feet.	
	Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits	

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the said petition being 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 12th day of May, 1897, 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 30th inst. — Order of Notice ✓

Adopted

Received a petition from Charles H. Snyder and John Williams contractors for the laying of the pipe for the Metropolitan water supply in this city, from the Cambridge line through Norfolk St., Webster Ave., Union square, Bow and Walnut streets, and across Broadway to Chauncey avenue, for permission to blast rock, as may be found necessary, in excavating the trench for the laying of said pipe; the work having progressed to Bow street. — Petition ✓

Permit granted

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Howard Goldsmith and others, for the removal of the tree near the corner of Arthur street and Broadway;

William Graham, that the electric light pole at the southwest corner of Bonner and Columbus avenues may be changed to a point farther removed from the dwelling house just completed, as its close proximity renders it dangerous as the wires are very close to the eaves;

George A. Sewall and others, for curbstones on both sides of Grant street from Broadway to Jaques street;

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

George H. Lomax and others, for the acceptance of Sacramento street from Beacon street to Somerville avenue;

Francisco L. Fagundes and others, that Oak street from the bend to

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the Cambridge Line, be put in safe condition for public travel and also for the health of the people living in the vicinity.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 28, References concurred in.

√ Petition

Received from the Common Council a petition from Charles J. Robertson for an increase of salary as clerk of the Common Council, in view of the increasing number of meetings and the extra work devolving on the clerk.

In Common Council, April 28, Referred to Committee on Finance and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 28, Reference concurred in.

√ Petitions

Received petitions for the watering of streets, as follows:-

Irving L. Russell and others, Broadway, from Victoria street to the Arlington line;

George A. Williams and others, Cedar street from the Arlington Branch Railroad to Warwick street;

George D. Haven and others, Greenville street from Monroe St. to Medford St.

John Deller and others, Otis street from Cross street to Dana St.

Referred to Committee on Water and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28, References concurred in.

√ Petitions & Remonstrances

Received petitions and remonstrances against the watering of the streets on Sundays, from

William Butler and others

Horace H. Leavitt and others

Abbott W. Lewis and others

C. Raymond and others

Wm. W. Smith and others

E. F. Stone and others

W. C. Taylor and others

True W. Townsend and others

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Mrs. O. J. Allen and others.
M. H. Bradford, and others.
Grace A. Bosworth and others.
C. E. Bowles and others.
G. Beekman, Pastor Park Ave. M. E. Church
F. D. Woodbridge and others.
F. H. Grow and others.
Orville Coats and others.
John M. Woods and others.
A. L. Snell and others.
Justin D. Fulton and others.
Sanford Hanscom and others.
H. M. Moore and others.
C. Albert Woodbridge and others.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council April 28. Read for information.

Received a petition from C. E. Aymes and others, for a hearing upon the watering of the streets on Sundays believing that the comfort and health of the inhabitants would be promoted by such watering. — Petition ✓

Voted that a hearing be given by the city council on said petition Monday evening, May 10, 1897, at 8 o'clock. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28. Hearing granted in concurrence.

The Committee on Licenses, — Reports ✓

on the petitions of Nathaniel F. Babb, J. Albion Briggs, J. Robert Fenelon, William H. Fish, George H. Foster, Patrick J. Garvin, Joseph J. Giles, Haskell H. Gleason, Walter H. Gleason, Solomon S. Higgins, F. DeWitt Lapham, Stillman H. Libby, James E. Norton, Luther B. Pillsbury, Charles H. Sawyer, Chauncey Allen Terry and Asa Henry Weeks, for licenses as auctioneers, reported an order;

on petitions for licenses to keep for hire, billiard and pool tables and bowl-

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ing alleys William D. Brady and Michael F. Kelley, two pool tables, at 681 Somerville avenue, - John F. Fay, two pool tables, at 281 Somerville avenue, - Robert Jameson, two billiard tables two pool tables and five bowling alleys at 341 Somerville avenue, and William F. Mills, four pool tables and one billiard table at 524 Medford street, - reported an order;

on petitions for licenses as common victuallers from
Seyrene B. McAskill, at 10 Bow street
Fred W. Pearson, at 304 Broadway
Alfred Prince, at 375 and 377 Somerville avenue,
George A. Sanders, at 15 Bow street, and
William Wright, at 211 Washington street, reported an order;

on petitions for licenses as common victuallers from Jacob Demont at 145 Somerville avenue and Lorenzo Sangiolo at 320 Broadway, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Harry H. Goodnow for a license as an Innholder at the Hotel Woodbridge, 391 Elm street, reported an order;

on petitions for licenses to play on musical instruments in the streets from Egidio Argenzio, Giovani di Napoli, Giovanni Di Napoli, and Angelo Turco, - each to play on a hand-organ, - Gabriele Giganti and Pasquale Simmartino to play on a harp and violin, - Giuseppe Mizzo to play on a clarionet, - Frederick Dick and five others, as a street band, and Karl Shuck and five others, as a street band, - reported an order;

on the petition of Philip J. Fitzpatrick, for a license as an undertaker, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of the branch of the Salvation Army at Winter Hill, for a license to hold open air meetings, parade and sing and play or perform on any musical instruments in the streets or public places of the city, for the year beginning May 6 1897, reported an order;

on the petitions of S. E. Putney and J. F. Wilbur, committee from the Somerville section of the Socialist Labor Party, for permission

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to hold public meetings Sundays in the daytime and week-day evenings, in the public squares and parks and at Broadway Park or on the public street near the park, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petitions for licenses of the sixth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors for medicinal and chemical purposes, from Charles H. Crane, corner of Perkins and Franklin streets; Arthur B. Grover, 146 Cross street; George E. Grover, 146 Broadway, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:- Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That a license as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May, 1897, 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 license; 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	Patrick J. Garvin	F. DeWitt Lapham
J. Albion Briggs	Joseph J. Giles	Stillman H. Libby
J. Robert Fenelon	Haskell H. Gleason	James S. Norton
William H. Fish	Walter H. Gleason	Luther B. Pillsbury
George H. Foster	Solomon S. Higgins	Charles H. Sawyer

Chauncey Allen Terry Asa Henry Weeks

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license; such license to expire on the first day of May 1898, unless sooner revoked

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Name of Party	Number of Tables or Alleys: Billiard Tables	Pool Tables	Supper Tables	Bowling Alleys	To be kept at
Wm E. Drady & Michael F. Kelley		2			681 Somerville avenue
John F. Fay		2			281 Somerville avenue
Robert Jameson	2	2		5	341 Somerville avenue
William F. Mills	1	4			524 Medford street

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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Seyrene B. McAskill	10 Bow street
Fred H. Pearson	204 Broadway
Alfred Prince	375 & 377 Somerville avenue
George A. Sanders	15 Bow street
William Wright	211 Washington street

Ordered:-

That a license as an Innholder under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to the following-named party, 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Harry H. Goodnow	291 Elm street

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, 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 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name, etc.

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Egidio Argenzio, to play hand-organ,-
Giosuè di Napoli, to play hand-organ,-
Giovanni Di Napoli, to play hand-organ,-
Angelo Turco, to play hand-organ,-
Gabriele Gigante and Pasquale Simmartino, to play harp and violin,-
Giuseppe Mizzo, to play clarionet,-
Frederick Dick and five others, as a street band,- and
Karl Sluch and five others, as a street band.

Ordered:-

That a license be, and it hereby is, granted to the branch of the Salvation Army at Winter Hill to hold open air meetings, parade and sing, and play or perform upon any musical instruments, in the streets or public places of the city, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license; said license to expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

The license fee provided for by ordinance is hereby remitted.

Adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department, on the petition of John and William Coleman for permission to erect, and use a twenty-horse stationary steam engine and boiler to furnish power for a stone crusher on the southwesterly side of Mystic avenue, near the Medford line, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That a License be, and hereby is granted to John and William Coleman (doing business under the name and style of Coleman Brothers) to erect for use, a twenty horse-power Stationary Steam Engine, with boiler of twenty horse-power, to be used in connection with a stone crusher on the S'Hly side of Mystic Ave near the Medford line, in accordance with the specifications contained in the application for such license; also in accordance with a permit to be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, and under such regulations as the said Inspector may prescribe, which permit must first be obtained before such

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Engine or Boiler inspected.
Adopted

√ Report

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Andrew A. and Stephen H. Lyons for permission to build and maintain projections (bay windows) over the sidewalks of Holland and Winter streets, reported an order.
Accepted

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, –
Ordered –

That permission be and is hereby granted to Andrew A. and Stephen H. Lyons, to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows: – At junction of Holland and Winter streets, (intersection of northerly line of Holland street and southerly line of Winter street) on a three story building for store and dwellings – two bay windows on Holland street, and one on Winter street, all in second and third stories, to project over the sidewalk two feet, and the cornice of the top of the building to project one foot additional at the bay windows, and one foot in the remainder of the building.
Adopted

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order, –
Ordered –

That in relation to the suit and the defense thereof of the A. H. Bryant Construction Company against the city on account of matters growing out of the construction of the drain and sewer in the Tannery Brook District and in relation to the contract of said company with the city in regard to such construction, and in relation to claims of the city against said company and in general in regard to all matters pending between said company and the city, and the enforcing and protecting the rights and interests of the city in the premises, the committee on sewers are hereby authorized in their own name or in the name of the city to sign such papers, give such notices, and in general take such action as such committee shall deem advisable, – and the city solicitor is authorized to cause such suit or suits to be brought in

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the name of the city against said company or its surety on the bond for the performance of said contract or either of them, and such legal proceedings to be taken or instituted, as he shall think advisable in the premises and for enforcing or protecting any rights of the city against said company.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, April 28. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 1, 1897.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of J. D. Richardson, for permission to maintain a bicycle pump on the sidewalk in front of No. 310 Broadway, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order:— — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That permission be and is hereby granted to Howard B. Moore to set a hitching-post in front of his estate, No. 1 Kenwood street.

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in — Orders ✓

Central street

Cherry street

Elm street, from Kidder Ave. to Morrison St.

Elm street, from Nathan Tufts Park to Kidder Ave.

and

Summer street,

as recorded respectively, on pages 189, 192, 195, 198 and 232 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.

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√ Order

Alderman Berry offered an order for the construction of a sidewalk in Heath street, as recorded on page 159 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.

Presented to the Mayor May 1, 1897

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways -

on the petition of Charles S. Lincoln and others for the reconstruction of the sidewalk and the abolishing or improving of the driveways on the northeasterly side of Highland avenue, between the premises of Edward Glines and School street, reported an order,

on the petition of the Heirs of Jonathan Stone that the grade of Stone avenue near Union Square be slightly raised on the easterly side of said avenue, as indicated by a plan prepared by the city engineer, reported an order,

on an order of March 24, to purchase a buggy for the use of the Superintendent of Streets, reported that such buggy has been purchased of Moses Coleman & Sons for $175.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 28, Accepted in concurrence

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be and hereby is authorized to repair the sidewalk on the northeasterly side of Highland avenue, between land of Edward Glines and School street, and to abolish or make safe the driveways between the above named points, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered.-

That the grade of certain portions of Stone Avenue, a public street of the city, extending from Union Square to Columbus avenue, be and it hereby is changed and re-established, as indicated by grade lines in green drawn by Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, under date of January 27th, 1897, on a plan entitled "Stone Avenue for Accept-

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ance, made by Horace L. Eaton, Civil Engineer, dated August 15th, 1891, and on file in the City Engineer's office; the grade of said Stone Avenue, otherwise than as indicated by said grade lines in green, to remain as shown by red lines on said plan, and as established by an order of the city council, approved September 15th, 1892, laying out said Stone Avenue.

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 1, 1897.

Alderman Berry offered the following order:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is authorized to pave Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, as far as the appropriation will allow, and the said committee is also authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of labor and paving blocks; any expense incurred under this order to be charged to Highways, Paving Somerville Avenue from Park Street Westerly account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28, 1897. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, May 1, 1897.

A resolve and order for the laying out of Grant street from Broadway to Jaques street, as recorded on pages 356 to 360, 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 and Order ✓

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 1, 1897.

The Committee on Fire Department reported that in pursuance of an order dated March 24 the sum of $64.76 had been approved in pay roll in favor of the widow of the late George F. Harris, as his Report ✓

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salary to March 31, 1897, said Harris having died March 11, 1897, while a member of the Fire Department.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 28, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order. Alderman Huntley offered an order for the purchase of a relief Steam Fire Engine, at a cost not to exceed thirty-five hundred dollars.

Read once; second reading refused.

√ Report. Alderman Pratt, who was appointed a committee at the last meeting, to enquire of the commander of Gilliard B. Kinsley Post No 139 G. A. R. if the post desires the city to prepare, for the use of said post, a hall in the second story of the old engine house at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, presented, as his report, the following communication

Headquarters Gilliard B. Kinsley Post
No 139, Dept. of Mass. G. A. R.
Somerville, April 26, 1897

Mr. J. A. Pratt, #33 Franklin St.
Alderman Ward 1,
Somerville, Mass.

My Dear Sir:-

I would say for your information that the matter of accepting the upper floor of the old engine house, corner of Highland Ave and Walnut St. by the Post, if suitably fitted up by the city, was discussed by the post at a meeting held on the above date, after which it was unanimously voted that this Post would accept with gratitude the hall as proposed, and that the Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders be a committee to communicate with the city government in the matter.

Sincerely yours,
C. H. Colgate, Adjutant.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council April 28, Read for information.

√ Order. On motion of Alderman Pratt it was voted to reconsider the

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vote passed at the last meeting refusing a second reading to the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the committee on public property be, and it hereby is instructed to fit up the abandoned fire station at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, for the use of the Superintendent of Schools, and the overseers of the poor, at a cost not exceeding five thousand dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to City Building corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, Improvement account.

The order was amended by inserting after the word "street", in the third line, the words, the first floor, and by adding after the word "Poor" in the third line, the words,— and the second floor for public uses. As thus amended received its second reading and final passage. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 25. Received its first reading and further action postponed until the next meeting.

In Common Council May 12. As amended received its second reading and final passage, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 14 1897

Alderman Irving offered the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is instructed to submit to the city council plans for the fitting up of the abandoned fire station, corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, for the use of the Superintendent of schools and the overseers of the poor, and other public uses. the expense so incurred to be charged to City Building corner Highland avenue and Walnut street, Improvement account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council April 25. Received its first reading and further consideration postponed until the next meeting.

In Common Council May 12. Received its second reading and final passage, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1897

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✓ Report		The Committee on Claims, on the notice of Hugh A. Kelly, of claim for damage, on account of injuries to his horse, on Middlesex ave. on April 5, reported, and order
		Accepted and sent down for concurrence
		In Common Council April 28 Accepted in concurrence
✓ Order		The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-
	Ordered:-	
		That the committee on claims be, and it hereby is instructed to allow in Pay Roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of Hugh A. Kelly, for the sum of twenty-five dollars, being payment in full of all claims for injuries to horse, on Middlesex avenue, near the draw-bridge on April 5, 1897.
		Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
		In Common Council April 28, 1897. Read twice and adopted in concurrence
		Approved by the Mayor, May 1, 1897
✓ Report		The report of the Committee on Water on the petition of J. H. Flitton and others that the streets of the city be watered on Sundays, reporting an order, which report was presented at the last meeting of this board, and action postponed until the next meeting, was
		Accepted and sent down for concurrence
		In Common Council April 28, Accepted in concurrence
✓ Order		The order which accompanied the foregoing report, instructing the Committee on Water to water the streets on Sundays the same as on week-days, and on which, after its first reading, action, at the last meeting, was postponed until the next meeting, was refused a second reading by a yea and nay vote: Aldermen Ball, Garth, and Berry-3, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Spring, Lamont, Whitaker, Andrews, and Huntley-5, voting in the negative
✓ Report		The Committee on Ordinances, on the communication from the Inspector of Buildings that, in his judgment, certain changes are desirable in Ordinance No. 50, being an ordinance in relation to the

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Condemnation of Buildings, reported an ordinance
Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council April 25, Accepted in concurrence

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, entitled — Ordinance ✓
An Ordinance in relation to the Condemnation of Buildings, was
Read, twice and passed to be enrolled, Sent down for concurrence

Received from the Common Council an order requesting the — Order ✓
Committee on Police to instruct the proper authorities to see that the power
of the police patrol wagon is placed on that vehicle, at all times when
in use.
In Common Council April 25, Adopted and sent up for con-
currence
In Board of Aldermen April 25, Referred to Committee on
Police Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council April 25, Receded from former action
Reference concurred in

Received from the Common Council, a report of the Committee — Report ✓
on Public Property, on an order of March 25, to consider the feasibility
of placing a clock on the old engine house on Central Hill - that,
on its judgment it is inexpedient to take any action under said order.
In Common Council April 25, Accepted, and sent up for
concurrence
In Board of Aldermen April 25, Accepted in concurrence

Received from the Common Council an order instructing — Order ✓
the City Marshal to furnish a lunch when the meetings of the
city council extend beyond 11 o'clock P.M.
In Common Council April 25, Read twice, and adopted
and sent up for concurrence
In Board of Aldermen April 25, Read twice. Adoption lost

Received from the Common Council, an order providing that — Order ✓
the regular meetings of the common council be held on the Thursdays

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following the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Read for information

✓ Order

Received from the Common Council an order providing a joint convention of the two branches of the City Council to determine as to the correctness of a ruling by the city clerk in relation to the return to the common council of an order passed in that body but non-concurred in by the board of aldermen

In Common Council April 28. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen April 28. Adoption lost

✓ Order fixing

Alderman Huntley offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen be held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at eight o'clock P.M.

Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the bonds of the City of Somerville be issued for the aggregate principal sum of one hundred fifty seven thousand dollars, which bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable 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 money received therefor (but the purchaser or purchasers of said bonds to be in no way responsible for the application or appropriation of such money) to be used for the purposes, and chargeable to the accounts respectively as stated in said schedule.

Statement of Bonds, dated July 1, 1897, contract, at the rate of four per cent per annum

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When payable	Number of each bond	Years to run	Number of coupons	Amount of each coupon	Denomination each bond	Total issue
Somerville City Loan Bonds, for the purchase of the land formerly owned by David T. Sanborn, and known as Sanborn field, for the purpose of a public park. For the cost of paving a portion of Somerville Avenue, and making other permanent improvements to the highways, and to provide for the cost of a more complete fire alarm apparatus, the sum of $44,000.						
July 1,						
1898	2333 to 2337	1	2	$30.00	$1000	$5,000
1899	2338 to 2342	2	4	30.00	1000	5,000
1900	2343 to 2347	3	6	30.00	1000	5,000
1901	2348 to 2352	4	8	30.00	1000	5,000
1902	2353 to 2357	5	10	30.00	1000	4,000
1903	2358 to 2361	6	12	30.00	1000	4,000
1904	2362 to 2365	7	14	30.00	1000	4,000
1905	2366 to 2369	8	16	30.00	1000	4,000
1906	2370 to 2373	9	18	30.00	1000	4,000
1907	2374 to 2377	10	20	30.00	1000	4,000
				Total		$44,000
Somerville City Loan Bonds, for the purchase of land, and erection of public buildings thereon, and to provide for the cost of completing other public buildings now in the course of construction, the sum of						$84,000
July 1,						
1898	2328 to 2332	1	2	$30.00	$1000	$5,000
1899	2339 to 2343	2	4	30.00	1000	5,000
1900	2350 to 2354	3	6	30.00	1000	5,000
1901	2361 to 2365	4	8	30.00	1000	5,000
1902	2371 to 2374	5	10	30.00	1000	4,000
1903	2380 to 2383	6	12	30.00	1000	4,000
1904	2389 to 2392	7	14	30.00	1000	4,000
1905	2398 to 2301	8	16	30.00	1000	4,000
1906	2307 to 2310	9	18	30.00	1000	4,000
1907	2316 to 2319	10	20	30.00	1000	4,000
1908	2321 to 2324	11	22	30.00	1000	4,000
1909	2326 to 2329	12	24	30.00	1000	4,000

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1910	2331	3334	13	26	$30.00	$1000	$4,000
1911	2336	3339	14	28	30.00	1000	4,000
1912	3341	3344	15	30	30.00	1000	4,000
1913	3345	3348	16	32	20.00	1000	4,000
1914	3349	3352	17	34	20.00	1000	4,000
1915	3353	3356	18	36	30.00	1000	4,000
1916	3357	3360	19	38	30.00	1000	4,000
1917	3361	3364	20	40	30.00	1000	4,000
						Total,	$84,000

Sewerville Sewer Loan Bonds, to provide for the cost of constructing main drains and common sewers, the sum of $25,000

July 1, 1898	174	1	2	$30.00	$1000	$1,000
1899	175	2	4	30.00	1000	1,000
1900	176	3	6	30.00	1000	1,000
1901	177	4	8	30.00	1000	1,000
1902	178	5	10	30.00	1000	1,000
1903	179	6	12	30.00	1000	1,000
1904	180	7	14	30.00	1000	1,000
1905	181	8	16	30.00	1000	1,000
1906	182	9	18	30.00	1000	1,000
1907	183	10	20	30.00	1000	1,000
1908	184	11	22	30.00	1000	1,000
1909	185	12	24	30.00	1000	1,000
1910	186	13	26	30.00	1000	1,000
1911	187	14	28	30.00	1000	1,000
1912	188	15	30	30.00	1000	1,000
1913	189	16	32	30.00	1000	1,000
1914	190	17	34	30.00	1000	1,000
1915	191	18	36	30.00	1000	1,000
1916	192	19	38	30.00	1000	1,000
1917	193	20	40	30.00	1000	1,000
1918	194	21	42	30.00	1000	1,000
1919	195	22	44	30.00	1000	1,000
1920	196	23	46	30.00	1000	1,000
1921	197	24	48	30.00	1000	1,000

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1922	198	25	50	$20.00	$1000	$1,000
					Total,	$25,000

Somerville City Loan Bonds, issued under authority of Chapter 194 Acts of 1887 and Chapter 11 Acts of 1892, for the purpose of providing for the payment of outstanding indebtedness, the sum of ---$14,000

July 1,						
1898	2233	1	2	$20.00	$1,000	$1,000
1899	2244	2	4	20.00	1,000	1,000
1900	2255	3	6	20.00	1,000	1,000
1901	2266	4	8	20.00	1,000	1,000
1902	2275	5	10	20.00	1,000	1,000
1903	2284	6	12	20.00	1,000	1,000
1904	2293	7	14	20.00	1,000	1,000
1905	2302	8	16	20.00	1,000	1,000
1906	2311	9	18	20.00	1,000	1,000
1907	2320	10	20	20.00	1,000	1,000
1908	2325	11	22	20.00	1,000	1,000
1909	2330	12	24	20.00	1,000	1,000
1910	2335	13	26	20.00	1,000	1,000
1911	2340	14	28	20.00	1,000	1,000
					Total,	$14,000

Making in the aggregate the sum of ---------------$167,000

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 April 28. 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 two thirds of all the members of the Common Council being present and voting.

Approved by the Mayor April 28 1897

Alderman Irving offered the following order - Order ✓

Ordered:-

That His Honor, the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, requested to confer with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Com-

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pany, with a view to securing free telephone service for the various city departments

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, April 28, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 1, 1897

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That Monday May 10th 1897, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall, be assigned as the time and place for a hearing by the city council of all persons desiring to be heard in the matter of watering the streets of this city on Sundays

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council April 28, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 1, 1897

Adjourned

Attest,

George F. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to give a hearing on the question of watering the Streets of the City on Sundays - 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, May 10, 1897
T. P. M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
Records approved.

Alderman Huntley 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 a hearing to all persons desiring to be heard either for or against the watering of the streets of the city on Sundays, during the current season, an order for such hearing having been approved May 1, 1897.

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

In Common Council, May 10, Request granted, and Councilman Burrows appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Lovell.

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Reed, and Timson present

√ Hearing

In pursuance of order passed April 28, and this evening a hearing was given to all persons desiring to be heard either for or against the watering of the streets of the city on Sundays.

Messrs Joseph H. Flitner, William C. Brigham, Walter C. Mentzer, J. Frank Gellington, Edmund S. Spaccow, John H. Converse, M. Clinton Bacon, Louis C. Merry, Milo Crane, Winfield S. Stedman, George Stephens, P. J. Smith, J. F. Foster, Seth Mason, James V. Hinckley and John J. Higgins appeared and advocated the watering of the streets on Sundays for the following reasons:- It is necessary to the comfort of the people, most of whom use the streets and their piazzas more on Sundays than on week days; it is conducive to health, preventing the dust and dirt from blowing into the faces, and upon the persons of the people as well as into the houses; it would promote the prosperity of the city, as the neighboring towns and cities water their streets on Sundays, and travellers passing from those places into Somerville are naturally prejudiced against our city by the discomfort and annoyance suffered because of the dust in our streets after enjoying the coolness and freshness of those they have just left: the work of housekeepers would be lessened by the prevention of the blowing of the dust into our dwellings: the men and horses engaged in the work would have sufficient opportunity for rest on rainy days, and the wetting of the streets to an unusual extent on Saturday nights renders them unfit for either bicycle or carriage riding on that evening and the omission to water on dry Sundays allows the dust to become very deep, and in many places it is not laid until near noon on Monday.

Reverends H. E. Fredericks, J. B. Briggs, Orville Coats and Horace K. Leavitt and Messrs A. H. Perry, R. E. Hardy, C. H. Colman, George H. Hills and Thomas B. Blaikie appeared and opposed the watering of the streets on Sundays because, while it might conduce to comfort, it is not a work of necessity and therefore should not be done on the Sabbath: it is not clear that it is necessary as a health measure, and even if it were, then all the streets should be watered and not a part of them only: the work would prevent the men engaged in it from properly observing the Sabbath, and would deprive both the men and the horses of the rest which they need and to which they are entitled

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It was also held that the work would be unlawful.

Communications favoring Sunday watering were received from Rev. Thomas E. Potterton and Reuben Hiller M.D. and another was received from Warren E. Locke in favor of watering such streets as might be deemed necessary, before 9 o'clock A.M. but in opposition to watering after that hour, on Sundays. — Communications ✓

A protest was filed against Sunday watering, signed by Horace H. Leavitt and others, members of the Men's Society of the Broadway Congregational Church. — Protest ✓

No other communications upon the subject being received and no other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was 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

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In Board of Aldermen — Board of Aldermen

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Hundley and Perry present.

Adjourned.

Attest

George F. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, May 12, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Curry, presiding.
Aldermen Young, Ball, Leonard, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Hartley and Curry present.
Records approved.

√ Communication from Mayor.

Received the following communication from the Mayor -

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office, May 12th, 1897.

To the City Council,
Gentlemen:-

At recent meetings of the City Council, orders were introduced relative to the remodelling and refitting of the vacant engine house, situated at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street. Action upon these orders was temporarily deferred, so that members might have more time in which to satisfy themselves as to the best method of doing the proposed work. If the enterprise is to be undertaken at this time, it would seem desirable to put the entire building into proper condition for public use. I believe this can be done without overdrawing the appropriation already made for the purpose.

It is practically agreed that the first story of the engine house shall be set apart for the superintendent of schools and the board of overseers of the poor. I would recommend that the second story be fitted up as a small public hall with suitable anterooms. Such a hall might be occasionally used by the City Council for public hearings and for other city purposes. As you well know, there are usually several hearings granted each year, in which many persons are interested. Under present conditions it sometimes happens that many citizens are unable to obtain seats in the city council chamber, and it seems probable that, on this very account, some may be deterred from attending important hearings. Every reasonable step should be taken to awaken interest, in the minds of men and women, in the conduct of public affairs, and those who take the trouble to attend meetings of the City Council should be made comfortable while there.

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If a public hall with a seating capacity of two or three hundred can be provided in the engine house, I see no objection to holding therein meetings of the City Council on those occasions when a large attendance of citizens seems probable. Inasmuch as such meetings would occur only a few times each year, I would further recommend that the use of this hall, when not required by the city, be given to our local Grand Army Post. I believe that such joint occupancy could be arranged to the complete satisfaction alike of the City Government and the Post. If however, it should be found necessary to give to the Grand Army Post the exclusive use of the upper story of the building, I feel sure your Honorable Boards will not hesitate to render this slight service to the veterans of the Civil War.

It is true that the City Council cannot lawfully appropriate money for the purpose of providing accomodations for the Grand Army of the Republic, but you can with propriety allow the local Post to occupy a vacant room in one of the public buildings, especially if the right is reserved to use the same apartments for meetings of the City Council.

In case your Honorable Boards should concur in the foregoing recommendations, I would suggest that the old engine house be hereafter known and designated as "City Hall Annex".

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Pray, Mayor.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council May 12, Read for information.

Received the following communication,- Veto Message ✓ from Mayor

City of Somerville,

Mayor's Office, May 11th, 1897

To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen:-

I return herewith, the order adopted by your Honorable Board on the 28th day of April, ultimo, instructing the committee on highways to construct a sidewalk on the southwesterly side of Heath street from Temple street to the estate of William B. Holmes. My objections to the order are as follows:-

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First: Only one person has petitioned for the construction of the sidewalk in question, and he is not the owner of any land abutting on that part of the street where the work is to be done. This petitioner would not be required to pay any part of the expense of the undertaking. A sidewalk has already been built in front of this gentleman's estate.

Second: Every owner of abutting land appeared and made strenuous objection to the building of the sidewalk.

Third: There is an excellent brick sidewalk on the northwesterly side of the street, and it is on that side that the greater number of houses stand. There are only two houses on the southwesterly side of the street, between Temple street and land of H. B. Holmes, and the owners of both appeared and objected to the construction of the sidewalk.

Fourth: The appropriation for sidewalks will not permit of the construction of many walks which are greatly needed, and earnestly asked for by the owners of abutting lands. It seems of doubtful expediency to deny improvements to those who ask for them and are willing to pay the customary assessments, and then thrust like improvements upon others who do not desire them.

Respectfully submitted,
Alton A. Gray, Mayor

(Filed with the city clerk May 11th, 1897.)
Read for information.

√ Order — The order returned by the Mayor with the foregoing communication, May 11th, for the construction of a good sidewalk with edgestones, on the southwesterly side of Hewitt street from Temple street to the estate owned by William B. Holmes, was recommended, and its adoption was lost by a yea and nay vote: all of the members – 5, voting in the negative.

√ Hearing — In pursuance of an order passed April 28, a hearing was given, for all parties desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Joseph F. Nelson, for permission to project two bay windows in the second and third stories of a block of stores and dwellings to be erected at Nos. 257 and 259 Highland avenue, two feet over the sidewalk of said avenue; – due notice having been published as directed by said

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order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Alderman Lamont 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 hearing all persons desiring to object to the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Lowell street, in pursuance of an order for such hearing approved April 8, 1897.

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

In Common Council, May 12, 1897. Request granted, and Councilman Raymond appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council. — Convention

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Berry, Gracey, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Raymond, Lowell, Reed and Timson present.

In pursuance of orders passed April 5th 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 Lowell street, from the end of the sewer laid in 1891, distant about 416 feet southwesterly from Summer street, to Summer, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officer's Return recorded on page 395 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land and Orders to Construct Sewers of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the

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hearing was 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 Irving, Pall, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council an order requesting the Committee on Electric Lines to move a police signal box from Union street opposite Benedict street to the corner of Myrtle avenue and North Union street.

In Common Council April 28. Read twice and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 12. Read once and referred to Committee on Electric Lines. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Referred to Committee on Electric Lines in concurrence.

√ Recommendation

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that the following named permanent members of the department having served the probationary term of six months, their appointments be made permanent under the provisions of ordinance and the Civil Service rules.-

John W. Bartlett, Assistant Engineman, Engine No. 2.

Arthur C. Sellon, Driver of Engine No. 2.

Lewis E. Seymour Jr. Driver of Hose Wagon of Engine No. 2.

Appointments, as recommended, made by the Mayor and under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Recommendation

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire

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Department, that Clarence & Cook be transferred and promoted from Engineman of Chemical Engine A. to Engineman of Engine No. 2.

Appointment, as recommended, made by the Mayor, and under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of April. Placed on file. — Report ✓

Received a communication from the Board of Health, requesting the city council to abate a nuisance existing on the City's property in rear of the Sanford Hanscom School now being erected on Webster street, consisting of an offensive and filthy temporary privy-vault. — Communication ✓

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

In Common Council May 12, Reference concurred in.

Received a communication from Samuel Dalton, Adjutant General of Massachusetts, informing this board that a report recently received from an inspector states that the armory of Co. M 5th Infantry located in this city is wretchedly inadequate and recommends that no allowance whatever be made for armory rental. — Communication ✓

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

In Common Council May 12, Reference concurred in.

Received a communication from Herbert G. Whitten, Captain of Company M 5th Regt. M.V.M. stating that the quarters now occupied by said company are inadequate in the following particulars.- — Communication ✓

First: Drill Hall not of sufficient size to properly drill or instruct the company.

Second: Not sufficient room for the proper care of State property.

Third: Arrangement of rooms not suitable for an armory.

Fourth: The armory should be under the control of the commanding officer of the company, and in the present quarters that is not the case; and stating that on the whole the armory is in every way

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inadequate, and not suited for the company, and feeling that the efficiency of the company is, and has been, to a certain extent injured from the fact that it has not better quarters, he would petition that other quarters be provided; the petition being made in accordance with section 60 of chapter 367 of the Acts of the year 1893.

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

In Common Council May 12, Reference concurred in.

√ Invitation

Received an invitation from Isaac M. Story, secretary of the Citizens' Fourth of July Committee, to review, in company with the Mayor, the citizens' parade to be held in Somerville July 4th.

Invitation accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, Invitation accepted in concurrence.

√ 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 B. Broadhead, Edmund J. Glover, Harry C. Hatch, George W. Pratt,

all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Petitions

Received petitions for licenses to collect junk from

Frank Andelman, Joseph Andelman, Albert F. Barnes, William C. Cassidy, Benjamin Cohen, William Delay, Frank Fine, Samuel Fine, Abraham Fuhrman, Frank Garfein, Robert Hull, Charlie Kranzburg, John Lane, James Lyons, Wladyslaw Mangnuski, John J. McCarthy, Maurice McDonald, Joseph Mill, Henry T. Roche, James Siegrue, Reuben Winthrop, William Wright - all residing and assessed for a poll tax in Somerville - and

Abraham Barron, 458 Columbia St., Cambridge, and

Abraham Sowks, 6 Michael Pl., Chelsea, - both bearing licenses as tin peddlers for Middlesex county,

all approved by the Chief of Police.

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Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of ice cream from
James A. Annis, Edwin H. Ford, Willard A. Miller, George H. Phillips, Francesco A. Romano – all residing and assessed for a poll tax in Somerville, except the last-named, who resides in Charlestown, but owns a house on Horace street in Somerville
Licenses granted

Petitions ✓

Received a petition for a license to cry his calling as an umbrella mender in the streets of the city from
Vincent Sullivan, residing and assessed for a poll tax at No. 3 Beach St. Somerville
Approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

Petition ✓

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets of the city from
Joseph Andelman, Albert F. Barnes, Abraham Barron, Lee F. Beck,
John Bradhurst, William Bryant, John C. Cameron, Terence Campbell,
William E. Cassidy, Patrick H. Coakley, John H. Concannon, James Cotter,
William Delay, Owen E. Dugan, Frank Fine, Samuel Fine,
Peter Fitzpatrick, Elmer H. Freeman, Frank Garfein, Charlie Kranzburg,
John Lane, James A. Laverty, James Lyons, William A. Martin,
Wladyslaw Mangowski, Maurice McDonald, (fruit and produce) Maurice McDonald,
(junk) Patrick McLaughlin, Joseph Mill, Andrew Mulcahey, Hugh Milligan,
Michael O'Connell, Thomas H. O'Neil, Lorenzo F. Powers, Bartholomew J. Reardon,
Henry T. Roche, Robert Shaw Jr., Alfred Shiner, Alfred F. Shiner Jr.,
James Sugrue, John Sweeney, Constantine Yarlas, Wm. H. Welch,
Reuben Winthrop, William Wright – all residing and assessed a poll tax in Somerville, except Constantine Yarlas who lives in Boston but has a $50.00 State peddler's license,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

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√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from Frank Andelman, Benjamin Cohen, Lewis B. Earle, Martin F. Flaherty, Abraham Fuchsman, Bartholomew J. Griffith, Barnett Levinson, John J. McCarthy, John R. Nee, William Rosie, Edward Turnbull — all residing and assessed a poll tax in Somerville, except Benjamin Cohen who resides in Cambridge and is assessed here for the tax on a horse and wagon.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the streets to announce his calling as a scissors sharpener, from Angelo Ciarlone, 442 Commercial St., Boston.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses as common victuallers, from
Elmer H. Freeman, at 139 A. Cross St.
Alpino Gaetino, at 362 Somerville avenue,
for licenses to keep intelligence offices, from
George H. and William S. Beckford, at 18 Union square,
Ellen L. Hodgdon, at 35 Dana St.,
for licenses to play on piano organs in the streets, from
Vincenzo and Antonio Amerind, 46 Lewis St., Boston
Angelo Di Cicco and Domenico Francione, 10 Greenough Lane, Boston,
Filippo Ferino and Giovanni Ciaconelli, 8 " " "
Vincenzo Fiatarone and Vincenzo Fiatarone, 333 North St., Boston,
Giovanni Morello and Angelo Di Cillo, 10 Greenough Lane, Boston,
Nigro Pasquale and Giuseppe Saponara, 2 Baker's Alley, Boston,
Giovanni Pia and Francesco Frezzia, 10 Greenough Lane, Boston,
Aniceto Tiani and Raffaele Tiani, 10 Greenough Lane, Boston,
Raffaele Tioni and Tomaso Mallisoni, 8 Greenough Lane, Boston,
for licenses to play on hand organs in the streets, from
Vincenzo Amanino, 23 Moon St., Boston,
Domenico Niegro, 23 " " "
for a license for a street band from
Daniel Yung and five others, of 588 Parker St., Roxbury

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Captain Charles Kackieson, that the

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Salvation Army, established at West Somerville may be licensed to hold religious meetings, to parade, to sing, and to perform on musical instruments on the streets of the city, for the year ending May 1, 1898.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from the Stuntvant and Healy Beef and Supply Company, for a license to slaughter cattle, including calves, at Nos. 50 and 52 Somerville avenue – the estimated number of animals slaughtered per week being from 125 to 200 neat cattle and 10 to 50 calves, and the days and hours for slaughtering being every day except Sunday and from 7 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock P.M., the petition being in duplicate and in form as required by the cattle commissioner. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for June 17 and July 4, from — Petitions ✓

New York Tea Company, at 25 A Summer St.

Robert H. Smith, at 277 Elm St.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received petitions for drain laying licenses from — Petitions ✓

Christopher Burke, Dennis B. Collins, Timothy F. Crimmings,
Daniel A. Day, John J. Day, William J. Fitzgerald,
Charles A. Morgan, John B. Fury.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from B. Brown and others for a catch basin on Linwood street between Washington street and No. 105 Linwood street. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a communication to the Mayor from the secretary of the Metropolitan Park Commission, saying that he is informed by our Engineering department that there is a ditch, adjoining the Middlesex Fells Parkway, now in course of construction, on land of — Communication ✓

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Road, which takes a portion of the Somerville surface drainage and that the building of the parkway would seem to require that the ditch be replaced with a covered drain, and further that as this ditch is in danger of being filled up at any time, on the progress of the work, attention is called to it to see if the matter cannot be provided for at this time.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Eugene J. Ford, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows:- at the easterly corner of Washington street and Caldwell avenue, on a three-story apartment building with store on street floor, the coping at the second story over the store-front, for a distance of about twenty feet on said street

and

and the same on said avenue, to project over the sidewalk twelve inches, and the coping at top of the building over the bay-window on Washington street, to project over the sidewalk fifteen inches.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits,

said petition being accompanied by the following order,-

√ Order of Notice

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 19th day of May, 1897, 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.

Adopted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from the Hohner Manufacturing Company, for permission to set and use a steam boiler of thirty horse power, in a building used for the manufacture of musical instruments at No. 8 Cartridge avenue, to be used to furnish power for a stationary engine now in use, the power for which is now supplied by a boiler of less capacity.

and

Referred to Committee on Fire Department,

√ Order of Notice

said petition being accompanied by the following order,-

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, that fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board

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will on Wednesday, the 9th day of June 1897, at 5 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.

Adopted.

Received a petition from H. A. Harmon and H. B. Payne, contractors for laying the pipe for the Metropolitan water supply from the Cambridge Line, at Beach street, across Elm street, through Willow avenue, and across Broadway to the Medford line, at Boston avenue, also from the Medford line at Winchester street, through Winchester street and Broadway to a point near Cedar street, for permission to blast rock, as may be found necessary, in excavating the trench for the laying of said pipe.

Permission granted. — Petitions ✓

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Charles Lockhart for permission to blast rock in his quarry on Granite and Osgood streets.

Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect one electric light pole on Bragg street, also to replace one pole on Myrtle street near Washington street the present pole on Myrtle street near Washington street to be removed.

Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to remove one pole at the corner of Columbus and Bonner avenues, and to erect the same on Columbus avenue opposite Bonner ave.

Lucy B. McCarthy and others, for the removal of a horse-chestnut tree standing in the sidewalk in front of No. 45 Jerry Lane avenue, as its dense foliage obstructs sunlight, creates dampness, and impedes the growth of the grass; its roots have penetrated the sewer causing the flooding of the abutting cellar; it is irregular in position, being in a row of elm trees which are approximately fifty feet apart, and its removal would improve the appearance of the street.

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John F. Elkins and others for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones on the westerly side of Medford street from Washington street to Somerville avenue,

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

J. H. Davis, that the gas post in front of No 64 Myrtle street be removed

Joseph H. Wilson and others, for an electric light on Clarendon avenue

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

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

Milo A. Whitaker and others, that Evergreen avenue from Sycamore street to Thurston street be watered;

Charles H. Perkins, Executor, and others, that Hudson street, from the bend to Cedar street, be not watered

Referred to Committee on Water, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12. Reference concurred in

√ Notice of Claim

Received notice from W. D. Nelson, of 376 Somerville avenue, that at about 8.15 A.M. of May 6th, while his horse and open wagon were standing on Somerville avenue, in front of the premises numbered 376, they were run into by one of the city watering carts, occasioned by the running away of the horses attached to said cart, injuring his horse and destroying his wagon and harness, for which he will hold the city liable (filed with the city clerk May 6)

Referred to Committee on Claims, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12. Reference concurred in

√ Petition

Received a petition from Isaac L. Rich, by his attorney, H. L. Whittlesley, for compensation for damage sustained by injury to his premises No. 50 Rush street, by reason of the erection of the Sanford Hanscom school, as follows:- two of the windows have been broken, the paint on the outside of the house has been spattered and spoiled, the staging has been placed so near his house that the blinds could not be opened, dirt has been piled against the house and lumber upon the sidewalk so that

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he could not get out or in, the foundation walls of the house have been settled and the house cracked, and the building has been rendered untenantable.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12 Reference concurred in

The Committee on Licenses - Reports ✓

on petitions for licenses as auctioneers from John B. McKenna, Rufus West and Jiba M. Saunders, reported an order;

on the petition of Edward Courtney, for an auctioneer's license, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Alben S. Willard, for a license to keep for hire one pool table at 84 Broadway, reported an order;

on petitions for licenses as common victuallers from Jennie A. Bennstead, Warren Davis Church, Rebecca Fosdick, Josie O'Neil, Daniel H. Ainn, Fred B. Slade, Emily J. Southward, and Hiram Turner, reported an order;

on the petition of Ann Parkinson for a license as a common victualler reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Silas D. Carter, for a license as an Innholder at Hotel Warren, 39 & 41 Union Square, reported an order;

on petitions for licenses to keep intelligence offices from Oliver G. Fosdick, Thomas Goode, and Susan A. Riker, reported an order;

on the petition of Guiseppe Argenti and Giovanni Castellotti, Angelo and Louis Colabuo, and Luigi Forni, and Raffaele Musetti, for licenses to play on piano organs in the streets, reported an order

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows: Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That a license as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May 1897, 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 license; provided that no charge for such license shall be made to

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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

John B. McKenna
Rufus West
Jiba M. Saunders

Ordered -

That a license under the laws of the Commonwealth to keep for public hire, Billiard, Pool, or Sippus 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 to be kept under said license; such license to expire on the first day of May 1898 unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Number of Tables or Alleys				To be kept at
	Billiard Tables	Pool Tables	Sippus Tables	Bowling Alleys	
Alben S. Willard		1			84 Broadway

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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Mrs Tennie A. Bumstead	248 Washington street
Warren Davis Church	61 Day street
Rebecca Fosdick	33 Elm street
Josie O'Neil	543 Somerville avenue
Daniel H. Rinn	30 Union Square
Fred B. Slade	15 Union Square
Mrs Emily J. Southward	236 Washington street
Hiram Turner	198 Highland avenue

Ordered:-

That a license as an Innholder, under the laws of the Commonwealth, be is hereby granted to the following-named party, 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,

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and to remain in force until the thirtieth of April next, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Silas D. Carter	39 & 40 Union Square

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Oliver G. Fosdick	33 Elm street
Susan A. Riker	518 Somerville avenue
Thomas Goode	418 Somerville avenue

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, 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.

Name, etc.

Giuseppe Argenti and Giovanni Castelloti, to play piano-organ
Angelo and Louis Colaluco, " "
Luigi Forni and Raffaele Mosetti " "

Adopted

The Committee on Special Building Permits,- Reports ✓

on the petition of Alfred D. Ferris for permission to build and maintain a projection (a twelve-inch coving) over the sidewalk at No. 29 Vernon street, reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Joseph F. Wilson for permission to project bay windows over the sidewalk at 257 and 259 Highland avenue, reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Robert A. Miner for a license to keep eighty horses in

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a stable to be erected at No 357 Summer St. a communication from Wm. A. Barstow and others in favor and a remonstrance from Kate Reynolds and others against the granting of said petition, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

√ Report — The Committee on Police on an order of April 28 (referred) to see that the cover of the patrol wagon is placed on that vehicle at all times when in use, reported inexpedient to adopt said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Resolve & Order — A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Lowell street as recorded on pages 396 to 400 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 were

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14.

√ Report — The Committee on Sewers on the request of the Board of Health for the laying of a sewer in Columbia street presented a report in regular form for the taking of land for the purposes of such sewer as recorded on page 401 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 May 12, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order of Notice — 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 Columbia street as recorded on page 402 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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Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 15

The Committee on Sewers - Reports ✓

on petitions for drain layers' licenses from
Bartholomew Beale, Patrick Burke, Maurice Buttimer, Wm. T. Cunningham, Jeremiah Donovan, Richard Falvey, Charles A. Kelley, Nicholas Leonard and Alfred M. Sibley, reported an order.

on the petition of Ira Durgin and others, for a sewer in Westminster street, reported an order.

on the petition of Margaret A. Simpson, for a sewer in Simpson avenue, reported an order.

on an order of even date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Lowell street from the end of the sewer laid in 1891, northwesterly to near Summer street, about 315 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 cubic yard	Laying 10" sewer per lin. foot	Estimated aggregate
Christopher Burke	$ 45.00	$ 3.50	$ 0.68	$ 329.20
T. F. Crimmings	41.00	3.00	0.59	286.85
Charles A. Kelley	40.00	4.50	0.45	271.75
D. C. Collins	37.00	3.20	0.53	267.95
M. Buttimer	37.00	3.75	0.45	253.75
W. T. Cunningham	39.00	3.50	0.43	244.45
Richard Falvey	34.50	3.00	0.43	229.95
Charles A. Morgan	30.00	3.50	0.38	219.70
Daniel A. Dorey	35.00	1.00	0.49	209.35

and reported an order.

Accepted

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√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with two additional orders, offered by Alderman Lamont, are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license to expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Bartholomew Buck	Patrick Burke	Maurice Buttimer
Wm F. Cunningham	Jeremiah Donovan	Richard Falvey
Charles A. Kelley	Nicholas Leonard	Alfred M. Sibley

Adopted

Orders for the construction of common sewers in

Elm street,

Lowell street,

Simpson avenue,

and

Westminster street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 612, 614, 616, and 618, 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, 1897

Ordered:-

That the committee on sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Daniel A. Dorey for the construction of a common sewer in Lowell street from the end of the sewer laid in 1891 northeasterly about 315 feet to near Summer street, at the prices named in his proposal and submitted in said committee's report this evening.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1897

√ Order of Notice to Boston and Maine Railroad not to obstruct

Alderman Lamont offered the following order:-

Referring to the open ditch or water-course which has been heretofore used for sewage and is hereafter to be used as a storm water

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over-flow for sewers, which ditch or water-course extends from Mystic Avenue at a point opposite to Winthrop Avenue in a general northeasterly direction to Middlesex Avenue and flows under said avenue by a culvert and empties on the easterly side of said avenue into a creek which extends from said easterly side to Mystic River, and which creek, and especially that part of it which now remains on the easterly side of Middlesex Avenue, is a natural creek, and has always so existed, and has been used for many years as an outlet for sewers of Somerville and also for storm water and surface water flowage, it is hereby

Ordered:-

that the Boston & Maine Railroad Company be notified by a copy of this order being sent to them by the City Clerk that whenever said Company shall purpose to fill the land in which said creek is located, it should either leave said creek in its natural condition, so that it may conduct away water, as heretofore or should make arrangements so that the flowage through said creek and the right of flowage therein shall be provided for by the construction of a covered or open water-way in the location of said creek, such water-way to be located and constructed in consultation with the city engineer of Somerville and in such manner as may be approved by him. The capacity of such water-way for conducting away water or other flowage should be as large as that of said creek.

Adopted, sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 13, 1897

the flowing of sewage through creek on this land near Mystic Ave.

The Committee on Highways,- — Reports ✓

on the petition of G. H. Shaw, that the telephone pole standing in front of his premises No 242 School street be moved ten feet toward Broadway, reported an order;

on the petition of Howard Goldsmith and others, for the removal of a tree standing near the corner of Sutton street and Broadway, reported an order of notice for a hearing;

Accepted

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✓ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report, with an additional order offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows,-

Ordered:- that the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts having been given opportunity to be heard in regard to the alteration and change in the location of certain poles of said Company on School street, as hereinafter referred to, and said Company having waived notice, as appears by its waiver in writing, hereto annexed, of a hearing in the matter of said alteration and change) the following described alteration and change in the location and erection of poles of the said Company shall be made, and it is hereby ordered, namely, referring to the plan filed with the City Clerk, entitled "Location for Poles in Somerville, Mass, Boston, April 27, 1897. New England Tel. & Tel. Co of Massachusetts Engineering Department" the pole, located nearly opposite Oakland Avenue, and indicated on said plan by the black dot, marked "remove", is to be removed, and the location of two poles, to be erected as substitutes for said removed pole, shall conform to their locations as shown on said plan, on which such locations are indicated by the two red dots, shown on either side of the location of said pole to be removed as aforesaid.

Said alteration and change is to be made by said Company without unnecessary delay and at its expense; the said two new poles are to conform in material, construction, and appearance to the line of poles in School street, of which they will form a part, and before being erected are to be approved by the Superintendent of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, and shall be erected under the supervision and direction of said Superintendent; and said poles shall be subject to, and shall be erected and maintained by said Company subject to, all the provisions, terms and conditions, under which the said removed pole or the line of poles in School street, of which they will form a part, were or are erected, constructed, or maintained.

The change of said old pole for said two new poles shall be completed within thirty days from the date hereof.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts
Executive Office
125 Milk Street
P.O. Drawer 119

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Boston April 27 1897

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of
Somerville Massachusetts

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts hereby waives notice of hearing in the matter of certain necessary changes in the location of its poles on School street. The proposed locations to be as designated by red dots on plan dated April 27 1897, attached.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts
By
Jasper N. Keller
General Manager

Adopted

Whereas in the opinion of this Board the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit:— An Elm tree standing on the southwesterly side of Broadway between the estates numbered 208 and 210, 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 19th day of May, 1897, 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, May 10, 1897.

Ordered:—

That the sum of eleven and 78/100 dollars assessed September 9th 1896 to Anna R. Byrnes, as a benefit accruing to her estate lot 17 Hudson street by the construction of a sidewalk in front of said estate, be, and the same is hereby abated.

Adopted.

Alderman Lamont offered the following order:— Order ✓

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Ordered:-

That any and all licenses or permits that may have been granted to William J. McCarthy or any other person or persons to blast rock or stone in the ledge situated on land in the rear of Jaques street west of Temple street and between said Jaques street and Mystic avenue, be and the same hereby are revoked; and the city clerk is hereby directed to cause an attested copy of this order to be served upon said McCarthy. — Adopted.

Somerville, May 14th, 1897

This is to certify, I this day, left at the last and usual place of abode of the above-named William J. McCarthy (to wit 27 Bonair St.) in said Somerville, a true and attested copy of the above order.

Jairus Mann,
City Messenger
of Somerville

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of C. C. Crowell and others, for edgestones and gravel sidewalks on the easterly side of Benton avenue, from Hudson street to Highland avenue, reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders

The order accompanying the foregoing report, with three additional orders offered by Alderman Berry, is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be and hereby is authorized to construct gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the easterly side of Benton avenue from Hudson street to Highland avenue in front of the estates of C. C. Crowell, 85 Benton avenue, Lemuel H. Snow, 81 Benton avenue, and the estate of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, when they shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones.

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be and hereby is authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of one hundred and ten thousand (more or less) granite paving blocks, the same to be used for

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the fencing of Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, said proposals when received to be submitted to the city council.

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is, instructed to erect and maintain guide-posts in the highways of the city at places where they are necessary or where they would be convenient for travellers, and especially at the forks or intersections of such highways and other ways as lead to adjoining towns or cities; the expense so incurred to be charged Highways account.

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 14 1897

Whereas it appears by plans and records in the city engineer's office that a certain stone wall, with an iron fence thereon, upon the estate numbered thirteen on the easterly side of Cherry street, in this city, and owned by John K. Sartwell, encroaches upon the limits of said Cherry street, -

it is therefore hereby

Ordered:-

That the city clerk be and he hereby is instructed to notify said Sartwell of such encroachment, and that the said wall and fence must be removed to the true line of said street within thirty days of the date of service of such notice, and that said true line will be furnished upon application at the office of the city engineer.

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 14 1897

Somerville May 17th 1897

This is to certify I this day served a notice, a copy of which is attached to this order, on the above-named John K. Sartwell by leaving said notice at the last and usual place of abode of said Sartwell in said Somerville. James Mann

City Messenger.

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Copy of Notice

(Seal) City of Somerville

City Clerk's Office, May 17, 1897

Mr John K. Sartwell

Dear Sir: By vote of the City Council of Somerville passed May 12, 1897, I am instructed to notify you that a stone wall with a fence thereon upon your estate, situated upon the easterly side of Cherry street, in this city, encroaches upon the limits of said street, and that said wall with fence so encroaching, must be removed to the true line within thirty days from the date of service of this notice, and that said true line will be furnished upon application at the City Engineer's office at the City Hall.

George L. Vincent

City Clerk

A true copy. Attest

Jesse Mann

City Messenger

Report — The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Jonathan Brown and others, for the laying out of Browning Road from Sycamore street to Central street, presented a favorable report in regular form as recorded on page 377 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 12, Accepted in concurrence.

Order of Notice — Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice of a hearing on the laying out of Browning Road, as recorded on page 378 of volume 2 of the Records of 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 12, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 13, 1897

Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order.-

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Ordered:-

That the committee on public property be, and it is hereby authorized to dispose of the old buggy formerly used by the City Messenger, the amount so received to be credited to miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 20, 1897

The Committee on Electric Lines, on petitions for fire-alarm boxes from — Report ✓

Edwin Lewitt and others, at the corner of Washington and McKeown streets.

George D. Bartlett and others at or near the corner of Mystic avenue and North Union street - reported an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:-

That the committee on electric lines be and hereby is authorized and instructed to place fire alarm boxes in the following localities: one fire alarm box at the corner of Washington street and McKeown street, and one fire alarm box at or near the corner of Mystic avenue and North Union street, the expense so incurred not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, and to be charged to Electrical Department Account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor May 14, 1897

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,- — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on electric lines be, and is hereby authorized, to purchase a democrat wagon for the use of the

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superintendent of electric lines, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Electrical Department account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12. Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 20, 1897.

√ Reports — The Committee on Printing, —

on an order of Feb 10, to make a contract with the Robinson Press for the printing of the Annual Reports of the city for the year 1896, reported that such contract had been made and the reports printed and delivered, at a cost of $1455.69.

on an order of Feb 10 to include in the Annual Reports for the year 1896 the inaugural address delivered by His Honor the Mayor January 4, 1897, and to exclude therefrom the inaugural address of the year 1896 reported that said order had been complied with.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12, Accepted in concurrence

√ Report — The Committee on Water, on the petitions of —

John Bellew and others, that Otis street be watered.

H. J. Good and others that St James avenue be watered,

reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order — Alderman Irving offered the following order, —

Ordered: —

That the committee on fuel and street lights be and it hereby is authorized to remove and dispose of such abandoned street gas lamp posts as are now standing in any of the streets or ways of the city, the amounts so expended and received to be charged and credited to Street Lights account

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Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, May 12. Read twice, and adopted
in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor May 14, 1897.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That the special committee appointed in regard to the matter of a change in the division line between Cambridge and Somerville is hereby authorized to cause such survey, and plans to be made by the city engineer of Cambridge in the vicinity of the present division line, as said committee shall deem expedient, the expense caused thereby to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council May 12. Read twice, and adopted, in
concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor May 14, 1897.

Received from the Common Council, the report of the joint special committee appointed under an order approved April 16, to consider, and report upon the expediency, and the propriety of the giving by the city of financial aid to the Somerville Hospital, and as to the expediency of making the hospital, wholly or in part, a city institution, stating, in substance, as follows: — Report ✓

From statements made at a conference with the trustees it appears that the hospital was started, and has been maintained, as a private institution, and that it is not desire to have it otherwise, although substantial contributions by the city toward its support are deemed necessary if it is to be kept open.

The hospital has been supported by voluntary contributions from citizens, by fairs, by special collections in the churches, and by receipts from paying patients, and for services in private families rendered by the hospital nurses.

The running expenses have been about $6000.00 per year, and if $5000.00 of this sum could be secured the rest could easily be raised. Eight or nine free beds, at a cost to the supporters of $350.00

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cost, for year already accrued, giving an income of nearly $2500.00; and the request is that the city assume the cost of ten more free beds, for $500.00, thus assuring close to the amount $5,000.00 and giving the hospital a financial certainty on which to plan, and continue its work.

In consideration of such aid from the city, the hospital will agree to care for all sick poor that are sent to it by the overseers, except such cases as may be barred by the hospital regulations in regard to contagious diseases.

The sum of $5.00 per week, paid by the overseers of the poor for city patients, covers about one-half of the cost.

It has been the policy of the hospital to receive all cases, whether surgical or medical, and to treat free such as could not reasonably be asked to pay.

The cost of maintenance of the Somerville Hospital is $9.32 per patient, as compared with $17.26 in the Malden hospital, $15.40 including $1.90 in Newton, and $12.04 in Waltham.

The fact that the Somerville hospital has no contagious ward counts in its favor in the matter of expense.

As to endowments, they vary with the other hospitals named, from $74,581.57 with an income of $5,333.66 in Malden to $32,487.64 with an income of $1,477.52 in Waltham, while that of the Somerville hospital is but $6,000.00 yielding an income of $150.00.

The city of Quincy appropriated last year toward the support of the hospital in that city, $1000.00, Waltham $2,500.00, and Newton $10,000.00.

It is conceded that no appropriation can be made directly to a private institution. These appropriations are therefore made to the overseers of the poor for the distinct purpose of caring for the sick poor of the city at these hospitals, and it is by this method that the Somerville Hospital now asks the city's financial aid.

And the committee reported a resolution.

In Common Council May 12, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 12, adopted in concurrence.

Resolution

The resolution accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

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Resolved:-

That the city council hereby expresses itself as in favor of the giving by the city of Somerville aid to the Somerville Hospital by reason of an increase of $2,500.00 in the appropriation to support of Poor accounts, the amount necessary to support 10 free beds, and that it further declares that it will, if feasible, later in the year give such increased appropriation by transfer either from such other accounts or appropriations as may be deemed expedient, or from such unexpended balances of accounts as may be available

(signed) Wm. B. Robinson

In Common Council May 12, Read twice and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen May 12 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 20, 1897

Aldermen Young offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on ordinances be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of amending section one of chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, entitled Highways, by adding after the words "forty feet" the words "except such streets or highways not less than thirty feet in width, as were used as highways previous to the year 1885"

Amended by striking out the word "thirty" and inserting in place of the same the compound word "twenty-five" As thus amended, adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 12, 1897, As amended, adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1897

Received from the Common Council the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the committee on ordinances be requested to consider the advisability of so amending ordinances on Fast Driving so that it will restrict speed of horseless vehicles on the public squares

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of the city, with exception of fire apparatus, to six miles per hour unless by special permit of Board of Aldermen

In Common Council May 12 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 12 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1897

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council be authorized to order a suitable lunch for the city council at such meetings as they may deem proper, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous account

In Common Council May 12 Read twice and adopted Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 12 Read twice Amended by inserting, after the words "city council" the words "or either branch thereof" As thus amended, adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, May 12, the amended, adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1897

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That Article II, Section 3, of the joint rules and orders of the city council, be amended by inserting, after the words "in any ordinance" the words "joint order, or joint resolution, or in any amendment thereto," so that the section shall read: "When either board shall vote, pursuant to any ordinance, joint order, or joint resolution, or in any amendment thereto, such from the other, notice thereof shall be given by written message.

In Common Council May 12, 1897 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen May 12, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor May 15, 1897

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Alderman Huntley offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Board of Health be, and hereby is, authorized to rebuild the contagious hospital, at the North street gravel bank, at an expense not to exceed twelve hundred dollars, and to be charged to Health Department account

Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 12. Read twice, and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, May 14, 1897

Adjourned.

Attest

George F. Vincent

Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, May 19, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

In Executive Session.

√ Veto Message from Mayor

Received the following communication from his honor the Mayor.
City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office, May 19, 1897.

To the Board of Aldermen
Gentlemen:-

I return herewith, with my objections, an order which originated in your Honorable Board and was adopted by both branches of the City Council on the 12th day of May instant. The order undertakes to confer authority upon the Board of Health "to rebuild the contagious hospital at the North street gravel bank."

The Public Statutes of the Commonwealth forbid that any hospital "for the reception of persons having a disease dangerous to the public health shall be established within one hundred rods of an inhabited dwelling-house, situated in an adjoining town, without the consent of such town." (See sections 70 and 72 of chapter 80 of the Public Statutes) I have reason to believe that there is no point on the city's North street land which does not come within the prohibited distance. In order lawfully to establish on the gravel lot a hospital for persons afflicted with diseases dangerous to the public health, it will be necessary to obtain the consent of the City of Medford and the Town of Arlington. If such consent is granted, I shall most cheerfully sanction the rebuilding of the hospital, as the location is well suited to such a purpose. I do not feel, however, that any expense should be incurred or authorized until all the formalities of the law have been observed. The order would be less objectionable if the exercise of the authority which it undertakes to grant was conditioned upon first obtaining the consent of the neighboring city and town above

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mentioned.

I would further suggest that chapter 511, of the Acts of 1894, prescribes the precise method which should be pursued by cities in providing hospital accommodations for persons suffering from contagious diseases dangerous to the public health. It would seem proper to observe all the formalities set forth in this statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion L. Perry,

Mayor.

Read for information.

The order returned with the foregoing communication, authorizing the board of health to rebuild the contagious (disease) hospital on the North street gravel land was — Order ✓

Reconsidered, and its adoption, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, was lost by a yea and nay vote; all the members of the board - 8, voting in the negative.

In Open Session

In pursuance of an order passed May 12th, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of an elm tree standing on the southwesterly side of Broadway, between the estates numbered 208 and 210; due notice of such hearing having been given as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested, appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order passed May 12, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Eugene J. Ford, for permission to build and maintain certain coverings over the sidewalks of Washington street and Caldwell avenue as specified in the petition recorded with said order; due notice having been published by the petitioner as required by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested, appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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√ Invitation	Received an invitation to this board from Willard B. Kinsley Post No. 139, G. A. R. to participate with the post in all the exercises of Memorial Day Accepted with thanks
√ Invitation	Received an invitation to the city government from Rev Andrew Gray, Rector of St. Thomas Church, to unite with Coeur de Léon Commandery K.T. in divine service at said church, Sunday, May 23rd at 3 P.M., that being Sunday before Ascension Day Accepted with thanks. Sent down in concurrence In Common Council, May 20, Accepted with thanks, in concurrence
√ Drain Layers' Bonds	Received drain layers' bonds, each in the sum of One thousand dollars and in due form - from Bartholomew Burke, with Charles H. Ramsdell and Edward O'Brien as sureties Patrick Burke, with George F. McKenna and Arthur Mowley as sureties Maurice Buttimer, with Richard Falvey as surety William F. Cunningham, with William H. Eckstein of Cambridge and Mary E. Ducant of Somerville as sureties Jeremiah Donovan, with George F. McKenna and Julius A. Durell as sureties Richard Falvey, with Maurice Buttimer as surety Nicholas Leonard, with David McCloskey of Cambridge as surety Alfred M. Sibley, with Lambert M. Maynard as surety Accepted and approved
√ Petition	Received a petition from Ada C. Longee for a license to give a musical and literary entertainment in Bacon Hall, Union Square, Wednesday evening, May 24th, recommended by the Chief of Police License granted
√ Petition	Received a petition, signed by the mother of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to John A. Lakin, 1 Hillside Park, aged 12 years, approved by the Chief of Police

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License granted	
Received a petition for a license to collect junk from William Blake, 40 Murdock street approved by the Chief of Police License granted	Petition ✓
Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from Joseph Brennick, Daniel J. Buckley, John McCoy Jr., William Olsen, Peter Savage, Anastasius Lasalle, Inige Tschaias and John S. Stratos, - all residents and tax-payers of Somerville, except the last three, who reside in Boston and hold $50.00 state licenses as hawkers and peddlers; approved by the Chief of Police Licenses granted	Petitions ✓
Received a petition for a license to collect junk, from Philip Weiner, 225 Columbia St. approved by the Chief of Police Referred to Committee on Licenses	Petition ✓
Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from Patrick Coffey, 583 Somerville Ave., Philip Weiner, 225 Columbia St., both approved by the Chief of Police Licenses granted	Petitions ✓
Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the streets for the sale of ice cream from Michael Giliberti, 29 Ward St. approved by the Chief of Police License granted	Petition ✓
Received petitions, -	Petitions ✓

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for a license as an auctioneer, from
Edward Courtney, and for a hearing on this petition before this board,
for licenses as common victuallers from
Charles F. Davenport, at No. 813 Somerville avenue.
Frank Dunham, at No. 518 Medford street,
Margaret Ferguson, at No. 93 A Elm street.
William B. Sears Jr., at No. 75 Broadway
for a license to buy and sell junk from
Patrick Kirk, at his barn in rear of No. 255 Columbia St.
for a license as a pawn broker, from
Edward Courtney, at 67½ Union square
for licenses to play piano-organs in the streets, from
Giosue Crira and Giovanni Dianuzzia,
Giuseppe Stasio and Nicola Joy
and for a license as a street band, from
Peter Kentz, and five others
Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petition — Received a petition, on the form provided by the cattle commissioners, from Hertz Gunsenhiser for a license to slaughter cattle, including calves, at 104 North St., for the year ending April 30, 1898: the estimated number of animals to be slaughtered weekly being twenty neat cattle and 5 calves, and the days and hours for slaughtering being given as Tuesdays and Fridays between ten o'clock A.M. and five o'clock P.M.
Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks from
Joseph H. Defrey, at 6 Holland street,
Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, at 203 Medford street
Sarah C. Robinson, at 308 Highland avenue
Bessie G. Stackpole, at 18 Broadway,
Emily and Hannah A. Stuart, at 38 Cross street
Lewis A. Stuart, at 312 Broadway
Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

√ Communication — Received a communication addressed to the Mayor by John

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O. Haynes, of 62 Bonair St., complaining that the residents on Bonair and Otis streets have for years been greatly disturbed, during the night by a kicking horse in a stable on Otis street owned by G. H. Towle.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Ellsworth Fish, for permission to blast rock in the ledge on his property on Mystic avenue, west of Temple street, and in rear of Jaques street, for the purpose of improving said property;

George H. Shaw, for permission to set a hitching post in front of his estate, No. 242 School street;

Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect an electric light pole on the southerly side of Highland avenue 212 feet west of School street — the pole to be used also by the West End Street Railway Company — and to remove the pole now standing on the southerly side of Highland avenue, 204 feet west of School St.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

James A. Kiley, for the construction of three driveways across the sidewalk of Linwood street, in front of his carriage factory on Linwood street at the corner of Fitchburg street, — one in front of the elevator, one at the wide door and the other at the entrance to the yard; the cost to be borne by the petitioner;

Wilbur P. Rice, that the location of the driveway across the sidewalk in front of the premises No. 106 Highland avenue, may be changed to a point between the two blocks now erected in place of the old buildings, and that a brick sidewalk be laid in front of both blocks; the cost to be borne by the petitioner;

Augustus F. Dickinson and others, that Gesley street, from Pearl street to Otis street, may be laid out as a public

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highway

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 20. References concurred in

√ Order — Alderman Ball offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the license to sell newspapers granted, March 10, 1897, to Elmer Leonard be and the same hereby is revoked, he having failed to call for his badge and license.

Adopted

√ Report — The Committee on Special Building Permits on the petition of Benjamin Nichols for permission to occupy a stable for four horses on Winslow avenue, reported leave to withdraw, as the law concerning the granting, by this board, of licenses to keep horses, applies only to the keeping of more than four horses.

Accepted

√ Reports — The Committee on Sewers -

in pursuance of an order dated May 12, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Sampson avenue, from the manhole in Holland street, northeasterly to near Broadway, about 970 feet of 10-inch pipe sewer, with 8 manholes, the pipe and the manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city, or the manhole frames and covers only to be so furnished, bids for both arrangements being received.

Name of bidder	Manholes each	Laying 10" pipe sewer per lin. ft	Including pipe	Estimated Aggregate	Including Pipe
D. C. Collins	$ 39.00	$ 0.65	$ 1.05	$ 747.50	$ 1,135.50
C. F. Brigham	35.00	0.65	0.90	735.50	978.00
T. F. Crimmings	37.00	0.60	0.98	693.00	1061.60
Charles E. Truonbull	45.00	0.48	0.78	600.60	891.60
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	35.00	0.50	0.74	590.00	822.80
Frank L. Allen	40.00	0.45	0.57	556.50	672.90
Charles A. Kelley	30.00	0.48	0.74	555.60	807.80

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Charles A. Morgan	$ 30.00	$ 0.45	$ 0.65	$ 526.50	$ 720.50
W. F. Cunningham	34.00	0.42	0.65	509.40	732.50
T. T. Lynch & Co.	22.75	0.45	0.67	504.75	718.50
Christopher Burke	35.00	0.40	0.63	493.00	716.10
John J. Dorey	30.00	0.39	0.65	468.30	701.10
Daniel A. Dorey	29.50	0.39	0.63	466.80	699.60
M. Buttimer	35.00	0.34	0.59½	434.80	682.15
Richard Falvey	36.00	0.32	0.57	418.40	660.90

and reported an order;

in pursuance of an order, dated May 12, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Westminster street from the sewer in Broadway easterly to near Electric avenue about 345 feet of 8-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 8" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
T. F. Crimmings	$ 38.00	$ 0.63	$ 293.35
D. C. Collins	37.00	0.59	277.55
M. Buttimer	37.00	0.54	260.30
Wm. T. Cunningham	35.00	0.55	259.75
R. Falvey	32.50	0.50	247.85
Chas. A. Morgan	35.00	0.45	225.25
Chas. A. Kelley	35.00	0.44	221.80
Daniel A. Dorey	30.00	0.43	208.35

and reported an order.

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 Richard Falvey for the construction of a common sewer in Simpson avenue from the manhole in Holland street northeasterly about 970 feet to near Broadway, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by

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the city

Ordered:-

That the committee on sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with David A. Gray for the construction of a common sewer in Westminster street from the sewer on Broadway easterly about 345 feet to new Electric avenue, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report of this date.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor 20

✓ Order

Alderman Bury 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 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,-

One elm tree standing on the southwesterly side of Broadway between the estates numbered 217 and 219.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 21

✓ Reports

The Committee on Highways,-

on the petition of Warren P. Tibbetts and others, for edgestones and paved gutters on both sides of Bradley street, from Pearl street to Walter street, reported an order of notice for a hearing on the construction of a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the southwesterly side of Bradley street, from Pearl street to Walter street;

on the petition of James Howard and others, for edgestones on both sides of Burnside avenue reported an order of notice for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, on the westerly side of said avenue.

Accepted.

✓ Orders of Notice

The orders of notice accompanying the foregoing reports for

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hearings on the construction of sidewalks in
Bradley street
and
Burnside avenue,
as recorded, respectively, on pages 232 and 233 of volume 6 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were
Read twice and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor, May 20, 1897.

The Committee on Public Property, on a communication from the board of health requesting the abatement of a nuisance consisting of an offensive temporary privy vault on the city's premises in rear of the Sanford Hanscom School, reported the nuisance has been abated. Report ✓
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, May 20. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Accounts reported that in pursuance of orders of February 24, April 24, and April 28, bills have been approved by said committee, on pay-rolls of Miscellaneous, as follows: Report ✓
favor Hilliard C. Kinsley Post No. 139 G. A. R. for $350.00 for expenses of the observance of Memorial Day.
favor Richard Thomas Clarke for $683.86 for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on School street, about 110 feet southerly from Preston street, Dec. 28, 1894.
favor Hugh A. Wells for $25.00 in full for all claims for injuries to horse on Middlesex avenue near the draw-bridge, April 8, 1897.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council May 20. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, on the notice of Charlotte A. Ricker, of claim for injuries occasioned by falling on the sidewalk in front of No. 30 Roseland street, February 23, 1896, reported an order. Report ✓

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Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 20, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is 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 Charlotte A. Andrew for the amount of five hundred and fifty dollars ($550.) for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk in front of the estate of No. 20 Overland street, on February 23, 1896.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 20, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, May 21, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized, in the name of the city or otherwise, as he shall deem advisable, to cause such proceedings at law or equity, or otherwise to be prosecuted as he shall deem necessary, for causing to be removed that part of the building or block of buildings erected by J. Dudley Hannah, on the corner of Elm and Cherry streets, which projects beyond the line of, and over the street.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, May 20, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 21, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the City Engineer be and he hereby is instructed to cause a survey and plan to be prepared of Lambow Pole so called, as proportional part of the expense of said survey and plan to be paid by the present owner, the balance of the expense to be charged to Engineering Department account

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Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 20, 1897, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 21, 1897

Adjourned

Attest,

George A. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, May 26, 1897 — 8 P.M.

Hie Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Hunsley and Berry present.
Records approved.

√ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved April 16, 1897, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks on

Arthur street
Central street
Chandler street
Knapp street
Rochdale avenue
Stone avenue
and
Walnut street;

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's returns recorded, respectively, on pages 199, 202, 206, 209, 212, 215 and 218 of Volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

On the Chandler Street Hearing

Mr. Charles S. Garner, in behalf of Lilla J. Garner, appeared and objected to the setting of edgestones at present in front of her entire estate, which extends on Chandler street from Chapel street to William street, a distance of 125 feet. He would not object to the setting of edgestones in front of that portion of this land lying within 50 feet of William street.

Messrs. Arthur Taylor, in behalf of Annie Taylor, Charles B. Patch, in behalf of Jennie B. Patch, and Walter S. Hovey, in behalf of Martha J. Hovey, appeared and favored the proposed gravel sidewalks, with edgestones, in Chandler Street, as being very much needed; the present sidewalks being in very bad condition in the spring season.

On the Walnut Street Hearing

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A remonstrance was received signed by Franklin J. Hamblin, Arthur P. Kinal, Georgiana Towes, Alice M. Rich and Louise A. Kinal, against the laying of a brick sidewalk in front of their estates on Walnut street. Moses Abijah P. Gookin, Sidney A. Kinal, George N. Wadsworth, and Mr. Taylor appeared and favored the proposed brick sidewalk on Walnut street, for the following reasons:- It is necessary for the convenience of the worshippers in the Union Square Baptist Church; the present gravel sidewalk is badly washed and made dangerous by heavy rains; the street is a main thoroughfare, and a brick sidewalk should be provided for the general convenience of the public and the good appearance of the street; and the section of sidewalk contemplated would complete brick side-walks on both sides of Walnut street from Highland avenue to Bow street.

No other remonstrance being received, and no other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard in either hearing, the hearings were closed.

Remonstrance ✓

His Honor the Mayor presented the following communication:-

Report ✓

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, May 26th, 1897

To the City Council

Gentlemen:-

By an order adopted by both branches of the City Council on the 25th day of April, ultimo, I was requested to "confer with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company with a view to securing free telephone service for the various city departments."

In compliance with the said order, I arranged for a conference with the president and general manager of the corporation, and presented the claims of the city for free telephone service in return for the privileges accorded to the company.

The president of the company respectfully declined to grant free telephone service to the city, or to make any terms more favorable than those set forth in the existing contract. He declared that the city was already receiving a large revenue from the company in the way of taxation; that the poles and structures of the company were

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used by the police and fire departments, and that the telephone service of the city was now furnished at a pecuniary loss to the corporation.

The contract now in force between the city and the telephone company provides for a discount of 25% from the full schedule rates. The president of the company states that there is only one city in the Commonwealth which is allowed lower rates, and the special terms made in this case are due to peculiar conditions not existing elsewhere. The net cost of telephone service in all the Somerville city departments amounts to a little more than $1000 per year.

While it is true that Somerville is not entitled to any special favor from the great monopolistic corporations which make use of its streets, I cannot doubt that the time will come when these corporations will be required either to pay a substantial price for the privileges conferred upon them, or to make much lower rates for the service which they render.

At present a city has no power over a telephone company, except to refuse it locations in the public streets. Such a remedy is of no practical value, for it cannot be applied without subjecting a large number of citizens to inconvenience and loss.

I fear that the people will never escape from the tyranny of our great monopolistic corporations until they place under public ownership and control telephone and telegraph service, gas and electric lighting plants, street railways, etc. Let us hope that the people will not remain indifferent to these great questions until their representatives in the Legislature have bound them hand and foot by such iniquitous contracts as are typified by the pending Boston Elevated Railway bill.

Respectfully submitted

Albron A. Perry,

Mayor

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26, Accepted in concurrence.

Vete Message

His Honor, the Mayor presented the following communication.

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City of Somerville Mass.
Mayor's Office May 26th, 1897

To the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

I return herewith, disapproved, an order which originated in your Honorable Board, directing the committee on accounts to approve a bill in favor of Charlotte A. Ricker for $50, for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk in front of the estate No. 20 Rowland street, on February 20d, 1896.

The accident which resulted in injury to Charlotte A. Ricker, occurred very near to the boundary line between Cambridge and Somerville. Since the adoption of the above-mentioned order, new evidence has come to light which tends to show that Mrs. Ricker fell on the sidewalk in Cambridge. Without expressing any opinion upon this question, I yet feel that an award of damages should be made until it is clearly proven that the injury was due to a defect in a Somerville highway.

If the liability of this city shall be ultimately established, another order can be adopted in favor of the complainant.

Respectfully submitted,
Albion A. Perry,
Mayor.

Read for information

The order returned by the mayor with the foregoing message instructing the committee on accounts to approve an payroll of miscellaneous bills in favor of Charlotte A. Ricker for the sum of $50 for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk in front of the estate, No. 20 Rowland street, Feb. 20 1896, was — Order ✓

Reconsidered, and its adoption, notwithstanding the objections of the mayor, was lost by a yea and nay vote, all the members of the board — 5 voting in the negative.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following communication, — Remand ✓

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To the Board of Aldermen,

Gentlemen:

Subject to the approval of your Honorable Board, I hereby remove from office, as a member of the Police Department of this city, Mr Samuel A Brown, such removal to take effect on the first day of July of the present year.

On the 27th day of next September Mr Brown will have reached his seventieth year, and in my judgment, he is disqualified by reason of his age, for further service as a member of our Police Department. The duties of a police officer are such as to require great physical strength and endurance, and should be performed by men who are capable of meeting every emergency. In the City of Boston, members of the Police Department are retired at the age of sixty-five years, and I cannot believe it is fair to the city, or to the members of the department, to retain in active service patrolmen who have reached the advanced age of Mr Brown.

I deeply regret that Mr Brown should have been unwilling to retire voluntarily from the department, but his refusal so to do compels me to suggest his removal. He has stated to me that he does not request or desire any hearing before your Honorable Board, although I have assured him that such hearing would be cheerfully granted.

I would suggest to your Honorable Board the propriety of providing by ordinance for the retirement at some fixed age of all members of the Police Department.

In conclusion I desire to say, what most of you already know, that Mr Brown has been a faithful and efficient member of our Police Department for many years. His official conduct, as I believe, has been at all times above reproach, and he is entitled to the respect and gratitude of all our citizens for the zealous and intelligent manner in which he has performed his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor

Removal confirmed.

√ Order

Alderman Perry offered the following order:—

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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 Wheeler St.; an order of notice for such hearing having been approved April 16, 1897.

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

In Common Council, May 26, 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 Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Perry, Gray, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Raymond, Wilson, Lovell, Reed and Timson present.

In pursuance of orders passed April 14th and 15th and this evening, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the laying out of Wheeler street from Pinckney street to Mt. Vernon street, all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's return recorded on page 371, of Volume 2, of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested, appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In response to an inquiry from His Honor the Mayor, eight aldermen and twelve councilmen signified their intention of participating with the Grand Army Post in the ceremonies of Monday, May 31, and it was understood that the City Messenger provide open carriages for all of the members of the government on that occasion. — Memorial Day ✓ Observance

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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 Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley, and Perry present.

√ Order. Received from the Common Council the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of providing ice for the drinking fountains in Union Square and Davis Square during the summer months; the expense thus incurred to be charged to miscellaneous account.

In Common Council, May 20, Referred to Committee on Public Property, and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, May 26, Adopted in non-concurrence, sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 26, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897.

√ Report. Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of April.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, May 26, Read for information.

√ Drain Layer's Bond. Received a drain-layer's bond in due form, and in the sum of One thousand dollars, from Charles A. Kelly, with Allen F. Carpenter and George D. Goodrich as sureties.

Accepted and approved.

√ Petitions. Received petitions—each signed by a parent or guardian of

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the proposed licenses, - that licenses to sell newspapers, be granted to the following named writers
Robert T. Hines Chester A. Perry Walter M. Perry
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from Petitions ✓
Albert Babcock Thomas J. Galvin John T. Lyons Dennis F. McCarthy
Timothy C. McCarthy
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to ring bells in the streets from Petitions ✓
George H. Southward, for the sale of ice-cream,
Raffaele Palangi, to announce his calling as a scissors sharpener,
Daniel Swan to announce his calling as an umbrella mender,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received a petition from Daniel S. Wilson, for a license to hold a foot-ball game on the Y. M. C. A. grounds, Washington street, Monday afternoon, May 31. Petition ✓
approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

Received a petition for an auctioneer's license for the year ending May 1, 1898, from Oliver H. Perry. Petition ✓
Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks from Petitions ✓
Henrietta M. Bliss, at 27 C. Summer street,
Nellie Cotter, at 280 Lowell street,
Frederic A. Cutter, at 326 Broadway,
Sylvanus S. Gross, at 45 Washington street,

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Joseph A. McKenna, at 526 Mexford street.
Michael H. Tattan at 460½ Somerville avenue.
Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses from
William G. Fish, to keep an intelligence office, at 423 Highland avenue.
Matteo and Vito A. Dominico, to play a piano organ in the streets.
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition — Received a petition from G. A. Smith and others that all future hearings and investigations of the Police Department be held with open doors.
Placed on file.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,-
Charles J. Simpson and others, that the catch-basins, already constructed in Gorham street, be entered into the storm drain in Howard street.
Charles J. Simpson and others, that two catch-basins be constructed in Jay street.
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,-
Charles A. Simpson, for permission to stand a night lunch wagon in Davis Square, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 5 A.M.
Mrs. Bridget Kern, that a horse chestnut tree in a row of three trees standing in front of the estate 95 A. Prospect street being the tree nearest to Oak street, be removed, as the trees are so large in front of said estate as to make the premises dark and damp.
Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,-
Clarence E. Collison and others, that Park avenue be watered.
William H. McAllister and others, that Wallace street from Holland street to Broadway, be watered.

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Referred to Committee on Water, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26 Reference concurred in

Received the following communication from the President of the Fitchburg R. R. Co. — Communication ✓

Fitchburg R. R. Company, Office of the President
Boston, May 22 1897

Hon. A. S. Parr,
Mayor of the City of Somerville, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

Concerning the proposition to construct a subway for foot passengers under the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad, at Kent St. and Lowell street, if the city decides to construct these subways the company will enter into a contract with the city to contribute the sum of $2,750. toward each subway, the work on the location to be done by the railroad company; the plans for the work to be mutually agreed upon by the engineers of the city and the railroad company.

This proposition to be accepted on or before August first 1897.

Yours truly,
H. L. Mercy
President

Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26 Reference concurred in

Received a communication from Edward T. Harrington Esq. transmitting a plan of lots on Medford street, adjoining the Central Fire Station, lot "7" being the one directly adjoining said station. — Communication ✓

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

In Common Council May 26, Reference concurred in

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√ Communication

Received a communication from Edward T. Harrington & Company, calling attention to a tract of land on Axford and Walnut streets, and extending from Walnut street to the railroad bridge, containing about 19000 sq. feet for which said Harrington & Company have been appointed exclusive agents, stating that said parcel of land is in great demand, and already builders wish to negotiate for its purchase, and suggesting the desirability of its purchase by the city as it lies directly opposite the Central Hill Park.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26 Reference concurred in.

√ Communication

Received a communication from M. Frank Kenney, calling attention to the deficient lighting of Loring street, the only light at present being an incandescent light at its extreme end, and saying that an arc light should be placed in the center of the street.

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

In Common Council May 26, Reference concurred in.

√ Reports

The Committee on Licenses,—

on the petition of Philip Weiner, for a license to collect junk reported an order;

on petitions for licenses to cry goods in the streets from Frank Andelman, Patrick Coffey, Benjamin Cohen, Martin F. Flaherty, Abraham Fuhrman, Bartholomew J. Griffith, Barnett Levinson, John J. McCarthy, John A. Ness, William Rosie, Edward Turnbull and Philip Weiner, reported an order;

on the petitions of Louis E. Earle for a license to cry his goods and ring a bell; and Angelo Ciarlone for a license to ring a bell in the streets to announce his calling as a scissors sharpener, reported an order.

on the petition of Elmer G. Freeman, for a license as a common victualler at 139 A Crow street, reported an order;

on the petition of Alpino Gaetino, for a license as a common victualler

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at 363 Somerville avenue, reported leave to withdraw,

on petition of William B. Sears for a license as a common victualler at 75 Broadway, reported leave to withdraw.

on petitions for licenses to keep intelligence offices from George H. and William S. Beckford at 18 Union Square and Ellen L. Hodgdon at 35 Dana street, reported an order.

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

on petitions for licenses to play piano-organs in the streets of the city from Giosse Caira and Giovanni Dianuzzia, Giuseppe Stasio and Nicola Joy, Vincenzo Fistaroni and Vincenzo Fistaroni, Felippe Farino and Giovanni Cucconnetti, Vincenzo and Antonio Amerindi, Giovanni Morella and Angillo DiCillo, Nigro Pasquale and Giuseppe Saponara, Giovanni Pea and Francesco Frezzie, Aniceto Tiani and Raffaele Tiani, Raffaele Tioni and Tomaso Malliconi, Angelo DiCicco and Domenico Francione, reported an order.

on petitions for licenses as street bands from Daniel Young and five others and Peter Kentz and five others, reported an order.

on the petition of Captain Charles Kackieson, that the branch of the Salvation Army, established at West Somerville, be licensed to hold religious meetings to parade and sing and to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, for the year ending May 1st, 1898, reported an order.

on petitions for licenses for the year ending April 30, 1898, to slaughter cattle and calves from Hertz Gunsenhuser and the Stuartvant and Haley Beef and Supply Company, reported orders.

on the petition of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company for a license for the year ending April 30, 1898, to slaughter cattle and calves, reported an order of notice for a hearing.

Accepted.

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√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to Philip Weiner to collect goods in this city, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license, when the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city the sum of two dollars; such license to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to each of the following named persons to cry goods in the streets of the city, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license; such license to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Name, etc.

Frank Ardelman	Patrick Coffey	Benjamin Cohen
Martin F. Flaherty	Abraham Fuhrman	Bartholomew J. Griffith
Barnett Levinson	John J. McCarthy	John A. Neer
William Aorie	Edward Turnbull	Philip Weiner

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to each of the following named persons to cry goods and ring bells in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license; such license to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Name, etc.

Lewis B. Earle - to cry his goods consisting of ice cream and cake, and ring a bell;

Angelo Ciarlene - to ring a bell to announce his calling as a scissors grinder

Ordered:-

That a license 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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Elmer H. Freeman	139 A. Cross street

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Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Beckford Brothers	18 Union Square
Ellen L. Hodgdon	35 Dana street

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, 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.

Name, etc.

Giacenzo Amarena, - to play a hand organ.
Domenico Niegro, - " " "

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to each of the following named persons to play piano organs in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license, 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.

Name, etc.

Giosse Caira and Giovanni Dianuzzia
Guiseppe Stasio and Nicola Joy
Vincenzo Fiataroni and Vincenzo Fiataroni
Felippe Farino and Giovanni Ciccomitti
Vincenzo and Antonio Amerind
Giovanni Morella and Angillo Di Cillo
Nigro Pasquale and Guiseppe Saponara
Giovanni Pia and Francesco Frezzie

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Aniceto Tiani and Raffaele Tiani
Raffael Tioni and Tomaso Malliconi
Angelo Di Cicco and Domenico Franciose

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, 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.

Name, etc.

Daniel Young and five others, — as a street band
Peter Wentz and five others, — " " "

Ordered:-

That a license be, and it hereby is, granted 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 license; said license to expire on the first day of May 1898 unless sooner revoked.

The license fee provided for by ordinance is hereby remitted.

Ordered:-

That a license be, and it hereby is, granted to Hartz Gunsenhuser to carry on the business of slaughtering cattle (including calves), within the limits of this city, for the year ending April 30 1898, unless such license is sooner forfeited or rendered void, upon the days, times and conditions, and at the premises described in said Gunsenhuser's application for such license.

Ordered:-

That a license be, and it hereby is, granted to the Sturtevant and Haley Beef and Supply Company to carry on the business of slaughtering cattle (including calves), within the limits of this city, for the year ending April 30 1898, unless such license 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 license.

Adopted.

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Ordered:-

That Monday, June 7th, 1897, at 5½ o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the city hall on Highland avenue, be assigned as the time and place for a hearing of all parties desiring to be heard, on the petition of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, for a license to slaughter cattle and calves at their slaughtering establishment, situated on Medford street, at the corner of Somerville avenue, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Somerville Journal of the 27th inst.

Read twice, amended by changing the date for the hearing from June 7th to June 14th, 1897. As thus amended, adopted.

Approved by the Mayor May 27, 1897.

The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Patrick Kirk for a license to buy and sell junk at his barn in rear of 255 Columbia street, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to Patrick Kirk to buy and sell junk at his barn in rear of 255 Columbia street, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such licenses, upon the city clerk shall have received for the use of the city the sum of two dollars, such license to expire on the first day of May next unless sooner revoked.

Adopted. Later, on the evening licenses granted by the foregoing order, revoked, and petition recommitted to Committee on Licenses.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Eugene J. Ford, for permission to build and maintain projections over the sidewalks on Washington street and Caldwell avenue, such projections to consist of savings over certain portions of the building which he is erecting at the easterly corner of said street and avenue, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

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✓ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated May 12, submitted the following list of proposals received for the construction in Elm street, from the sewer in Davis Square, northerly to the sewer at Morrison street, of about 740 feet of 24 inch pipe sewer with a manhole, and about 170 cubic yards of concrete, - the proposals being in two forms, first - the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city; second, - manhole frames and covers only, to be furnished by the city, the price for laying the sewer to include the furnishing of pipe.

Name of bidder	Manholes each	Concrete per cubic yard	Laying 24" pipe sewer per lineal ft.		Estimated Aggregate	
				Sewer pipe		Sewer pipe
	$	$	$	$	$	
Chas D Trumbull	55.00	4.25	2.00	3.42	2070.00	3120.80
H Buttimer	35.00	5.00	1.55	2.65	1752.00	2566.00
B. F Brigham	40.00	5.00	1.50	2.45	1730.00	2433.00
A. Foley	38.00	4.99	1.52	2.62	1722.80	2536.80
Chas A Kelley	45.00	4.50	1.50	2.53	1695.00	2457.20
Frank L. Allen	50.00	5.00	1.35	1.90	1649.00	2056.00
Christopher Burke	40.00	4.35	1.40	2.70	1581.00	2543.00
H F Cunningham	58.00	4.25	1.30	2.60	1546.00	2505.00
T F Lynch & Co	29.70	5.75	1.13	2.14	1500.30	2247.70
D. B. Collins	41.00	4.75	1.15	2.32	1449.00	2240.80
Chas A Morgan	44.00	4.50	1.10	2.12	1396.00	2150.80
H. A Donovan & Co	40.00	5.50	0.98	2.13	1395.20	2246.30
T. F. Grimmings	39.00	4.30	0.97	2.15	1354.80	2128.00
John J. Doyle	42.00	3.50	0.89	1.95	1134.60	1919.00
Daniel A. Doyle	42.00	3.00	0.95	2.01	1129.00	1913.40

and reported 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 Daniel A. Doyle for the construction of a common sewer in Elm street, from the sewer in Davis Square northeasterly about 740 feet to the sewer at Morrison street, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report this evening, - the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city.

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Read twice, and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

Alderman Berry offered order for the construction of sidewalks — Order ✓

in

Arthur street
Central street
Chandler street
Kendall street
Birkdale avenue
Pine avenue
and
Walnut street

as recorded respectively, on pages 301-304-307-310-313-316 and 319 of Vol. 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, May 27, 1897

Alderman Berry offered an order of notice of a hearing on the construction of a brick sidewalk on the easterly side of Arthur street, as recorded on page 326 of Vol. 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Constructions - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville — Order of Notice ✓

Read twice and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

The Committee on Highways, — Reports ✓

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to remove a pole standing at the corner of Columbus avenue and Bonner avenue and to reset the same on Columbus avenue opposite Bonner avenue, - and on the petition of William Graham, that the pole standing at the corner of Columbus avenue and Bonner avenue be moved to another location, reported, see order;

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission

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to erect one pole on Craigie street, and to substitute a new pole for the one now standing on Myrtle street near Washington street, reported an order.

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect one pole on the southerly side of Highland avenue, 212 feet west of School street, and to remove one pole on the southerly side of Highland avenue 204 feet west of School street, reported an order.

on the petition of Rev. D. T. McGrath, for the removal of a horse-chestnut tree standing in the sidewalk in front of the St Joseph church property on Hebeler avenue, reported an order.

on the petition of George H. Shaw, for permission to set a hitching-post in front of his estate No 242 School street, reported an order.

Accepted

1 Orders

Acceptance & Agreement filed August 17, 1897

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Bury, are as follows, -

Order granting locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company in

Columbus avenue,
Craigie street, and Myrtle street
and
Highland avenue,

as recorded respectively on pages 123, 124 and 125 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

1 Ordered -

That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts having been given opportunity to be heard in regard to the alteration and change in the location of a certain pole of said Company on Summer street, as hereinafter referred to, and said Company having waived notice, as appears by its waiver in writing hereto annexed, of a hearing in the matter of

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said alteration and change) the following described alteration and change in the location and position of poles of the said Company shall be made, and is hereby ordered, namely, referring to the plan filed with the City Clerk, entitled "The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts Relocation for Pole in Somerville, Mass. Boston, May 19th, 1897." the pole located on the southwesterly side of Summer street near the northwesterly line of Banks street, and indicated on said plan by the black dot, marked "pole to be removed," and the location of a pole, to be erected as a substitute for said removed pole, shall conform to the location as shown on said plan, on which such location is indicated by a red dot, indicating about the new pole is to be erected at a point six feet northwesterly from the pole to be removed as aforesaid. Said alteration and change is to be made by said Company without unnecessary delay and at its expense; the said new pole is to conform as regards construction and appearance to the line of poles on Summer street, of which it will form a part, and before being erected is to be approved by the Superintendent of Electric Lines and shall be erected under the supervision and direction of said Superintendent; and said pole shall be subject to and shall be erected and maintained by said Company subject to all the provisions, terms and conditions, under which the said removed pole on the line of poles in Summer street, of which it will form a part, were or are erected, constructed or maintained. The change of said old pole for said new pole shall be completed within thirty days from the date hereof. — Adopted.	
The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts Executive Office 125 Milk Street P.O. Drawer 119 Boston, May 20, 1897 To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville, Mass. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts hereby receive notice of hearing in the matter of a certain		Copy of Mayor's Notice

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necessary change in the location of its pole on Summer street near Banks street. The location to be as designated by red dot on plan dated May 19, attached.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

By

Jasper N. Keller

General Manager

√ Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit: One horse chestnut tree standing on the westerly side of Webster avenue from Washington 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 9th day of June, 1897, 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.

Read, twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

√ Ordered:-

That consent is hereby granted to Ellsworth Fish to blast rock in his quarry situated in the rear of Jaques street, the license hereby granted to expire at sunset on the ninth day of June, 1897, said blasting to be carried on in conformity to the laws and ordinances relating to the same.

√ Ordered:-

That permission be, and is hereby granted to George H. Shaw, to set a hitching post in front of his estate No. 242 School street

Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways,-

on the petition of James A. Kiley, for the construction of three drive-

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ways across the sidewalk of Linwood street in front of his carriage factory, at the corner of Linwood and Fitchburg streets, reported, on order.

on the petition of Wilbur O. Rice, for a change in the location in the driveway in front of his estate, No 106 Highland avenue, and the construction of a brick sidewalk in front of the two blocks now being erected on said estate, reported on order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 26 Accepted in concurrence

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be and hereby is authorized to construct three driveways for James A. Kiley in front of his carriage factory, on Linwood street as follows.- One in front of the elevator, one at the middle door, and one at the entrance to the yard of said factory, when said Kiley shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer, an appropriate sum of money, sufficient to cover the cost of construction

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to change the location of the driveway in front of the estate of Wilbur O. Rice, No 106 Highland avenue, and to lay a brick sidewalk in front of the new blocks recently erected, when said Rice shall have deposited with the City Treasurer, an appropriate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the driveway, and also for the cost of the bricks for the construction of the sidewalk, the balance of the expense for the construction of the sidewalk to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council May 26 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

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Received from the Common Council the following order.- Order ✓

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Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and hereby is requested to communicate with owners of property on private ways where said ways bear the same name as public streets, and to recommend to said parties, on said private ways, to change the name of their streets, as much confusion arises from streets bearing duplicate names.

(signed) Arthur D. Osborne

In Common Council May 26, Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, May 26, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Annie M. Walker and others, for the laying out of Dell street from Tufts street to Cross street, submitted a favorable report, as recorded on page 385, 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 26, Accepted in concurrence

√ Order of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing report was an order of notice for a hearing on the laying out of Dell street, as recorded on page 316 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 26, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

√ Resolve and Order

A resolve and order for the laying out of Wheeler street from Quincy street to Mt. Vernon street, as recorded on pages 372 to 376, 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, May 26, Read twice and adopted

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in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered: -

That the committee on public property be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to procure plans and specifications for the erection of a twelve-room brick school building in the Spring Hill District, and to submit the same when received to the City Council; the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence; and it was voted, as the sense of the board, that the within named committee be requested to procure plans for a three story building, under the within order.

In Common Council, May 26. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

Alderman Irving offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered, -

That the committee on fuel and street lights be, and hereby is, 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.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered: -

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to transfer from Schoolhouse, Land, Spring Hill District, account the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars, and place the same to the credit of Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District, account. Also to

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transfer from Revenue and Deficiency account the sum of one thousand one hundred, seventy-eight and 2/100 ($1,178.02) dollars, and credit said amount to City Hall Improvement account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, May 26. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

✓ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That it is hereby adjudged and determined by the city council that certain public ways or streets and portions of public ways or streets (all as particularly specified in the schedule hereto annexed, which is hereby referred to, and made, a part of this order) in Somerville shall be watered in the present municipal year at the expense, in part, of the abutters thereon.

Ward One

Street	From	To
Arlington	Franklin	Lincoln
Broadway	Charlestown Line	Arlington Line
Brook	Grove	Glen 500 feet
Benedict	Union	Austin
Cutter	Broadway	Webster
Ellsworth	Grove	Rush
Flint	Grove	Franklin
Florence	Washington	Perkins
Franklin	Broadway	Washington
Glen	Pearl	Broadway
Lincoln	Broadway	Perkins
Linwood	Washington	Somerville Ave
Medford	Cambridge Line	Medford Line
Mt. Vernon	Broadway	Washington
Myrtle	Perkins	Hughes' fly line
Myrtle Ave	Charlestown line	100 feet beyond Austin
Olive	Grove	Franklin
Pearl	Crescent	Gilman Square
Perkins	Franklin	Boston Line

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Pinckney	Perkins	Washington
Rush	Broadway	Flint
Tufts	Cross	Washington
Union	Broadway	Mystic Ave
Washington	Charlestown Line	Cambridge Line
Webster	Franklin	Cross

Ward Two

Street	From	To
Beacon	Cambridge Line	Somerville Ave
Berkeley	School	Central
Bonner Ave	Columbus Ave	Washington
Boston	Walnut	Slocum's Sly. Line
Bow	Union Square	Somerville Ave
Central	Somerville Ave	Medford
Church	Somerville Ave	Summer
Columbus Ave	Walnut	dead end
Concord Ave	Prospect	Leon
Dane	Somerville Ave	Washington
Dickinson	Springfield	Beacon
Grandview Ave	Walnut	Vinal Ave
Greenville	Monroe	Medford
Highland Ave	Medford	Davis Square
Houghton	Springfield	Oak
Newton	Prospect	Concord Ave
Norfolk	Webster Ave	Cambridge Line
Oak	Prospect	end of public street
Park	Somerville Ave	Fitchburg A. A.
Pleasant Ave	Walnut	Vinal Ave
Prescott	Summer	Highland Ave
Prospect	Cambridge Line	Washington
Putnam	Highland Ave	Summer
Springfield	Concord Ave	Cambridge Line
Somerville Ave	Cambridge Line	Cambridge Line
Summit Ave	Walnut	Vinal Ave
Quincy	Somerville Ave	Summer
School	Somerville Ave	115 feet N'Ely from Berkeley

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Final Ave	Highland Ave	Summer
Walnut	Highland Ave	Cow
Warren Ave	Columbus Ave	Cow
Webster Ave	Union Square	Cambridge Line

Hand Pipe

Street	From	To
Adams	Broadway	Medford
Albion	Central	Lowell
Alfred	Pearl	Gilman
Ames	Bartlett	Robinson
Arthur	Broadway	Bonair
Brown	Walnut	Arthur
Central Square	Cross	Medford
Central	Broadway	Foster
Chauncy Ave	Broadway	N'ly 575 feet
Cross	Broadway	Medford
Davis	Bonair	Pearl
Dartmouth	Broadway	Medford
Everett Ave	Cross	Davis
Evergreen Ave	Marshall	Ruxton
Flint	Cross	Alfred
Gilman	Cross	Walnut
Hudson	Central	Cedar
Jaques	Temple	Chauncy Ave
Madison	School	Sycamore
Main	Broadway	Medford Line
Marshall	Broadway	Pearl
Mills	Walnut	Sargent Ave
Montrose	School	Sycamore
Oakland Ave	Marshall	School
Pembroke	Central	E'ly 100 feet
School	Highland Ave	Broadway
Sargent Ave	Broadway	Mills
Stickney Ave	School	Marshall
Sycamore	Broadway	Medford
Ruxton	Broadway	Medford

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Temple	Broadway	Ely line Dorey's est. 800 ft.
Vernon	Central	Ely 470 feet
Walnut	Broadway	Pearl
Wheatland	Broadway	Jaques

Ward Four

Street	From	To
Appleton	Willow Ave	Clifton
Cedar	Elm	Hudson
Cedar	Arlington Branch B & M.A.A.	Warwick
Cherry	Elm	Highland Ave
Chester	Cambridge Line	Elm
Day	Cambridge Line	Elm
Dover	Davis Square	Cambridge Line
Elm	Somerville Ave	Powder House Square
Davis Square		
Gibbens	Central	Benton Ave
Grove	Highland Ave	Elm
Harrison	Kent	Ivalo
Holland	B & M.A.A.	Broadway
Irving	Broadway	Holland
Ivalo	Park	Beacon
Kingston	Cambridge Line	Moscham
Moscham	Cambridge Line	dead end
Morrison	Elm	Willow Ave
Moreland	Somerville Ave	Elm
Orchard	Moscham	Russell
Russell	Elm	Cambridge Line
Spring	Somerville Ave	Pitman
Summer	Bow	Cutter Square
Willow Ave	Elm	B & M.A.A.
Westwood Road	Central	Benton Ave

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council May 26, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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✓ Order Assessments for Watering Streets

The foregoing order concerning the watering of streets having been passed by the board of aldermen and the common council and approved by the Mayor,-

Alderman Pratt then offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That whereas by an order dated May 26, 1897, and adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen May 26, 1897, and by the common council May 26, 1897, and approved by the mayor May 26, 1897, (all the above being done and completed prior to the offering and passage of this order), to which said first named order and the schedule therein annexed reference is hereby made, as a part hereof, it was adjudged and determined that certain public ways or streets and portions of public ways or streets, all as particularly specified in said schedule, should be watered in the present municipal year at the expense in part of the abutters thereon;

Now, Therefore, it is hereby Adjudged, Estimated and Determined by the board of aldermen, as follows, namely: the expense of the watering of said streets and portions of streets, as in said schedule specified, for the present municipal year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is estimated and determined to be the sum of sixteen thousand dollars; the proportion of such expense to be borne by abutters upon such streets and portions of streets is estimated and determined to be seventy-eight per cent; the rate to be assessed upon each linear foot of frontage of estates upon such streets and portions of streets is estimated and determined to be four cents.

That the expense determined as aforesaid of such watering to be borne by the abutters shall be assessed in the manner hereinafter provided upon the estates abutting on said streets and portions of streets in proportion to the number of linear feet of each estate upon said streets and portions of streets so watered.

That the amount of such assessments upon each such estate shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions and according to the law in such case made and provided by Albert B Fales, he being the clerk of the assessors of taxes, and he is hereby designated as the officer to determine the amount aforesaid, and he shall forthwith make or cause to be made a list of said streets and portions of streets which the City

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has determined shall be watered, as aforesaid, which list shall specify each estate abutting upon such such street or portion of a street, the number of linear feet of such such estate upon such such street or portion of a street, the amount per inch linear foot of the assessment authorized as aforesaid, and the amount of such assessment on such such estate, and shall certify and commit said list to the board of assessors of taxes of the city.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1897

I, Albert B. Fales, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on me under the foregoing order. So help me God.

Albert B. Fales

Middlesex, ss. Somerville, May 27, 1897

Sworn to and subscribed before me, —

George L. Vincent

Justice of the Peace

The ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings" — which was passed by this board to be enrolled April 25 was received back from the Common Council endorsed as follows: — Ordinance ✓

In Common Council, April 25, Received its first reading. Further consideration of the Ordinance postponed until the next meeting of the Common Council.

In Common Council May 12, Received its second reading and passage to be enrolled in concurrence.

Somerville, May 12, Enrolled

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Common Council, May 26 The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

In Common Council, May 26, Passed to be ordained.

Further action was taken as follows, —

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen, May 26 The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

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In Board of Aldermen, May 26, Passed to be ordained.
In Board of Aldermen, May 31, Passage to be ordained reconsidered. Laid upon the table.
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, May 31, 1897 - 8.30 A.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews and Huntley present.

Received a venire for the drawing of three men to serve as traverse jurors at the Supreme 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, June 14, 1897 at 10 o'clock A.M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor, the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Irving who drew therefrom, and read aloud the names of Walter F. Grimes, James J. Irwin, and Charles H. King.
The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed by the Messenger to the Mayor, who verified said names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then passed to the City Clerk, by whom the said names were read aloud therefrom, and the slips after being properly endorsed were returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Received the annual jury-exemption roll of Co. A, 1st Corps of Cadets, Mass. Volunteer Militia. — Jury Exemption Roll ✓
Placed on file.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order:- — Order ✓
Ordered:-
That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is requested to return to this Board the ordinance in relation to the construction of buildings which was passed to be ordained by both

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branches of this City Council on the twenty-sixth day of May ultimo.
Adopted

(Ordinance

In compliance with the request contained in the foregoing order, His Honor the Mayor returned to the Board the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings" - which was passed to be ordained by this board at its last meeting.

On motion of Alderman Huntley, the passage of said ordinance to be ordained, was reconsidered, and the ordinance was laid upon the table.

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall Somerville, June 9, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Berry presiding -
Aldermen Spring, Bell, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
Records approved.

In pursuance of an order approved June 9th, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of a horse-chestnut tree being the fifth tree from Washington street on the westerly side of Webster avenue, due notice of the hearing having been given as required by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

This being the time appointed by an order passed May 12th for the hearing by this board of any objections which might be made to the granting of the petition of the Hobart Mfg. Co. for permission to erect and use a stationary steam boiler of thirty horse power, to take the place of a smaller boiler now in use at 6 Partridge avenue due notice of the hearing having been given as required by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appeared and desired to be heard in the matter of said petition.

Received the reports for the month of May of the Chief of Police, and the Supt. of Electric Lights.
Placed on file. — Reports ✓

His Honor the Mayor presented a communication addressed to him by L. D. Hancock, explaining the circumstances of the construction of a cornice on his building at the northwesterly corner of Elm and Bleary streets, which cornice projects over the sidewalks of said streets, and the City Solicitor having been requested by a previous order of the City Council to take such steps as may be — Communication ✓

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necessary to cause the removal of said cornice.
Placed on file.

√ Jury Exemption Rolls — Received the annual jury exemption rolls of Co. E. 5th Regiment of Infantry, and Troop D, 1st Battalion of Cavalry, Mass. Volunteer Militia.
Placed on file.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk from
Max Grober, #5 Water street, Somerville,
Davis Lampert, #122 Prince street, Boston,
the latter holding a tin-peddler's license for Middlesex County;
both approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from
Elmer E. Beacham, Florence F. Curran, Patrick Durnan,
Robert Forster, Frank Gorfine, Max Grober,
John H. Higgins, Frank Innusa, Davis Lampert,
George Magouravdos, Patrick J. McLaughlin,
all being residents of Somerville except Davis Lampert, who holds a tin-peddler's license for Middlesex County, and George Magouravdos who holds a state peddler's license for the entire Commonwealth, and both of whom reside in Boston;
all approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to ring a bell in the streets to announce his calling as a scissors sharpener, from
Raffaele Ciarlene, #440 Commercial street, Boston,
approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for the seventeenth of June and the fourth of July, from

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Henry G. Appelin and Robert A. Peacock, at 151 Glen St	
George T. Bailey, at 89 Marshall St	
Nathan R. Barrows, at 394 Washington St	
J. Arthur Bean, at 260 Broadway	
George H. and William S. Beckford, at 18 Union Sq	
Mrs Jennie Burnstead, at 248 Washington St	
Arthur D. Burnham, at 27 Webster Ave	
Mary A. Canfield, at 2 Clyde St	
James J. Cole, at 48 Kent St	
Lavinia Cole, at 22 Glen St	
Antonio Correia, at 484 Medford St	
Charles W. Coy, at 50 Union Sq	
Hattie R. Creighton and Margaret O. Clark, at 282 Elm St, cor Winter St	
Thomas A. Cunningham, at 62 Beacon St	
Jacob Demont, at 145 Somerville Ave	
Justice D. Dunbar, at 2 North Union St	
(Mrs) Annie G. Field, at 90 Elm St	
J. Herbert Flemming, at 364½ Medford St	
George O. Grover, at 146 Broadway	
Ellen L. Hodgdon, at 33 Dana St	
George F. Horton, at 115 Perkins St	
Addie S. Jarvis, at 138 A Pearl St	
Leonard K. Libby, at 243 Holland St	
Charles L. Lochrop, at 335 Somerville Ave	
Jennie Lotow, at 635 Somerville Ave	
(Mrs) Agnes Lynch, at 90 Somerville Ave	
(Mrs) Catherine Lynch, at 30 Linwood St	
Flora Macdonald, at 527 Medford St	
Adelia M. McIntosh, at 375 Beacon St	
Henry T. McLean, at 84 Beacon St	
Willard A. Miller, at 10 and 11 Medina Building Davis Sq	
Alexander Mezenne, at 46 Newton St	
Samuel Radley, at 302 Washington St	
Noah A. Robinson, at 123 A Washington St	
Timothy B. Runey, at 95 Washington St	
A. E. Sharp & Co, at 25 Bow St	
Isabella H. Stewart, at 51 Franklin St	

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Charles Williamson & Albert Forge, at 71 Concord Av. and 188 Somerville Av.

Licenses granted: the same to be issued on payment of the fee of one dollar, with the privilege of selling from June fifteenth to July fifth, both inclusive, Sundays excepted.

√ Petitions

Received petitions for licenses from

John F. Burke, President Division 17, A.O.H. for a lecture for a charitable object, in Union Hall, Sunday evening, June 27

Ernest Howard, for a musical, dramatic, and slight of hand entertainment, in Bacon Hall, Wednesday evening, June 16.

Newtown Club for a base-ball game, on the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Washington street, Saturday afternoon, June 12.

all recommended by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted

√ Petitions

Received petitions from

Jacob Demont for a common victualler's license, at #145 Somerville avenue.

Frank Fuchs and others that a license as a common victualler be granted to Jacob Demont, at #145 Somerville avenue;

Noah O. Robinson for a common victualler's license at #123 A Washington street;

Andrew Bergonzey for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets;

Labardini Giulio, for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets;

Antonio Germani, for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets;

Karl Miller for himself and four others, for a license as a street band.

Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petition

Received a petition from Harry E. Sanders for a license as a common victualler, at #82 Broadway

License granted

√ Petition

Received a petition from William N. Barstow, for a license to keep fifteen horses in a stable to be erected at #355 Summer street;

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Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

David H. Percy, for a license as a drain layer,

Clifton A. Kennedy and others for catch-basins at the corners of Thorndike and Howard streets,

William Armstrong and others, for the improvement of the existing sewerage system between Spring and Belmont streets.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

William A. George, for permission to stand a night-lunch wagon on Washington street at the corner of Union Square, in front of the building owned by the Somerville Union Hall Company,

Miss Grace, for permission to stand a sign on the sidewalk in front of her store, No. 37 Central Square, said sign to be about (2) two feet square and (3½) three and one half feet in height, and to be taken into the store at night,

Mrs. Ella F. Wallace, for the removal of a tree standing on the westerly side of Pinckney street, opposite the division line between the estate owned by the said Mrs. Wallace, and that owned by Phoebe A. Peck; the tree being so large that they injure the property.

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Charles A. Kennison, for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate on Walnut street, and Broadway, about fifty feet on each street, he to pay for the bricks used,

Delia S. Gibson, that the drive-way in front of her estate No. 22 Lowell avenue be discontinued, and that a street opening be made across the sidewalk of said avenue opposite Gibson Park; the expense of discontinuing the drive-way to be borne by the petitioner.

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Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 10, Reference concurred in

√ Petitions

Received a petition signed by Herbert P. Nickerson, James F. Quirk and John Stackpole, in behalf of the Citizens' Fourth of July Committee, praying that one thousand dollars be appropriated to fully defray the expenses of the Committee in celebrating the Fourth of July, 1897, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of our city as a city.

Pending action on the foregoing petition, it was voted that any citizens present, who might desire to address the Board concerning the same, be heard at this time. Messrs. Herbert P. Nickerson and James F. Quirk, of the Committee, addressed the Board, stating that the estimated cost of the celebration by the Citizens' Committee was twenty-five hundred dollars, of which amount, it was hoped the City Council would appropriate one thousand dollars. It was desirable to learn, as soon as possible, what action the City Council would take, so that the Committee might know what sum must be contributed by the Citizens. It was the desire of the committee that the City Council not only make an appropriation, but also participate in the observance of the occasion.

No other persons present desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

The petition was then referred to the Committee on Finance, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Reference concurred in.

√ Notice of Suits

Received notices to appear before the Superior Court at Cambridge, on the first Monday of July next, to show cause, if any there be, why the prayers set forth in the following named petitions should not be granted, —

John Byrnes. For a jury to determine the damages which he should have for the taking of a portion of his land on Thorndike street, for the purpose of a common sewer (Tannery Brook sewer.)

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Annie E. William J. and Ella C. McCarthy for a jury to determine the damages which they should have, for the taking of portions of their land on Elmwood street for the purposes of a common sewer (Tannery Brook sewer)

Placed in hands of City Solicitor and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 10 Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence

Received a petition from James Rawson for permission to move a wooden building thirty feet long, fifteen feet wide and thirteen feet high from land of Frank Jones and others trustees on the northeasterly side of Broadway nearly opposite Hathorn street through Broadway and Cross street to land of said Jones and others trustees on the southeasterly side of Cross street near Engine Two, Fire Station, certified by the Superintendent of Streets and the Superintendent of Electric Lines that the statement as to construction and measurement is substantially correct and in their opinion 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 James Rawson to move a building through Broadway and Cross street as recorded on page 509 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 Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered. —

That the license to sell newspapers, granted by this board to Herbert A. Currier, be and the same hereby is revoked, he having surrendered his badge and license.

Adopted

The Committee on Licenses — Reports ✓

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on petitions for licenses as common victuallers from Charles F. Davenport, Frank Dunham, and Margaret Ferguson, reported an order;

on the petition of William H. Fish for a license to keep an intelligence office at 420 Highland avenue, reported an order;

on the petitions of Nato Dominic and Sitt M. Dominic for a license to play a piano-organ in the streets, reported an order;

Accepted.

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,—

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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Charles F. Davenport	515 Somerville avenue
Frank Dunham	515 Medford street
Margaret Ferguson	95A Elm street

Ordered:—

That a license to keep an Intelligence Office under the laws of the Commonwealth be issued to 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
William H. Fish	420 Highland avenue

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

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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.

Name, etc

Matteo Domenico and Vito M. Domenico to play piano-organ

Adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department, on the petition of the Holway Mfg. Co. for permission to erect and use a thirty horse-power steam boiler in a building used for the manufacture of musical instruments, at No. 3 Partridge avenue, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That permission be and it hereby is granted to the Holway Mfg. Co. to erect and use a steam boiler of thirty horse power, in a building used for the manufacture of musical instruments, at No. 3 Partridge avenue in accordance with the specifications contained in the application for the license, and also in accordance with a permit to be issued by the Inspector of Buildings and under such regulations as he may prescribe, which permit must first be obtained before such engine is erected.

Adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department on petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for June 17th and July 4th from — Report ✓

Henrietta M. Bliss, 27 B Summer St. — Nellie Cotter, 280 Lowell St.
Frederick A. Cutler, 326 Broadway — Sylvanus S. Gross, 45 Washington St.
J. A. McKenna, 536 Medford St. — M. H. Tattan, 460½ Somerville Ave.
Joseph H. Defrieg, 6 Holland St. — Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, 203 Medford St.
Sarah B. Robinson, 308 Highland Ave. — Bessie G. Stackpole, 18 Broadway
Emily and Hannah A. Stuart, 38 Cross St. — Lewis R. Stuart, 312 Broadway
Thomas Goods, 418 Somerville Ave. — Herbert H. Smith, 277 Elm St.
and New York Tea Co., 25 A Summer St., reported an order.

Accepted.

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√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That a license to Sell Fireworks, on the following dates, to wit: from June 15th inclusive to July 5th inclusive (Sundays excepted) be issued to 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 license, which license may be revoked at the pleasure of this board.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Henrietta M. Bliss	27 C Summer street
Nellie Cotter	280 Lowell street
Frederick A. Cutler	326 Broadway
Sylvanus S. Gross	45 Washington street
Joseph A. McKenna	526 Medford street
Michael H. Tattan	460½ Somerville avenue
Joseph H. Defrey	6 Holland street
Mrs Sadie Mitchell	203 Medford street
Sarah C. Robinson	308 Highland avenue
Bessie G. Stackpole	18 Broadway
Emily and Hannah N. Stuart	38 Cross street
Lewis A. Stuart	312 Broadway
Thomas Goods	418 Somerville avenue
Herbert H. I. Smith	277 Elm street and
New York Tea Co.	25 A Summer street

Adopted

√ Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fire Department be and hereby is authorized to purchase, at a price not exceeding sixty cents per foot, a strip of land fifteen to twenty feet in width, adjoining the Central Fire Station lot on Medford street and the City Treasurer is hereby instructed to make a transfer sufficient to cover the cost of said purchase from Fire Department, Fire Station No. 3 Improvement Account, to Account to be known hereafter as Fire Department, Purchase of Land Medford street adjoining Central Fire Station 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, 1897

The Committee on Sewers, — Reports ✓

on petitions for licenses as drain-layers from Christopher Burke, Dennis C. Collins, Timothy F. Crimmings, Daniel A. Dorey, John J. Dorey, William J. Fitzgerald, Charles A. Morgan and John C. Terry, reported an order;

on the petition of Ann Durgin and others, for the construction of a sewer in Electric avenue, reported an order;

Accepted.

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

Ordered:—

That a license 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 license to expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Christopher Burke	Dennis C. Collins
Timothy F. Crimmings	Daniel A. Dorey
John J. Dorey	William J. Fitzgerald
Charles A. Morgan	John C. Terry

Adopted

The order for the construction of a common sewer in Electric avenue from Packard avenue to Curtis street was

Read twice and adopted

(See subsequent record.)

The Committee on Highways, — Reports ✓

on the petition of H. H. Covell and others for edgestones and brick sidewalks on both sides of Wheeler street from Pembroke street to Mt. Vernon street, reported an order of notice

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of a hearing;

on the petition of Charles Linnehan for permission to blast rock in his quarry on Granite and Osgood streets, reported an order;

on the petition of Charles R. Simpson for permission to stand a night lunch wagon in Davis square, reported leave to withdraw;

Accepted.

Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with three additional orders presented by Alderman Perry are as follows:-

Order of notice of hearing on the construction of sidewalks in Wheeler street as recorded on page 229 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 10, 1897

Ordered:-

That permission be, and is hereby granted to Charles Linnehan to blast rock in his quarry on Granite and Osgood streets, until September 1st, 1897, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

Adopted.

Ordered:-

That the license granted by this board to Ellsworth Fiske, May 26th to blast rock in his ledge lying between Mystic Ave and Jaques street, until June 9th inclusive, be and the same is hereby extended to June 23rd inclusive.

Adopted

Ordered:-

That the plans hereinafter mentioned laid before this board this evening, for the numbering of certain buildings in Davis square to wit,- Medina Building, Studio Building and Clarendon Block, and for the re-numbering of the buildings on the southwesterly side of Elm street from Chester street to Studio Building, be and the same are hereby adopted, and the numbers thereon are hereby designated as the proper numbers to be affixed to the said buildings and to the several buildings on said street respectively; and the city engineer is hereby di-

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vested to inform the owners of the said buildings in Davis square, and of the buildings on the said street, what are the proper numbers to be affixed to these 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.

The plans hereinbefore referred to are as follows:- plan entitled "Davis Square, showing numbers, made by Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer, and dated June 1, 1897. plan entitled "Elm street, showing numbers" made by George E. Kimball, City Engineer, and dated December 25, 1878, with Re-numbering from Webster street to Studio Building, in blue by Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer, June 9, 1897.

Adopted.

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:- One horse-chestnut tree, standing on the westerly side of Hebster avenue, being the fifth tree on said westerly side of Hebster avenue from Washington street.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1897.

Alderman Perry offered the following order,- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the regrading and rebuilding the pavement wall on Tower street, adjoining the land owned by the Somerville Hospital, 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.

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√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, which was requested by an order, dated May 30, to consider the expediency of providing ice for the drinking fountains in Davis and Union squares for the summer months, reported inexpedient to take any action under said order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 10. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order — Alderman Huntley offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be and it hereby is requested to consider the advisability of placing iron gates at the entrance of all public buildings under its charge.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 11, 1897.

√ Order — Alderman Pratt offered an order accepting the plans made by Aaron H. Gould for the improvement and remodelling of the old engine-house on Highland avenue, at the corner of Walnut street.

Read once and further action postponed until the next meeting.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Grounds, on the communication from Edward T. Harrington & Co. concerning the desirability of the purchase by the city of the land between Walnut street, the Boston & Lowell Railroad and the railroad bridge at Gilman square, reported inexpedient to take any action in the matter.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 10. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports — The Committee on Water,-

on the following petitions for the watering of streets, namely,-

E. C. Lundgren and others, Harrison St. from Kent to Tyler,

Clara S. Little and others, Hudson St. from Lowell to Cedar,

Irving F. Russell and others, Broadway, from Victoria St.

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to Arlington line;
George D. Haven and others, Greenville street from Monroe to Mexford, - reported that the several streets mentioned were included in the order passed May 26, for the watering of streets.

on the petition of Charles S. Perkins Ex. and others, that Hudson street from the bend to Cedar street, be not watered, reported leave to withdraw;

on the protest of Mary J. Lamb and others, against being assessed for the watering of St. James avenue for the current season, reported no action necessary as said avenue was not included in the list of streets to be watered the current season under an order passed May 26.

on the following petitions for the watering of streets, namely,-
Nils R. Whitaker and others, Evergreen avenue from Sycamore street to Thurston;
Clarence A. Collieson and others, Park avenue;
William H. McAllister and others, Wallace street from Holland street to Broadway;
reported leave to withdraw;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, June 10, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,- Order ✓

Ordered:-

Whereas, Union Square and Gilman Square being public ways, were and are supposed to have been included in the schedule of public ways to be watered in the present municipal year at the expense in part of the abutters thereon, as determined by the order of the city council, approved May 26, 1897, streets in said order enumerated passing into and through said squares respectively and making said squares, and

Whereas estates abutting on said squares were supposed to be sufficiently designated in the orders referring to the ways to be watered as specified in said order, and

Whereas it is advisable to more specifically describe said squares as included in the public ways to be watered as afore-

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said,

Now, Therefore, it is hereby adjudged and determined by the city council that Union Square and Gilman Square shall be watered in the present municipal year at the expense in part of the abutters thereon

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, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order,-

Ordered -

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to transfer from Water Works Extension account the sum of ten thousand dollars and place said amount 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 15, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of appropriating a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars to be used for the purpose of promoting a fitting observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our City Government, and also to help bring to a successful issue the Citizens Fourth of July parade, both of which are to be celebrated on July 5th, and to report to this board at an early date.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, June 10, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 10, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, autho-

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ized to procure the required number of carriages to accommodate such members of the City Government who may desire to participate in the Citizens Fourth of July parade, to be observed July 5th, 1897. 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 15, 1897.

Alderman Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That all members of the Grand Army of the Republic employed by the City of Somerville be granted two weeks leave of absence, without loss of pay, to attend the National Encampment to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., in September next.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Adoption reconsidered. Amended by adding the words, — provided that such leave of absence shall constitute, or be in lieu of, the regular vacation of any employee who may avail himself thereof. As thus amended, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen June 16, Receded from former action in adopting the order. As amended by Common Council, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor June 18, 1897.

On motion of Alderman Irving, it was voted that when the board adjourned, it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 14, at 7 P. M. — Adjournment

Adjourned.

Attest,

George S. Vincent

Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 14, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley, and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved May 27, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to be heard, on the petition of the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, for a license for the year ending April 30, 1898 to slaughter cattle and calves at its slaughtering establishment on Medford street, at the corner of Somerville avenue; due notice of the hearing having been given as required by said order.

Hon. John Haskell Butler appeared as counsel for the New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company, and Thomas F. O'Malley Esquire as counsel for James McCauley Jr., who presented to this board in January last, a petition that the said New England Dressed Meat and Wool Company be caused to so conduct its slaughtering business as not to impair the enjoyment of his estate.

Mr. O'Malley introduced as witnesses, James McCauley Jr., Susan McCauley, Catherine Shea, James McCauley, Edward Bryant, John Sweeney, Edward J. Llewellyn and John F. Couch, M.D. all of whom, except Dr. Couch, lived, or owned, or had charge of property in the immediate vicinity of the slaughtering establishment of the said Dressed Meat and Wool Company.

By the testimony of these witnesses, it appeared that the noise at night made by the cattle when received at the yards from the railroad trains, and the outcries of the men in charge of them, caused loss of sleep to several of the families living nearest to the works, that large quantities of manure had been carted from the yards of the works and filled into excavations in a private street called Shedd street, and in the land abutting on said street, and that manure had been dumped upon Newton street next to the works, and left there for several days together; that during the last year or more, several of the windows of the skin room of the establishment had been left open, permitting the escape of

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offensive odors, and the odor from the cattle yards was so offensive as to require the closing of the windows of the neighboring dwellings in warm weather; that the language of the men in charge of the cattle, and the collection of so many animals within sight of, and but a few feet distant from the windows of the dwellings were very objectionable; and that the disturbance caused by the noise referred to had made it difficult to let the tenements nearest to the works and in consequence had depreciated the value of the property.

By the testimony of Doctor Couch it appeared that the health of Mrs. McCauley was being impaired by the loss of sleep occasioned by the said noise and his treatment afforded no material relief in consequence of the continuation of the disturbance.

Mr. Butler introduced as witnesses Mr. Herbert E. Mayo, Supt. of the works, Doctor William A. Bell, Thomas M. Durell, Edward C. Booth and Alvah B. Dearborn, who had recently visited and thoroughly inspected the premises, Mr. John A. Royal, Manager of the New England Oil Company, whose premises adjoin those of the Dressed Meat and Wool Company, and Messrs. Peter F. Donnelly, John Flynn, John J. Carney, James Hepburn, Matthew Fleming, Timothy Curran, Bernard C. McPhillips, James McCabe and George Reid and Mrs. Jane McEleny and Mrs. Mary McKenna, who reside on own property in the immediate vicinity of the works, and Mr. George A. Kimball, Civil Engineer, who was engaged in the construction of the foundations of the works and had charge of the laying of all sewers and drains.

By the testimony of these witnesses it appeared that about two thousand cattle per week are received at and reshipped from the yards; that about one hundred cattle and one thousand calves are killed weekly; that the State Cattle Commissioners have established a quarantine station on the premises in a small barn on Molloy Court, in which not more than ten cows per week on an average are placed. As most of the cattle are exported, they must be kept on the premises under the regulations of the general government, at least twenty-four hours before reshipment, except by special permission from Washington. Until about November 1896 the yards had simply an earth flooring, but since that time the work of planking them has

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been carried on and is now nearly completed. These plank floorings slope toward a centre in every thirty feet, and all of the yards are drained into the common sewer. Before planking the yards, the soft material, composed of a mixture of mud or muck, manure, hay and ashes, was carted out and dumped upon the lands on both sides of Shedd street, the sand which composed the soil of that locality, having previously been removed. After the removal of this soft material the surface of the yards was covered with ashes and made as dry and wholesome as possible, and the plank floors were then laid.

The yards are cleaned up immediately after every shipment of cattle, and the greatest care is taken to keep the entire establishment scrupulously clean. The erection and maintenance of the works have not depreciated the value of property, but have tended to increase the value of the lands in their immediate vicinity.

It was the opinion of all the witnesses called by Mr. Butler that no good reason existed why a license should not be granted to the Company as prayed for.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Communication from Mayor.

Received the following communication from His Honor the Mayor.-

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office, June 14th, 1897.

To the City Council of Somerville,

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of the Somerville School Committee, a communication was received from the Citizens' Fourth of July Committee, in which it was suggested that the pupils of the public schools participate in the Citizens' Parade which is to take place in this city on the fifth day of July next. By vote of the School Committee the subject was "referred to the Mayor and President of the Common Council with full powers".

I have conferred with the President of the Common Council upon the question, and we are both of the opinion that it is proper and desirable that the public schools of the city should be repre-

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united in the Parade. Councilman Story has suggested that thirteen barges be provided for pupils of the high and grammar schools, the barges to be appropriately trimmed to represent the thirteen original States. There seems to be much of merit in Councilman Story's suggestion, and I shall be pleased to see it carried out. I cannot doubt that teachers and pupils will work together with zeal to make this feature of the Parade interesting and successful.

The chief value of such a celebration as has been planned by the Citizens' Committee is found in the patriotic enthusiasm which it awakens in the minds of our boys and girls. They should be encouraged to participate in it, and made to feel that they are an important factor in its success. Surely Janesville has nothing more rich and beautiful to contribute to a show pageant than its intelligent and aspiring young men and women. It seems eminently fitting that our free educational institutions should have a conspicuous place in the forthcoming celebration.

If the barges can be provided and filled with young ladies from the several schools, the occupants to be selected by their classmates, I feel sure that many other pupils will be glad to join in the Parade. A school bicycle corps might be formed, which would be a novel, acceptable and attractive feature, and other school organizations might be given place in the line by the Citizens' Committee.

In order to carry out the suggestion of Councilman Story, it will be necessary to make an additional appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of barges and decorations. I would therefore recommend that an expenditure for this purpose, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of $250, be authorized, and that the money be expended under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Fourth of July Celebration. While it is true that even this small sum cannot be well spared from any existing appropriation, I yet feel that the City Council would be justified in making a slight increase of the amount already set apart for the observance of our great national holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry, Mayor

Read and sent down for information.

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In Common Council, June 16, Read for information

√ Ordinance

Received back from the Common Council an ordinance, passed to be enrolled by this Board, March 24th, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Appointment of a Janitor of the City Hall and Public Library Building and of the Police Building," endorsed as follows:-

In Common Council, March 25, 1897 Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council, June 10, 1897. The Committee on Enrolled Ordinances having examined the within Ordinance, report the same to be truly and correctly enrolled. Arthur H. Berry, Wm. E. Robinson, Isaac M. Story, Committee

Somerville June 10, 1897. Enrolled, Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk

In Common Council, June 10, 1897. Referred back to the Committee on Ordinances and sent up for concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson Clerk

Action by the Board was taken as follows:-

In Board of Aldermen, June 14, 1897. Referred back to Committee on Ordinances in concurrence. George S. Vincent, Clerk

√ Report

Received from the Common Council a report of the Committee on Claims, on the notice of N. J. Penney, of injuries done to his milk wagon on the morning of November 26, 1896, by its coming in contact with a tree on Cedar street, - reporting an order.

In Common Council June 10, 1897. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, June 14th. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Accounts be and hereby is instructed to approve in pay roll of Miscellaneous a bill in favor of N. J. Penney in the sum of fifty dollars for injuries received to his milk wagon by coming in contact with a tree on Cedar street on the morning of November 26th, 1896.

(signed) Francis A. Wilson

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In Common Council June 10, 1897 Read twice and adopted and sent up concurrence.	
In Board of Aldermen June 14 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.	
Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1897	
Received from the Common Council, an order instructing the Committee on Highways to provide ice for the drinking fountains in Union and Davis Squares during the summer months, the expense to be charged to Miscellaneous account	Order ✓
In Common Council June 10 Read twice and adopted and sent up for concurrence.	
In Board of Aldermen June 14 Read once. Second reading refused	
Received drain-layers' bonds in due form, each in the sum of one thousand dollars, from Christopher Burke with Patrick Shannon as surety, and Timothy F. Crimmings, with Simon Connor and James F. McCarthy, as sureties.	Bonds ✓
Accepted and approved	
Received jury exemption rolls of members of the Mass Volunteer Militia, from Co. A. 1st Battalion of Cavalry, Co. D. 1st Corps of Cadets.	Jury Exemption Rolls ✓
Placed on file	
Received a petition for a license to collect junk from Parnat Roberts, 339 Somerville avenue, approved by the Chief of Police	Petition ✓
License granted	
Received a petition for a license to cry goods in the streets from Parnat Roberts, 339 Somerville avenue,	Petition ✓

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approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

√ Petitions

Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for the seventeenth of June, and the fourth of July, from
Foster P. Doane, at 421 Highland Ave.
Rebecca F. Francis, at 218 Holland St.
Mrs. Ellen Griffiths, at 4 Trull St.
Mrs. Esther A. Hall, at 250 A Beacon St.
Mrs. Margaret E. J. Llewellyn, at 216 Somerville Ave.
Mrs. Mary Mack, at 77 Concord Ave.
Mrs. Annie Murphy, at 52 Alpine St.
Josie O'Neal, at 543 Somerville Ave.
Charles T. Phillips, at 145 Glen St.
Jennie E. Unwin, at 169 Washington St.
Mrs. Lena Weingott, at 53 Somerville Ave.
Mrs. Rebecca Welch, at 63 Washington St.
Licenses granted to sell fireworks from June fifteenth to July fifth, inclusive, Sundays excepted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Clarence Tucker for a license as an auctioneer for the balance of the year beginning May 1, 1897.
License granted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Eugene J. Ford for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows:-
On Washington street, northeasterly side, at the southeasterly corner of Caldwell avenue, the coverings over two bay windows at a height of 33 feet above the sidewalk, each coving to be about four feet in length and to project over the sidewalk about twelve inches.

and
√ Order of Notice

The foregoing petition was accompanied by the following order of notice:-
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 23rd day of June, 1897, at 8 o'clock, P.M., at its room in the City Hall, take into consideration the ex-

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pediency 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 18th inst.

Petition referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Order of Notice adopted.

Received an anonymous communication concerning the inadequacy of the sewer at the corner of School and Medford streets in times of heavy rain. — Communication ✓

Placed on file.

Received petitions from,— — Petitions ✓

Terence H. Smith, for the cutting off of some of the branches of the trees in front of house numbered 113 Prospect street; there being four large elm trees in a cluster, the branches of which grow into each other and completely shut out the sun.

Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to replace one pole on Central street, just north of Francis street.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received petitions from,— — Petitions ✓

Alice F. Kilmer and George D. Moore and Helen M. Gulliver, trustees for a brick sidewalk ten feet in width, with a grass plat five feet width between the bricks and the edgestones on Broadway between Adams street and Bartlett street, the petitioners agreeing to pay the cost of the bricks and coda.

George F. Hurn, for the lowering of the curbstone and the construction of a driveway in front of the premises numbered 52 on Broadway, he to pay the expenses.

Louis Millionthales, for a driveway in front of his estate, 95 Cedar street, he agreeing to pay the cost.

Thomas F. McNamara, that the condition of Dane street be improved.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for con-

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currence.

In Common Council June 16. References concurred in

Order — On motion of Alderman Lamont, the adoption at the last meeting of an order for the construction of a sewer in Electric avenue was reconsidered, and the order was laid on the table.

Order — On the order offered and read once at the last meeting, accepting plans prepared by Aaron H. Gould, architect for the improvement and remodelling of the old engine house on Highland avenue at the corner of Walnut street, further action on said order having been postponed until this meeting, it was voted, on motion of Alderman Pratt, that action be again postponed until the next meeting.

Reports — The Committee on Finance,-

on petition of Charles F. Robertson, Clerk of the Common Council, for an increase of salary, reported that while the present compensation is somewhat meagre, yet, as the salary has been fixed by the City Council for the year 1897, the Committee deems it inexpedient to recommend any immediate increase.

on the petition of the Citizens' Fourth of July Committee for the appropriation of one thousand dollars to help defray the expenses of the committee in celebrating the coming Fourth of July, and on an order dated June 9th to consider the advisability of appropriating a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars for the promotion of a fitting observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the City Government, and to help bring to a successful issue the Citizens' Fourth of July parade, reported that while the Committee would be pleased to recommend or make any further provision for the observance of the Fourth of July, it is unable to find any appropriation from which a transfer can be safely made, and

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therefore reluctantly states that in its judgment it is inexpedient to make the appropriation asked for by the Citizens' Committee

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 16, Accepted in concurrence

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Joint Special Committee on the Fourth of July Celebration be, and it is hereby authorized to arrange for children's barges for the children of the public schools, to form a part of the morning parade of July fifth, at an expense not to exceed two hundred dollars, said amount so expended to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read once. Amended by striking out the word "two" before the word "hundred", and inserting in place thereof the word "three"; as thus amended, received its second reading and final passage. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, June 16, 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That whereas by an order adopted by the city council, approved by the mayor June 11th, 1897, it was adjudged and determined that Union Square and Gilman Square, being public ways, shall be watered in the present municipal year at the expense in front of the abutters thereon, said squares and the estates abutting thereon having been regarded as also included in, and referred to by, the orders for watering streets, and in regard thereto in the present municipal year, one of which orders was adopted by the city council and was approved by the mayor May 26, 1897, and the other of which orders was adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen and was approved by the mayor May 27, 1897.

Now, Therefore, it is adjudged, estimated, and

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determined by the board of mayor and aldermen;
That the expense of watering the streets and portions of streets including said Union Square and Gilman Square, specified and referred to in said order, approved May 27, 1897, for the current municipal year be estimated and determined to be the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, as in said order adjudicated;
that the proportion of such expense to be borne by abutters upon said Union Square and Gilman Square, (and by abutters on other streets determined by said orders to be watered) be estimated and determined, as heretofore adjudicated, to be seventy-eight per cent;
that the rate to be assessed upon each linear foot of frontage of estates upon said Union Square and Gilman Square (being the same rate assessed upon estates on streets ordered to be watered as aforesaid) be estimated and determined to be four cents;
that the expense determined as aforesaid of such watering to be borne by the abutters on said Union Square and Gilman Square shall be assessed in the manner hereinafter provided upon the estates abutting on said Union Square and Gilman Square in proportion to the number of linear feet of each estate upon said squares so watered;
that the amount of such assessments upon each such estate shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing provision and according to the law in such case made and provided by Albert B. Fales, he being the clerk of the assessors of taxes and he is hereby designated as the officer to determine the amount aforesaid, and he shall hitherto make, or cause to be made, a list which shall specify each estate abutting on each of said squares, the number of linear feet of each such estate upon each such square, the amount per such linear foot of the assessment authorized as aforesaid, and the amount of such assessment on each such estate, and shall certify and commit said list to the Board of Assessors of Taxes of the city.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor June 15, 1897

I, Albert B. Fales, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on me under the foregoing order. So help me God.

Albert B. Fales

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Middlesex, ss. July 1, 1897.

Sworn to, and subscribed, before me, --

George A. Vincent

Justice of the Peace

Adjourned.

Attest

George A. Vincent

Clerk

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 16, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved

√ Order

Alderman Lamont, 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 to all persons desiring to object -
1 - on the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Columbia street.
2 - on the laying out of Browning Road;
order for such hearings having been approved May 13th.
Adopted, and Alderman Lamont appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council June 16, Request granted, and Councilman Gracey appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Perry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Robinson, Macdonald, Raymond, Nelson, Lovell, Reed, and Timson, present

√ Hearings

In pursuance of order passed May 12th, and this evening, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to,-
the laying out of Browning Road, and

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the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Columbia street, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the officer's returns recorded respectively on page 379 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets — and page 403 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.

In the matter of the laying out of Browning Road no persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In the matter of the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Columbia street, Messrs Dennis E. Mahoney and Thomas Sugrue — appeared, not to object to the taking of land for the sewer, but to object to being assessed for such sewer, as both have already provided their estates with drainage facilities, the former into the sewer with which the proposed sewer in Columbia street will connect and the latter into the sewer in that part of Columbia street which is in the city of Cambridge.

Mr Peter Duffy appeared and favored the proposed sewer in Columbia street as being much needed, and thought that all parties on the street including those who have objected this evening should be assessed therefor.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was 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

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In Board of Aldermen — Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.

Aldermen Living Ball Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

Received an invitation from Isaac K. Story, Secretary of — Invitation ✓

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the Citizens' Fourth of July Committee, inviting the Mayor and City Council to participate in the Citizens' parade, to be held in this city on July 5th next.

Invitation accepted with thanks. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Invitation accepted with thanks, in concurrence.

√ Invitation — Received an invitation from Reverend R. H. Wallace to be present at the Sabbath Evening Service at the Franklin St Congregational church, July 4th next.

Accepted with thanks. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Bond — Received a drain-layer's bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, and in due form from -

Daniel A. Dorey, with John J. Dorey of Somerville and Willard B. Bryne of West Medford, as sureties.

Accepted and approved.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from

Thomas J. Dacey, 13 London street.

Daniel A. Osgood, 31 Meacham street.

both approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses for entertainments from

Ernest Howard - musical, literary, and slight of hand, in Bacon Hall, Thursday evening, June 17th.

Newtown Club - base-ball game, on the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Washington street, Thursday morning, June 17th.

both recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and licenses issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of licenses approved.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Martin Dyrian for a license

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to have athletic games on the Y. M. C. A. grounds, Washington street, Monday July 5th
recommended by the Chief of Police
License granted

Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for June 17th and July 4th from
John Arthur Chambers at 351 A Summer St. and
Thomas Curtis, at 68 Prescott St.
Licenses granted to sell from this day to July 5th inclusive except Sundays

Petitions ✓

Received a protest from John F. Mills and others against a carpet beating and cleaning establishment, being located at 53 Broadway, as the subscribers deem it a nuisance to the residents in that vicinity.
Placed on file

Protest ✓

Received a petition from Samuel D. Hannah by Frank W. Kean, his attorney, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows, - at the corner of Cherry and Elm streets on the building recently constructed by said Hannah, cornices as now existing, and requesting a hearing.
The foregoing petition was accompanied by the following order of notice, -
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 23rd day of June, 1897, 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 18th inst.
Petition referred to Committee on Special Building Permits
Order of Notice adopted

Petition ✓

and
Order of Notice ✓

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√ Petitions

Received petitions from,-

Thomas A. Bent and others for a common sewer in Beacon Place from Beacon street northerly;

Charles Pierce and others for a storm drain to relieve the sewers on School street and thus prevent a backing of water from the sewers into the cellars during a heavy rain

Referred to Committee on Sewers

√ Petitions

Received petitions from,-

The Cambridge Gas Light Company, for permission to open Somerville avenue on the southeasterly side for a distance of about 500 feet westerly from Medford street for the purpose of laying a gas main;

Lydia J. Page, that an elm tree standing on the westerly side of Webster avenue in front of the premises numbered 21 on said avenue may be cut down and removed;

Franklin A. Pon for the removal of a white maple tree standing on Chester street in front of his lot, as the trees there situated are too thick, making too much shade, and the white maple tree is destroying his fruit trees and injuring his flower garden.

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petition

Received a petition from George H. H. Whiting for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate numbered 282 Broadway and on Sargent avenue, he agreeing to furnish the bricks.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Reference concurred in.

√ Notices

Received notices from,-

Patrick Flynn by his attorney Francis P. Curran of personal injuries received by the giving away of the bank of a trench on Concord avenue between 120 and 200 feet distant from Webster avenue, on Friday May 25, 1897, at about two o'clock P.M. said Flynn

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having, at the time been in the employ of the City of Somerville and engaged in laying a water pipe in said trench. (Received by the City Clerk, June 16, 9 A.M.)

Sydney C. Shea and Charles L. Kyle, co-partners, doing business as Shea and Kyle, of damage sustained by reason of injuries to their horse received, at about one o'clock in the morning of June 13th, 1897, while driving on Medford street between Tennyson and Sycamore streets; said injuries being caused by a large accumulation of stones and dirt in the middle of the roadway, for which damage they hold the City responsible. (Received by the City Clerk, June 16, 1897, 7.50 P.M.)

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

In Common Council June 16. Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Received petitions for permits to move wooden buildings from.— Petitions ✓

Eliza P. Clarke, a building 37 feet long, 30 feet wide and about 32 feet high, from land of said Clarke on the westerly side of Xinal avenue (numbered forty) through Summit avenue, Walnut street and Aldersey street to land of Quincy A. Xinal on the southeasterly side of Aldersey street, near Walnut street.

Thomas J. Belyea and Henry G. B. Jenkins, a building 38 feet long, 24 feet wide and 19 feet high, from land of the Mt. Benedict Land Company, on the northeasterly side of Broadway, near Austin street, through Broadway and Kensington avenue to land of the petitioners on the westerly side of Kensington avenue near Broadway;

both certified by the superintendent of streets and the superintendent of electric lines, that the statements as to construction and

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measurements are substantially correct, and that in their opinion the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file

√ Orders

Alderman Berry offered orders granting permits to move buildings to:-

Eliza P. Clarke, through Kinal and Summit avenues and Walnut and Aldersey streets and

Thomas S. Belyea and Henry H. B. Jenkins through Broadway and Kensington avenue,

as recorded respectively, on pages 511 and 510 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.

√ Order

The order accepting plans for the improvement and remodelling of the old engine house on Highland avenue, at the corner of Walnut street, action on which was postponed from June 14th, until the next meeting, it having received its first reading June 9th, and said order being as follows, namely:-

Ordered:-

That the plans prepared by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, submitted to the City Council May 26th, for the improvement and remodelling of the old engine house on Highland avenue, at the corner of Walnut street, be and the same is hereby accepted.

(signed) J. N. Pratt

Received its second reading, and final passage and was sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That a license be and it hereby is granted to The New

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England Dressed Meat and Wool Company to carry on the business of slaughtering meat cattle (including calves), within the limits of the City of Somerville for the year ending April 30, 1898, unless such license 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 license.

Adopted.

A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Columbia street, as recorded on pages 404 to 408 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 — Resolve and Order ✓

Read twice, and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16 Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1897

The Committee on Sewers, in the matter of the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Packard avenue, submitted a favorable report as recorded on page 409 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 June 16. 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 Packard avenue, as recorded on page 410 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 June 16. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered an order for the construction of a common sewer in Columbia street, as recorded on page 620 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, June 15, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order of this date, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct, in Columbia street, from the sewer in Glass House Court, southwesterly to near the Cambridge City Line, about 520 feet of 12 inch pipe sewer with two manholes, the pipe and the manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city:

Name of Bidder	Manholes each	Laying 12" pipe sewer per lin. ft.	Estimated Aggregate
Daniel A. Dorey	$35.00	$0.68	$423.60
Richard Falvey	32.00	0.48	313.60
Maurice Bottimer	35.00	0.45	304.00
T. F. Crimmings	35.00	0.45	304.00
D. C. Collins	33.00	0.42	284.40
Charles A. Morgan	23.00	0.28	191.60
W. T. Cunningham	18.00	0.29	186.80
Charles A. Kelley	24.00	0.25	178.00

and reported 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 -- Charles A. Kelley -- for the construction of a common sewer in Columbia street from the sewer in Glass House Court southwesterly, about 520 feet to near the Cambridge City Line, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said Committee's report of this date

(signed) Andrew A. Lamont

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Read twice, and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor June 18, 1897

The Committee on Highways, — Report ✓
on the petition of George F. Burn for the construction of a driveway in front of the premises numbered 52 on Broadway, at his expense, reported an order.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council June 16 Accepted in concurrence.

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, Order ✓
Ordered:—
That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, instructed to construct a driveway for George F. Burn in front of the estate numbered 52 Broadway, when said Burn shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer, a sum of money sufficient to pay the estimated cost of said driveway.
(signed) H. H. Bury
Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence
In Common Council June 16 Read twice, and adopted in concurrence
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Resolves and orders for the laying out of — Resolves and Orders ✓
Tower street
and
Browning Road
as recorded, respectively, on pages 364 to 368 and 380 to 384 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 June 16 Read twice, and adopted in concurrence
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The Joint Special Committee, appointed under an order Report ✓

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of January 13, to consider the matter of placing a bridge over the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad (Southern Division), at the Winter Hill Station, having made a partial report, and asked for further time, submitted its final report as follows:-

"The refusal of the railroad to build a foot bridge at the Winter Hill Station or to lower the protection at that point has previously been reported. In view of this refusal and of the fact that the city can act only in conjunction with the railroad, your committee deem it inexpedient to take further action at the present time, and therefore ask to be discharged."

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

Alderman Spring offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and they hereby are authorized to, after the first day of July next, purchase that certain lot of land, situated on Washington street in Somerville, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the northwesterly corner of said premises and on Washington street, thence running southwesterly and nearly southerly five hundred fifty and forty-nine one-hundredths (550.49) feet; thence running in a general easterly direction two hundred thirty-two and five one-hundredths (232.05) feet; thence running in a general easterly direction on a curved line one hundred sixty-two and three hundred fifteen one-thousandths (162.315) feet; thence continuing on in a general easterly direction in a curved line twenty-four and eighty-two one hundredths (24.82) feet; thence southeasterly on a straight line fifty-eight and twenty-three one-hundredths (58.23) feet; which would be a continuation of the westerly side line of Joseph street if extended; thence running easterly forty-one and sixty-six one-hundredths (41.66) feet across Joseph street; thence running northwesterly on a straight line fifty-seven and eighty-four one-hundredths (57.84) feet, which would be a continuation of the easterly side line of Joseph street if extended; thence running in a general northwesterly direction on a curved line thirty and twenty-eight one-hundredths (30.28) feet; thence running

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northeasterly in a curved line eighty-five and seven one-hundredths (85.07) feet; thence running northeasterly, easterly, and southeasterly in a curved line one hundred seventeen and thirty-four one-hundredths (117.34) feet to the westerly line of Clark street; thence running northwesterly two hundred eighty-seven and sixty-two one-hundredths (287.62) feet to the southwesterly location line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company; thence running in a still more northwesterly direction on the southwesterly location line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company one hundred nineteen and twelve one-hundredths (119.12) feet to Washington street; thence running westerly on Washington street by a straight line one hundred thirty-five and forty-five one-hundredths (135.45) feet; thence still westerly on Washington street on a curved line one hundred fifty-three and twenty-two one-hundredths (153.22) feet to the point of beginning, or however otherwise said premises may be measured or described, and be said admeasurements or any of them more or less; the said premises containing an area of two hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred and fifteen (232,915) square feet more or less, and being the same premises as shown and delineated on a plan on file in the office of the City Engineer, designated as: "City of Somerville, Plan showing Park in Ward Two, Sanborn Field, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, June 7, 1897."; — and the said committee are authorized to cause to be paid for the same the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000) to be charged to "Public Grounds, Sanborn Field" account, and also the amount of the tax on the said premises for the present year, the same to be charged to "Public Grounds Account"; and the said committee are authorized to accept and receive such deed or deeds to the city of said premises as shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and to pass said consideration to be paid therefor on acceptance of such deed or deeds.

Said premises are within the tract formerly owned by David A. Sanborn and known as Sanborn Field, and are to be purchased for the purpose of a public park in pursuance of the authority conferred by chapter one hundred eighty-eight of the Acts of the Legislature of 1893, as amended by chapter three hundred twenty-four of the Acts of 1896.

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

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In Common Council, June 16. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897.

√ Order

The order passed by this board, June 9th "that all members of the Grand Army of the Republic employed by the city of Lynnville, be granted two weeks leave of absence without loss of pay, to attend the National Encampment to be held in Buffalo, N.Y. in September next," was received back from the Common Council, endorsed as follows:-

In Common Council, June 10. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Common Council, June 16. Vote whereby order was adopted reconsidered.

In Common Council, June 16, Amended as follows by adding Provided that such leave of absence shall constitute or be in lieu of the regular vacation of any employee who may avail himself thereof, as thus amended, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Further action was taken as follows:-

In Board of Aldermen, June 16. Receded from former action in adopting the order. As amended by Common Council adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the several boards of the City and committees of the City Government be, and they hereby are authorized to allow, so far as practicable, as part compensation for services rendered, a half holiday on Saturday afternoons during the months of July and August of the current year, to the employees in their respective departments, without loss of pay.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 18, 1897.

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Alderman Ball presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," relating to animals in the streets and public grounds of the city.	Ordinance ✓
Read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.	
(See subsequent record)	
Alderman Gray offered an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Laying Out of Kent street and Sacramento street."	Ordinance ✓
Read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.	
Adjourned.	
Attest.	
George S. Vincent	
Clerk	

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, June 20, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding
Aldermen Spring, Ball, Lemont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Curry present.
Records approved.

√ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved May 20, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in

Bradley street
and
Burnside avenue,

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's returns, recorded respectively, on pages 233 and 234 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.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed June 14, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Eugene J. Ford for permission to build and maintain projections over the sidewalk on Washington street, as follows: on the northwesterly side at the southeasterly corner of Caldwell avenue, the copings over two bay windows, at a height of 3½ feet above the sidewalk, each coping to be about 4 feet in length and to project over the sidewalk 12 inches; due notice of the hearing having been published as directed in said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed June 16, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Samuel D. Hannah for permission to build and

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maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows, - at the corner of Cherry and Elm streets, on the building recently constructed by him, cornices and now existing; due notice of the hearing having been published as directed in said order.

Mr. Hannah, the petitioner, appeared with his counsel, Frank H. Kaan, Esquire, and stated in substance, that before commencing his building, he presented the plans, and also a plan of the lot, to the Inspector of Buildings, for examination, nothing being said, either by himself, or the inspector in regard to the projections over the sidewalks. Receiving a permit to build, he proceeded with the work, presuming that if any further permit or license were required for the projections, or if anything in the construction of the building was not correct, he would be so informed by the inspector. He and his firm have erected a large number of buildings in Boston, Brockton, and other cities, and he pursued the same course that he has in these places. He did not have a copy of the Somerville Building Ordinance when he commenced the building or before the construction of the cornice or coving. He would not necessarily understand that a special license for the projection of this coving would be required under our ordinance, as in Boston such a projection is not considered as a "structure" projecting over the sidewalk. The coving cost in the vicinity of two hundred dollars, and was placed upon the building to make it present a good appearance. The first notice received that a special license for the coving was required, was given to his foreman by the Inspector of Plumbing - the inspector of buildings being absent at the time, or on his vacation - and at the time of such notice, the coving was approaching completion. Notwithstanding this notice, the foreman continued the work on the coving, and reported to Mr. Hannah a day or two later. The inspector of buildings on his return, also called at the building before the coving was finished, and there informed Mr. Hannah that he was proceeding in violation of the ordinance. Mr. Hannah went to the City Hall and made petition for permission to construct the coving, and the next day he was arrested for violation of the ordinance in the matter. He also

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received notice from the City Solicitor to remove the coving. He was convicted in the lower court and fined for violation of the ordinance, but on appeal, he was acquitted in the superior court on technicalities. The Board of Aldermen, on presentation of Mr Kannah's petition, refused to grant the same.

Information in the matter was also given to the Board by the inspector of buildings, the inspector of plumbing and the Chief of Police, the inspector of buildings stating that the plans presented by Mr Kannah, did not show whether the coving would project over the sidewalk or not, and he presumed that when permission for such projections was required, the builder would make his petition to the Board of Aldermen as contemplated by the ordinance. Lastly the inspector has made it a point to ask the builders if their plans contemplated any such projections.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Ordinances

Received from the Common Council the ordinances which were passed to be enrolled by this board June 16, and are numbered and entitled as follows, namely:-

No 47 "An Ordinance to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891"

No 48 "An Ordinance in Relation to the Laying Out of Kent street and Sacramento street"

both indorsed as follows,-

In Common Council June 16, 1897 Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence Chas S Robertson Clerk

Somerville, June 16, 1897, Enrolled, Chas S Robertson Clerk of the Common Council

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Common Council June 16, 1897 The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports. Arthur H Berry, Wm S Robinson, Committee.

In Common Council, June 16, 1897 Under a suspension of the rules passed to be Ordained. F D Hitt Lapham, President

Attest, Chas S Robertson, Clerk

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Further action on each of said ordinances was taken as follows:		
In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen, June 23 1897. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports. L. Herbert Huntley, H. H. Berry, J. H. Andrews, Committee.		
In Board of Aldermen, June 23, 1897. Passed to be ordained. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.		
Attest: George L. Vincent, Clerk.		
June 23, 1897. Approved. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.		
Received from the Common Council an order instructing the Committee on Highways to furnish ice for the drinking fountains in Union and Davis squares, for the season of 1897, at an expense not to exceed twenty dollars, to be charged to Miscellaneous account.	Order	✓
In Common Council June 16, Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.		
In Board of Aldermen, Reference to Committee on Highways non-concurred in.		
Received drain layers' bonds, each in the sum of one thousand dollars, and in due form, from—	Bonds	✓
Dennis B. Collins with William Armstrong as surety.		
John J. Doyle, with William J. McCarthy, and Charles Linehan as sureties.		
John B. Terry, with William J. McCarthy, Thomas D. Naughton and Daniel J. Bennett, as sureties.		
Accepted and approved.		
Received a petition for a license to collect junk from Michael Finberg, 29 Warwick street, approved by the Chief of Police.	Petition	✓
License granted.		
Received petitions for licenses to peddle goods in the streets	Petitions	✓

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from -
James Burke, Michael Finberg, Dramanter Deamantopulos,
all residing and assessed for taxes in Somerville except Dramanter
Deamantopulos, who resides at 199 Endicott street Boston, and
has a fifty dollar State license;
petitions 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 Albert G. Lyman,
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

√ 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 -
Edward Garbati, James A. Carthy, Henry Robbins and
C. Raymond Spinney,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to sell fireworks for July 4th
from -
Susie and Eunice Elliott, at 61 Newton street
Joseph E. Evans, at 578 Somerville avenue,
Gilbert J. MacKenna at 155 Holland street
Licenses granted to sell fireworks from this date until
July 5th, inclusive

√ Petition — Received a petition from Adam J. Heiner, for a license
to give a dramatic entertainment in Bacon Hall Thursday evening
June 24
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

√ Petition — Received a petition from Frank E. Lincoln for a license

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as a common victualler, at lot 5, Waterhouse street
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a communication from Henry Moore, of 31 Warwick street Somerville, stating that on Tuesday evening, June 15th his son found a valuable St. Bernard dog in Medford: that said Moore took care of the dog and now going to advertise him but saw an advertisement for a St. Bernard dog, and went to see the owner who advertised. In the meantime Police Officer No 46 (Peake) with a person who claimed to have lost a dog, came to his house and without a warrant forced his way into the house, pushing Mr Moore against the door, and a lady friend, a visitor, against the wall, and with some roughness using loud and insulting talk went down into the cellar, unbolted the cellar door and stole, and carried the dog out. Said Moore therefore requested that the matter be investigated, and the officer brought to account for his misdoings
Referred to Committee on Police

Communication ✓

Received a petition from Daniel J. Spaulding and others for improved sewerage facilities in Concord avenue and Springfield street and the streets in their immediate vicinity and for a hearing on the matter
Referred to Committee on Sewers

Petition ✓

Received a petition from Arthur H. LeFebre for permission to place and keep a table or stand for the sale of lemonade, cigars and light refreshments for July 5th, on Highland avenue near the corner of Lind avenue, within the enclosure assigned by the Superintendent of Streets for use by the contractors while erecting a building on the land there situated, permission from the builders having already been obtained
Permission granted, subject to approval by the Chief of Police

Petition ✓

Received a notice to appear in the Superior Court

Notice ✓

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at Cambridge, on the first Monday of August next, and show cause, if any, why the petition of Daniel L. Demmon, for a jury to ascertain the damage which the city should pay to said Demmon on account of the taking of land on Holland street for the purposes of the Tannery Brook Sewer, should not be granted.

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

In Common Council June 24, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

√ Notice

Received a notice to appear before the County Commissioners at Cambridge on the 26th day of June, current, and show cause if any, why the order of the County Commissioners passed in the year 1894 for the laying out of College avenue should not be fulfilled and the work completed in accordance with said order.

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

In Common Council June 24. Placed in hands of the Mayor and the City Solicitor in concurrence.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from -

William H. Johnston and others for curbstones and paved gutters on the northwesterly side of Crescent street.

Homer D. Band and others for gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the easterly side of Tower street, in front of their respective estates, they to pay for the cost of the edgestones.

Joe E. Sawyer and others for gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the westerly side of Tower street, in front of their respective estates, they to pay for the cost of the edgestones.

Edward Keating and others for the laying out of Kent street from Somerville avenue to Beacon street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24. References concurred in

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Received a petition from J. H. Gammons and others for an arc light in Oliver street directly opposite number fifty. — Petition ✓

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

In Common Council June 24 Reference concurred in.

Received petitions for permits to move buildings from — Petitions ✓

Thomas S. Belyea and Henry W. B. Jenkins, from Broadway near Austin street, across private lands and across Cross street and Garfield avenue and Kensington avenue;

Eliza P. Clarke through Final avenue and Aldersey street;

Abbie A. Tilton through Heath Bond Jaques and Temple streets;

certified by the Superintendents of Streets and Electric Lines that the statements in the petitions, as to construction and measurements, are substantially correct and in their opinion the proposed removals can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting permission to move buildings to — Order ✓

Thomas S. Belyea and Henry W. B. Jenkins, across Cross street, Garfield avenue and Kensington avenue;

Eliza P. Clarke through Final avenue and Aldersey street;

Abbie A. Tilton through Heath Bond Jaques and Temple streets,

as recorded respectively on pages 512, 513 and 514 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 Committee on Special Building Permits — Reports ✓

on the petition of Samuel D. Hannah for permission to build and maintain coverings over the sidewalks of Cherry and Elm streets at the northwesterly corner of said streets, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Eugene J. Ford for permission to build and

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maintain the copings over two bay windows, to project over the sidewalk, on Washington street, at the corner of Baldwin avenue, reported on order.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That permission be and is hereby granted to Eugene L. Ford, to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows:- on Washington street, northwesterly side, at the northwesterly corner of Baldwin avenue, the coping over two bay windows, at a height of thirty-three feet above the sidewalk, each coping to be about four feet in length and to project over the sidewalk twelve inches.

Adopted.

✓ Report — The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Daniel H. Perry for a license as a drain-layer, reported on order.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That a license 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, 1896, unless sooner revoked.

Daniel H. Perry.

Adopted.

✓ Order — Alderman Lamont offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and hereby is instructed to consider what action, if any, should be taken in regard

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to the storm water drain on the northerly side of Mystic avenue and by the side of lands taken by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners for boulevards.

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in — Orders ✓

Bradley street

and

Burnside avenue

as recorded, respectively, on pages 234 and 225 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 24, 1897.

The Committee on Highways — Reports ✓

on the petition of Lydia J. Page for the removal of an elm tree standing in front of the premises numbered 21 Webster avenue, reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Lucy C. McCarthy and others for the removal of a horse-chestnut tree standing in front of the estate numbered 45 Jenny Lind avenue, reported an order of notice;

on the petition of Mrs. Ella F. Wallace for the removal of a tree standing opposite the line between her estate and the estate of Phoebe A. Peck, on the westerly side of Pinckney street, reported an order of notice;

on the petition of William A. George for permission to stand a night-lunch wagon on Washington street, in front of the building owned by the Somerville Union Hall Company, at the corner of Union Square, reported an order;

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for permission to replace one pole on Central street just north of Vernon street, reported an order;

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Accepted

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with no additional order offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows.-

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit:-

one horse chestnut tree standing in front of the estate No. 45 Jenny Lind 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 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 14th day of July 1897, 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. (signed) H. H. Berry

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 westerly side of Cimbney street, being the one on the line between the estate of Ella F. Wallace and Phoebe A. Beck,

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 14th day of July 1897, 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. (signed) H. H. Berry

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897

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That permission be and hereby is granted to William A. George, to stand a night lunch wagon on Washington street in front of the building owned by the Union Hall Company in Union Square, between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., said license to remain in force until May 1st, 1898, unless sooner revoked or rendered void. (signed) W. H. Berry

Order granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company a location for one pole in Central street, as recorded on page 126 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. — Acceptance and Agreement filed August 17, 1897.

Ordered:-

That a license be and hereby is granted to Ellsworth Fisk to blast rock in the ledge near Jaques street, said license to expire May 1st, 1898, unless sooner revoked or rendered void.

All adopted.

The Committee on Highways.- — Reports ✓

on the petition of Alice F. Kilmer and others for a brick sidewalk on Broadway between Adams street and Bartlett street - reported an order;

on the petition of George H. H. Whiting for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate on Broadway and Sargent avenue - reported an order;

on the petition of Charles A. Kenneson for a brick sidewalk in front of his estate on Broadway and Walnut street - reported an order;

on the petition of Louis Millionthaler for a driveway in front of his estate #95 Cedar street - reported an order;

on the petition of Delia S. Gilson for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of her estate on Linden avenue and for a street opening on Linden avenue opposite Gilson Park - reported an order.

in pursuance of an order dated May 12th submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish one

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hundred, five thousand, more or less, granite paving blocks for the paving of Somerville avenue from Park street, weekly

Names of Bidders	Prices
Quincy Quarry Company	$46.47/100 per thousand
J. and A. J. Lombard	43.50/100 " or on street $47.00
Rockport Granite Co.	42.95/100 "
Charles H. Blanchard	42.90/100 "
Pigeon Hill Granite Co.	42.50/100 "

and reported, are order,

Accepted, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council June 24. Accepted in concurrence

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,—

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to construct a brick sidewalk of the width of ten feet with a grass plot of the width of five feet to the edgestones, in front of the estates of Alice F. Kilmer, and George A. Moore and Helen M. Sullivan "Trustees", when they shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer of a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the brick and the grade, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways account

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to construct a brick sidewalk in front, and around the estate of George H. H. Hutting situated at the corner of Broadway and Sargent avenue, when said Hutting shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the brick, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways account

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to construct a brick sidewalk for Charles A. Kenneson in front of his estate on Walnut street and Broadway, when said Kenneson shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer of a

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sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the bricks used, the balance of the expense 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 Louis Hillionthaler, No. 95 Cedar street, when he shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer of a sum sufficient to cover the approximate cost of the same.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and is hereby authorized to make a street opening on Linden avenue opposite Gilson Park, and to discontinue a driveway in front of the estate of Delia S. Gilson, when she shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer of a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of discontinuing said driveway.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is instructed to make a contract with the Pigeon Hill Granite Co. for the furnishing of one hundred and ten thousand granite paving blocks (more or less) the same to be used for the paving of Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, at the price named in their proposal submitted in said Committee's report of this date, namely, $42.30/100, the expense so incurred to be charged to Highways, Paving Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, account.

All read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24. All read twice and adopted in concurrence.

All approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897.

Alderman Pratt offered the following orders:- Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That the city building, situated at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, formerly used as the station of Fire Engine Company, No. One, and now to be prepared under orders which have been passed by the City Council for the use of the School and Support of Poor departments, and for other

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public purposes be, and it hereby is, designated and shall hereafter be known, as the City Hall Annex.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is requested to consider the advisability of providing temporary buildings or booths to be used as polling places for those voting precincts of the city, for which polling places schools would otherwise be provided in school-rooms, the report of the Committee to include the probable cost of such temporary buildings, and to be presented to the City Council at an early day.

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897.

✓ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That, in compliance with the requirements of Section 3, of Chapter 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the City Clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause publication to be made of ordinance No. 67 entitled, "An Ordinance to amend Section 15 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, and of ordinance No. 68 entitled, "An Ordinance in Relation to the Laying Out of Kent street and Sacramento street," in one issue of the Somerville Journal; the expense incurred, to be charged to printing and stationery account.

Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897.

✓ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Ordinances be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of amending Chapter twenty-five and twenty-six of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, in regard to the licensing of shops for the purchase and sale of junk, old metal, and

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second hand articles, and the fee to be charged for license therefor, and to report to the City Council at an early date.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24, 1897. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897.

Alderman Perry offered the following order.- Order ✓

Ordered.-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to sign in the name and behalf of the mayor and aldermen the petition, which has just been read, to the county commissioners in regard to their authorizing the city to lay out Kent street across the Fitchburg Railroad and that he be authorized to present the said petition to the county commissioners.

Be it further

Ordered.- that the mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the mayor and aldermen or of the city to cause a sufficient recognizance to be given to the county with surety to the satisfaction of the commissioners for the payment of all costs and expenses which shall arise by reason of said petition and the proceedings thereon, if the petitioners shall not finally prevail or otherwise.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 25, 1897.

Copy of petition referred to in foregoing order.- Petition ✓

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex.

Respectfully represent the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation within said county, that there is and for many years last past has been a private way in said Somerville, known as Kent Street, and extending from Somerville avenue to the northerly line of the location of the Fitchburg Railroad and from the southerly line of such location

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to Beacon street, — that, in the opinion of said board of mayor and aldermen, the common convenience and necessity of the inhabitants require that said Kent street should be laid out as a public street, in way of said city, as shown on a plan filed herewith and entitled "Kent St for Acceptance April 1st, 1897, Ernest H Bailey, City Engineer" and should be thus laid out, as shown on said plan from said Somerville avenue to Beacon street across the Fitchburg Railroad, being a railroad previously constructed, the said Kent street to be of the width as shown on said plan, and the location of said street within the lines of the location of said railroad and the crossing of the railroad by said street to be as shown on said plan, namely, the crossing (which within the location of the railroad is to be a footway) to be constructed so as to pass under the railroad by a subway for foot travel alone, to be built under said location, and the railroad tracks thereon, and substantially of such dimensions, height, depth below the surface, construction, and otherwise, as shown on a plan of said subway filed herewith and entitled, "City of Somerville Plan showing Details of Subways to be constructed under Fitchburg R R at Kent st, and Lexington st June 14, 1897. Ernest H Bailey, City Engineer"

Therefore the said board of mayor and aldermen respectfully petition that your honorable board, in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided will adjudicate that the public convenience and necessity require that said Kent street should be laid out, as aforesaid, across and under said railroad, and will authorize the City of Somerville to lay out said street or way across and under said railroad, in substantially the manner hereinbefore described, and will make such other orders or decrees in the premises as circumstances may require and as to your honorable board shall seem meet.

Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Somerville,
By Albion A. Perry, Mayor

√ Order

Alderman Perry offered the following order, —

Ordered: — That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and instructed to sign in the name and behalf of the mayor and ald.

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remove the petition, which has just been read, to the county commissioners in regard to their authorizing the city to lay out Sacramento street across the Fitchburg Railroad, and that he be authorized to present the said petition to the county commissioners		
	It is further	
Ordered:- that the mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the mayor and aldermen of the city to cause a sufficient recognizance to be given to the county with surety to the satisfaction of the commissioners for the payment of all costs and expenses which shall arise by reason of said petition and the proceedings thereon, if the petitioners shall not finally prevail in otherwise		
	Read twice and adopted Sent down for concurrence	
	In Common Council June 24 Read twice and adopted in concurrence	
	Approved by the Mayor June 25, 1897	
	Copy of petition referred to in foregoing order.-	Petition ✓
	To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex:	
	Respectfully represent the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation within said county, that there is and for many years last past has been a private way in said Somerville, known as Sacramento Street, and extending from Somerville avenue to the northerly line of the location of the Fitchburg Railroad, and from the southwesterly line of said location to Beacon street, - that in the opinion of said board of mayor and aldermen, the common convenience and necessity of the inhabitants require that said Sacramento street should be laid out as a public street or way of said city, as shown on a plan filed herewith and entitled "Sacramento St. for Acceptance April 1897 Edward S. Bailey, City Engineer" and should be thus laid out, as shown on said plan from said Somerville avenue to Beacon street across the Fitchburg Railroad, being a railroad previously constructed, the said Sacramento street to be of the width as shown on said plan, and the location of said street within the lines of the location of said railroad, and the crossing of	

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the railroad by said street to be as shown on said plan, namely, the crossing (which within the location of the railroad is to be a footway) to be constructed so as to pass under the railroad by a subway for foot travel alone, to be built under said location and the railroad tracks thereon, and substantially of such dimensions, height, depth below the surface, construction, and otherwise, as shown on a plan of said subway filed herewith and entitled, "City of Somerville Plan showing Details of Subways to be constructed under Fitchburg R.R. at Kent st. and Sacramento st. June 14, 1897. Ernest G. Bailey, City Engineer."

Wherefore the said board of mayor and aldermen respectfully petition that your honorable board in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided will adjudicate that the public convenience and necessity require that said Sacramento street should be laid out, as aforesaid, across and under said railroad, and will authorize the City of Somerville to lay out said street or way across and under said railroad, in substantially the manner hereinbefore described, and will make such other orders or decrees in the premises as circumstances may require, and as to your honorable board shall seem meet.

Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Somerville
By Albion A. Perry, Mayor

√ Order

Alderman Perry offered the following order -

Ordered:-

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign in the name of the city the agreement, a copy of which is hereto annexed, between the City and the Fitchburg Railroad Company in relation to the construction of subways under the Fitchburg Railroad at Sacramento and Kent streets.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council June 24. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1897.

√ Agreement

Copy of Agreement referred to in foregoing order.

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Agreement between the City of Somerville and Fitchburg Railroad Company as to Construction and Cost of Subways to be constructed under the Fitchburg Railroad at Sacramento and Kent Streets in Somerville.

The mayor and aldermen in behalf of said city are forthwith apply to the County Commissioners in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided for authority to lay out as public streets or ways of said city across said railroad two certain private ways, known as Sacramento street and Kent street, extending from Somerville avenue to Beacon street, said ways within the location of said railroad to be subways and footways as shown by the plans hereinafter referred to, and said Company hereby consents to the laying out of such ways.

As soon as the requisite authority for laying out such ways can be obtained from the county commissioners and such ways can accordingly be laid out, the said subways are forthwith to be constructed as follows:

The Fitchburg Railroad Company is to do all the excavation and construction and furnish all materials and everything required for the constructing of the said two subways within the limits of the location of said railroad, excepting the inside finish or lining of the sidewalls with brick and of the bottom with granolithic, which will be done by the City of Somerville.

The City of Somerville will also construct the approaches to said subways and all other work required for the completion of such subways outside of the railroad location and whatever other incidental work is deemed necessary for the finishing of the structures in a thorough and satisfactory manner.

The said subways are to be located and are to be constructed of the size, shape, materials and dimensions as shown on the plans annexed to this agreement.

The said Company is to pay fifty five hundred dollars ($5500) of the total cost of the work of the construction of said subways, including the cost of the approaches and of all work in connection with said subways, and the said city is to pay the balance of such cost; and the said company is to be credited

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(at the actual cost twice to it thereof) with the cost or expense of the work to be done by said company, as specified in this agreement, and is to render a detailed account to the City of such cost, all accounts to be mutually adjusted between said parties and any balance due from one to the other, to be paid, within thirty days from the final completion of said work.

The work is to be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction in every respect of the City Engineer of Somerville and the Chief Engineer of the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

It is also understood that only one subway is to be under construction at one time.

In Witness Thereof, the said parties have caused their corporate names to be hereto affixed this day of June in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Adjourned.

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, July 14, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Perry presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

In pursuance of orders approved June 24, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of trees as follows: — Hearings ✓

One horse-chestnut tree standing in front of the estate numbered 45 Jenny Lind avenue;
A tree standing on the westerly side of Pinckney street opposite the dividing line between the estates owned respectively by Ella T. Gallace and Phebe L. Peck;
due notice of such hearings having been given as directed by said orders.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

In pursuance of orders approved respectively May 27 and June 10, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in — Hearings ✓

Bethune street
and
Glenlee street,

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's returns recorded respectively on pages 227 and 230 of volume 5 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 hearings were closed.

Alderman Berry offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:-

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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 Dell street, an order of notice of such hearing having been approved May 27, 1897

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

In Common Council July 14, Request granted and Councilman Reed appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Perry, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Wilson, Lowell, Reed and Timson, present.

✓ Hearing

In pursuance of orders passed May 26 and this evening, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the laying out of Dell street, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the officer's return recorded on page 387 of volume 2 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Convention dissolved

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

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen

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His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding Aldermen Irving, Ball, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present	
His Honor, the Mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation by the board, as Special Police without compensation,— John H. Dusseault (Sealer of Weights and Measures) Edward A. Parker and George S. Coombs (both employed on the public grounds) Rules suspended and appointments confirmed	Appointments ✓
On petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company His Honor the Mayor appointed subject to confirmation by the Board, as a Special Police without compensation,— J. Edgar Thompson (employed as a trimmer by said company) Rules suspended and appointments confirmed	Appointments ✓
Received from the Common Council petitions of Frank H. Marshall and others for the laying out of Jay street. Simon Cosma and others that the drinking fountain in Union Square be kept supplied with ice during the summer months. In Common Council June 24 and July 14, respectively Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen July 14 References concurred in	Petitions ✓
Received from the Common Council, the report of the Committee on Electric Lines, on an order of April 28, to change the location of the police signal box on Union street opposite Benedict street, to the corner of Mystic avenue and North Union street, stating that the box has been changed as directed by said order. In Common Council July 14 Accepted and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, July 14, Accepted in concurrence	Report ✓

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√ Reports	Received the reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the months of May and June. Read and sent down for information. In Common Council, July 14 Read for information
√ Reports	Received the reports for the months of June of the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Electric Lines. Placed on file
√ Request	Received a request from the School Committee, that repairs and improvements of school property be made, as suggested in a list presented with said request. Referred to Committee on Public Property and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council July 14, Reference concurred in
√ Drain Layer's Bond	Received a drain-layer's bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, and in due form, from Daniel G. Perry with Ira Burgin and Andrew A. Lewis as sureties. Accepted and approved
√ Jury Exemption Roll	Received the annual roll of jury exemption in the Mass. Volunteer Militia from the Signal Corps of the First Brigade. Placed on file
√ Communication	Received the following communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission.— Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan Park Commission 114 Ames Building, Boston. July 12, 1897

Hon. Albion A. Perry
Mayor of Somerville

My dear Sir:—

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The Metropolitan Park Commission has received the communication of your City Engineer under date of June 22 relating to the construction of a drain and sewer along Mystic avenue between Chauncey and Winthrop avenues and acknowledged its receipt to him.

The Board has taken the subject matter of the letter under consideration and although it is possible to drain the boulevard in another way and at less cost than that suggested yet it is inclined to feel that the drainage may properly be made into the Mystic avenue drain and the payment of $3000 be made towards the cost of that drain if at the same time another matter which requires immediate attention may be determined.

In brief it is an alteration of the grade at Middlesex avenue at its junction with the boulevard. The grade of the boulevard was designed to conform to that of Middlesex avenue with the result that before reaching the river there is an up grade and then a down grade to the river instead of a continuous grade to the river. This has been very properly objected to by some of your citizens and as the only obstacle to a better grade is that of your own Middlesex avenue this Board will be glad to change the grade of the boulevard if the City of Somerville will also change the grade of Middlesex avenue. We send you with this letter a plan showing the suggested change and ask you to take steps to secure its adoption by your city, the cost to be estimated by the engineers of the two Boards and that of the Boston & Maine Railroad if a third is necessary, and to be paid to your city by this Board upon completion of the work, provided the same is forthwith entered upon and carried through without delay. If you can arrange to have this matter decided at once it will facilitate an immediate decision of the drainage matter.

Very truly yours,

H. B. de las Casas

Chairman

Part relating to drain and sewer, referred to Committee on Sewers.

Part relating to grade of Middlesex avenue, referred to

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Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, July 14, Reference concurred in.

√ Communication — Received a communication from Mr. and Mrs. William P. Mitchell thanking His Honor the Mayor and the members of the City Council for the gift presented to them on the occasion of their recent marriage.
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council July 14, Read for information.

√ Communication — Received a communication from H. J. Dunbar, Leader, soliciting employment for his military band of twenty-four pieces in giving evening concerts, his charge to be fifty dollars per concert.
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council July 14, Read for information.

√ 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 Brown, Clifford T. Gordon, George McConnell, John C. McGonagle, Walter F. Noyes and Ralph P. Robinson,
all approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from:—
Thomas F. Casey, Michael Finberg, Bernard H. Neagle and William F. Sullivan,
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 Pasquale Franzosa,
approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from the Newtonne Club of North Cambridge

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for a license for a base-ball game on the G. A. C. A. grounds, Washington street, Saturday afternoon, July 17th, recommended by the Chief of Police

License granted.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Jessie J. Vanderhill, for a license as an auctioneer.

Edward Courtney, for a license as an auctioneer.

Mrs. Kate Dempsey, for a license as a common victualler at #1298 and #1300 Broadway.

William F. Kenny, for a license as a common victualler at #259 Pearl street.

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

James H. and William M. Christie, for a license to keep six (6) horses in addition to the fifteen (15) horses now kept in their stable #139 and #141 Linwood street, the stable to be enlarged for the purpose.

John O'Shaughnessy, for a license to keep eight (8) horses in a stable #67 Derby street.

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

John C. Dugan, for a common sewer in Lowell Terrace, from Lowell street, about 150 feet westerly.

T. C. Connor, for a catch basin on the south side of Cottage avenue, opposite Cottage Circle.

Alex. S. Patterson, for a catch-basin in front of #96 Washington street near Charles street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts a waiver of notice of hearing in the matter of certain necessary changes in the locations of its poles on Mystic avenue, the proposed locations to be as designated — Waiver of Notice ✓

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by red dots on accompanying plan, dated June 29, 1897

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions

Received petitions from,-

Frank McGilvray and Karen Keith, for permission to place a stand for the sale of tonics, on the sidewalk in front of the Central Club House on Highland avenue;

William F. Purdon, for permission to place and keep a stand for the sale of tonics, on the sidewalk on the southwesterly side of Broadway near the curb, opposite the Park Avenue tablet;

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions

Received petitions from,-

T. C. Connor for edgestones in Dresden Circle, the cost of the edgestones to be paid by the petitioner;

George G. Taylor for a brick sidewalk with edgestones and a granite block driveway with edgestones on both sides, on Chester street in front of his building recently erected at the westerly corner of Elm street, the bricks, paving blocks and edgestones to be paid for by him, also for the relaying, at his expense, of that portion of the brick sidewalk on Elm street that was disturbed in consequence of the erection of said building;

Alexander S. Patterson and others that something be done to improve the condition of the gutter between Murray and Charles streets, as the water there lies stagnant after rain storms;

Fred H. Hanson that the driveway in front of the premises numbered 3 5 & 7 Bonair street be discontinued, and another driveway constructed in front of premises numbered 3 Bonair street, at his expense;

Albert Fiske that the grade of Burnside avenue from Summer St. southwesterly about 150 feet, may be raised before the completion of the setting of the edgestones and the paving of the gutters, as it is very evident that

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the present grade in the law.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14, Reference concurred in.

Received a notice to appear before the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of August next, and show cause, if any, why said court should not grant the petition of Martin & Barr for a jury to ascertain the damage by him sustained through the taking of his land, or a portion of his land, on Graham street for the purpose of the Tannery Grade Sewer. — Notice of Suit ✓

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

In Common Council July 14, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Alderman Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the license to sell newspapers granted by this board to William Pearson, be and the same is hereby revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and license.

Adopted.

Alderman Perry offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That Wednesday, July 21st, 1897, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall, on Highland Avenue, be appointed as the time and place for a hearing for all parties desiring to be heard, on the petition of William A. Pardon for a license to keep fifteen horses in a stable to be erected at No. 255 Broadway street, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the next issue of the Somerville Journal.

Read twice, and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, July 15, 1897

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√ Report

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Daniel B. Spaulding and others for improved sewerage facilities in Concord avenue and Springfield street, and streets in their immediate vicinity, and for a hearing in the matter, reported an order

Accepted.

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers submitted the following list of proposals received for the construction of a storm water drain and sewer in Winthrop avenue, commencing on Hyde avenue at a point about 10 feet south of the northerly line thereof and running thence along the easterly side of Winthrop avenue to Broadway, a distance of about 1500 feet, proposals being compared on the basis of the estimate of quantities of work, as made by the City Engineer, which is as follows:-

(a) 1,300 lin. ft. of earth excavation and refilling above grade in trench for 85 in. by 90 in. sewer.

(b) 700 lin. ft. of 5 in. to 10 in. underdrains.

(c) 100 cu. yds American cement concrete, mixed 5, 2, and 1.

(d) 100 cu. yds Portland cement concrete, mixed 5, 2, and 1.

(e) 1,050 cu. yds Portland cement concrete, mixed 6, 3, and 1.

(f) 440 cu. yds brick masonry, American cement mortar

(g) 240 cu. yds brick masonry, Portland cement mortar

(h) 9,000 lin. ft. spruce piles in place

(i) 35 M. ft. B.M. spruce lumber in place

Name of Bidder	Earth excavation per lin. ft.	Underdrain per lin. ft.	American cement concrete per cu. yd.	Portland cement concrete, 5-2-1 per cu. yd.
H. A. Harrison & Co.	$3.00	$0.20	$6.00	$7.50
H. H. Emerson & Co.	5.00	0.50	6.00	6.90
Charles A. Morgan	4.50	0.25	5.50	7.00
Charles G. Crait	3.75	0.20	5.50	7.00
Felton, Holbrook, Cabot & Daily	6.05	0.15	4.50	6.87
Dennis F. O'Donnell	4.50	0.12	4.50	6.00
T. H. Bryne	2.60	0.30	5.50	6.75
J. A. O'Donnell	3.75	0.25	5.00	6.50
Richard Falvey	3.50	0.20	4.80	7.00
Richard J. Nolan	4.50	0.30	5.00	6.50

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William F. Cunningham		$ 2.40	$ 0.10	$ 4.90	$ 6.40
C. A. & C. E. Trumbull		2.35	0.15	5.60	7.06
Crimmings & Collins		2.85	0.12	4.35	5.50
Daniel A. Doray & Co.		3.30	0.25	4.50	5.50
Portland cement concrete, 6-3-1 per cu. yd.	American cement brick masonry per cu. yd.	Portland cement brick masonry per cu. yd.	Spruce piles per lin. ft.	Spruce lumber per M feet B.M.	Estimated Aggregate
$ 6.75	$ 12.75	$ 14.75	$ 0.18	$ 30.00	$ 24,297.50
6.40	12.00	14.00	0.25	30.00	26,800.00
6.50	13.00	17.00	0.20	22.00	26,470.00
6.50	12.50	15.00	0.18	30.00	24,860.00
5.70	10.40	11.62	0.15	21.00	24,491.80
5.50	12.50	13.80	0.19	30.00	24,331.00
6.75	12.00	14.00	0.30	35.00	24,267.50
6.25	12.00	14.00	0.16	28.00	23,822.50
6.50	11.50	15.00	0.20	28.00	23,485.00
6.00	11.00	13.00	0.20	29.00	23,435.00
6.15	13.00	16.00	0.19	25.00	22,922.50
6.66	11.50	14.00	0.20	30.00	22,689.00
5.75	10.85	14.25	0.17	24.00	21,375.50
5.00	11.00	12.00	0.13	20.00	20,305.00

and presented an order

Accepted.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with an additional order offered by Alderman Pratt, are as follows:— Orders ✓

Ordered:—

That Wednesday, July 21st, at 8 o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall be assigned as the time and place for a hearing, before this board, of all persons desiring to be heard on the matter of the petition of Daniel B. Spalding and others for improved sewerage facilities in Concord avenue and Springfield street, and streets in their immediate vicinity, 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 16th inst.

Read twice and adopted

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Approved by the Mayor, July 15, 1897

An order for the construction of a storm water drain and sewer in Winthrop avenue, as recorded on page 632 of Vol. 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for, and Order to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized to make a contract with Daniel A. Doyle & Co. for the construction of a Storm Water Drain and Sewer in Winthrop avenue commencing on Mystic avenue at a point about two feet south of the northerly line thereof, and running thence along the easterly side of Winthrop avenue to Broadway, a distance of about 1500 feet, at the prices named in their proposal submitted on said committee's report this evening, and it is further ordered that the said Daniel A. Doyle & Co. shall furnish a bond in the sum of eight thousand dollars, satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Committee on Sewers.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, July 15, 1897

/ Report — The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Thomas A. Dent and others for a common sewer in Beacon Place, presented a favorable report for the taking of land for the purposes of such sewer, as recorded on page 417 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 14 Accepted in concurrence

/ Order of Notice — Accompanying the foregoing order was an order of notice of a hearing on the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Beacon Place as recorded on page 418 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order to Construct Sewers — of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council July 14, Read, twice, and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, July 15, 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That the instrument in writing, dated June 26, 1897, from the Boston and Maine Railroad, to the City of Somerville in regard to the construction of a common sewer in a strip of land ten (10) feet wide from one side to the other of the railroad's location at Elm street in Somerville, be and the same hereby is accepted.

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 14, Adopted in concurrence

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(see subsequent record)

Copy of Release accepted by the foregoing order. Copy of Release ✓

Know All Men By These Presents

that the Boston and Maine Railroad, a corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations to it paid by the City of Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release unto the said City of Somerville, (during the term of the lease of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to the Boston and Maine Railroad,) the right to lay, conduct and maintain a common sewer or drain pipe in and under the land of the said railroad situated in the said City of Somerville, said sewer or drain pipe to be laid in a parcel of land described as follows: —

A strip of land ten feet wide from one side to the other of the railroad's location at Elm street in said Somerville.

Also the right at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, during the term of said lease, and so long as said

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sewer remains on said premises and is used as such, to enter upon the said branch and to examine the said sewer and repair renew or relay the same

But the foregoing release is made only upon the following conditions:-

1. That the said grantee shall so lay, maintain and repair its said sewer as not to interfere with the use of the premises of the grantor, across which said sewer is laid, for tracks, for buildings, or for other railroad purposes, or with the moving or running of locomotives or trains upon said tracks

2 That the said grantee or its successors or assigns will at all times hereafter indemnify and save harmless the said grantor or its successors or assigns of and from all loss, cost or expense which the said Railroad may suffer or incur for injury or damage to its property or its agents, servants or employees or to persons or property rightfully upon or travelling upon the said premises whether the same be caused by or due to the existence, construction, maintenance, repair or removal of said sewer, or any appurtenance thereof, or by reason of the said sewer or its appurtenances being laid across, under, or in the premises of the said grantor.

To Have And To Hold the same to the said City of Somerville, its successors and assigns, during the term of said lease, and so long only as said premises may be used for the aforesaid purposes of a sewer, and subject to the conditions herein set out

In Witness Whereof the said Boston and Maine Railroad has caused these presents to be executed and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed by Lucius Tuttle, its President, hereunto duly authorized this 26th day of June A.D. 1897

Boston and Maine Railroad
by Lucius Tuttle
President

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk ss. Boston, June 26 1897

Then personally appeared Lucius Tuttle, President of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Boston and Maine Railroad,

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before me,

Sigourney Butler,

Justice of the Peace

Alderman Berry offered the following orders, — Orders ✓

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, — one horse chestnut tree standing in front of the estate No. 45 Jenny Lind avenue.

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, — one tree standing on the westerly side of Pinckney street, being the one on the line between the estates of Ella F. Wallace and Phebe A. Peck.

Read twice and adopted

Presented to the Mayor July 15.

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks on — Orders ✓

Arthur street

and

Wheeler street,

as recorded respectively on pages 228 and 231 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks — Reports ✓

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from,—

C. H. Huff and others, gravel with edgestones, easterly side of Bartlett street from Medford street to Lawson street.

E. G. Lundgren and others, gravel with edgestones, westerly side of Harrison street from Kent street to Mondamin Court.

John F. Elkins and others, gravel with edgestones, westerly side of Medford street from Washington street to Somerville avenue.

reported orders of notice of hearings.

Accepted.

√ Orders of Notice

The orders of notice, presented with the foregoing reports of hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

Bartlett street,

Harrison street,

and

Medford street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 235-238, and 241 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, July 15, 1897.

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways—

√ on the petition of Homer E. Pand and others, for gravel sidewalks with edgestones in front of their respective estates on the easterly side of Tower street,—reported an order;

√ on the petition of Joe E. Sawyer and others for gravel sidewalks with edgestones in front of their respective estates on the westerly side of Tower street—reported an order;

√ on the petition of Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk on the southwesterly side of Highland avenue, at the southeasterly corner of Kinal avenue, in front of an apartment building he is erecting, the city to allow him towards the cost of such sidewalk, a sum equal to one half the cost of a brick sidewalk,—reported an order;

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on an order of June 23, for the making of a contract with the Pigeon Hill Granite Co. for the furnishing 110,000 granite paving blocks more or less for use in paving Somerville avenue, from Park street westerly, at the price of $42.50 per thousand, - reported that a contract has been made as authorized by said order;

on an order of April 28 to pave Somerville avenue, from Park street westerly, and to solicit proposals for the furnishing of labor and paving blocks, submitted the following list of proposals received for the furnishing of the labor.

Name of Bidders	laying 35.75 sq. yds. paving	resetting 1500 feet edgestone	relaying 530 sq. yds. brick	relaying 140 lin. yds. crossing	Estimated Aggregate
Jones and Nesham	$1.12	$0.18	$0.62	$1.50	$5,157.60
Albert A. Lobby and Co.	0.90	0.10	0.34	0.50	3,892.70
H. Gove and Co.	0.83	0.15	0.43	0.83	3,792.85
Soule, Dillingham & Co.	0.84	0.17	0.35	0.60	3,788.00

and presented an order;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports, with one additional order offered by Aldermen Berry, are as follows, Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be and hereby is authorized, to construct gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the easterly side of Tower street in front of the estates of, Homer E. Rand, cor. Tower st. and Highland avenue -- Clifton O. Dudley, No. 6 Tower st. -- Clifford G. Dudley, No. 10 Tower st. -- Hattie Brimm, No. 14 Tower st. -- E. Carleton Greenwood, No. 18 Tower st. -- Edna F. Russell, No. 22 Tower st. -- Arthur H. Berry, No. 28 Tower st. -- Martha M. Nickerson, No. 26 Tower st. -- Wm. H. Wood, No. 34 Tower st. -- H. H. Rice, No. 36 and No. 40 Tower st. -- and B. Binney, No. 44 Tower st., when the above named parties shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the edgestones,

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the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized, to construct gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the westerly side of Tower street in front of the estates of Joa E. Sawyer, No 7 Tower street -- Warren Richardson, No 9 Tower street; -- Minnie L and Annie C Brown, No 19 Tower street -- Cornel E Bridges, No 20 Tower street -- and Walter C Trask, No 13 Tower street, when they shall have severally deposited with the City Treasurer, a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered:-

That permission be, and hereby is granted to Henry W P Colson, to lay a granolythic sidewalk on the southwesterly side of Highland avenue, at the southeasterly corner of Vinal avenue in front of the apartment building which he is now erecting; the city to allow said Colson towards the cost thereof, a sum of money equal to one half the cost of a brick sidewalk, the expense to the City for said allowance to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered.-

That permission be, and hereby is granted to Frederic W Higgins to lay a granolythic sidewalk on the northeasterly side of Hudson street in front of his estate No 75, the city to allow said Higgins towards the cost thereof, a sum of money equal to one half the cost of a brick sidewalk, the expense to the city for said allowance to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered.-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is instructed to make a contract with Soule, Dillingham and Company, for the labor for paving Somerville avenue from Park street westerly, as far as the appropriation will allow, at the prices submitted in said committee's report submitted this evening, namely:-

laying 3875 sq yards of paving	$0.84
resetting 1550 feet of edgestone	0.17
relaying 500 sq yards bricks	0.35
" 140 " " crossings	0.60

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the expense incurred under this order, to be charged to "Highways, Paving Somerville avenue from Park street, Westerly element"

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897.

Alderman Gray offered the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways in conjunction with the City Solicitor, be and hereby is constituted to confer with the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners in relation to the changing of the grade of Middlesex avenue, as recommended by said Board in its communication addressed to the Mayor under date of July 12th inst. And the said Committee on Highways is hereby requested to report to the City Council, at its next meeting, what steps, if any, should be taken to carry out the recommendation contained in said communication.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897.

A resolve and order for the laying out of Dell street, as recorded on pages 355 to 394, inclusive, of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was Resolve and Order ✓

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is authorized and instructed to secure suitable polling

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places for the elections to be held in the several voting precincts of the city, November second and December seventh, of the current year, and to report a list of such polling places at the next meeting of the board of aldermen.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897

√ Reports

The Committee on Public Property, on an order of June 23, to consider the advisability of providing temporary buildings to be used as polling places for those voting precincts of the city for which polling places would otherwise be provided in school-rooms, - reported inexpedient to make such provision at the present time, as the cost of such buildings would be about two thousand dollars.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, July 14, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, -

Ordered: -

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase land adjoining the westerly side of the Beech street school lot, as follows: -
Land owned by Sarah K. Hayden, fronting on Beech street, containing 4150 square feet, more or less, for thirty five cents per square foot; and land owned by Abbie B. Taylor, fronting on Elm place, containing 5250 square feet, more or less, for thirty five cents per square foot; and the said committee is also hereby authorized to move the buildings now located on the Beech street lot to the Franklin school lot on Somerville avenue or some other suitable lot, for temporary occupancy, and to use the said Beech street lot together with the two adjoining lots of land, the purchase of which is hereby authorized, for the location for a twelve room brick schoolhouse for the Spring Hill District; the expense incurred under this order to be charged to Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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The Committee on Public Property, on an order of May 26, to procure plans and specifications for a twelve room brick schoolhouse to be erected in the Spring Hill District, submitted plans and specifications prepared by Lucius H. Gould, architect with an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14, Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:—

That the plans prepared by Lucius H. Gould, Architect, and submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening, for the construction of a twelve room brick school building of three stories in the Spring Hill District, be, and the same are hereby adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the construction of the building, in accordance with the said plans and specifications.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase window and door screens and awnings for the City Hall, the amount so expended to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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✓ Order		Alderman Huntley offered the following 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 three hundred dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Fire Department account; – also to dispose of one horse now in the service of the department, the amount so received from said sale to be credited to Fire Department account.
		Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
		In Common Council July 14 Read twice and adopted in concurrence
		Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897
✓ Report		The Committee on Electric Lines on an order of May 12 to place a fire-alarm box at the corner of Washington street and St Lemon street, and another near the corner of Mystic avenue and North Union street, reported that the boxes have been placed as authorized by said order.
		Accepted and sent down for concurrence
		In Common Council July 14 Accepted in concurrence
✓ Order		Alderman Andrews offered the following order, –
	Ordered:–	
		That the Committee on Electric Lines be, and hereby is authorized and instructed to purchase a storage battery to take the place of the present gravity battery now located at the Central Fire Station, – the expense so incurred not to exceed one thousand dollars, and to be charged to "Electrical Department, for improved accumulator" account.
		Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.
		In Common Council July 14 Read twice and adopted in concurrence
		Approved by the Mayor July 15 1897
✓ Order		Alderman Andrews offered the following order, –
	Ordered:–	
		That the Committee on Electric Lines be, and hereby is

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authorized to dispose of such old copper, zinc, etc., as is not needed in the Electrical Department, the amount received from said sale to be credited to Electrical Department Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, in pursuance of an order of May 26, submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish fuel for the school-house and other public buildings of the city, to October 1, 1897 — Report ✓

Name of Bidder	Coal			Wood	
	Furnace	Egg	Stove	Hard	Soft
Baker Hunnewell Co.	$4.89	$5.16	$5.35	$7.75	$5.75
J. L. Smith	4.88	5.11	5.39	7.50	5.75
Dennis Thompson Bros. Co.	4.85	5.10	5.35	7.60	5.60
Hardie Hillington & Co.	4.82	5.07	5.32	7.50	5.50
B. F. Hild & Co.	4.82	5.07	5.32	7.50	5.50

and recommended an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14 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 make a contract with Hardie Hillington & Co. for the furnishing of fuel for all school houses and public buildings situated southwest of Highland avenue, and with B. F. Hild & Co. for the furnishing of fuel for all school houses and public buildings north east of Highland avenue, to October 1, 1897, at the prices named in their proposals submitted in said committee's report this evening namely, — for furnace, egg and stove coal, $4.82, $5.07, and $5.32 per ton, respectively, and for hard and soft wood, $7.50 and $5.50 per cord, respectively, and it is further ordered that the said Hardie Hillington & Co. and B. F. Hild & Co. shall each furnish a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, satisfactory to the Committee on Fuel and

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Street Lights

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 14. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897.

√ Report

Received from the Common Council the report of the Committee on Accounts, on an order of June 10 to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous, a bill in favor of N. J. Penney for the sum of fifty dollars for damage to his milk wagon by coming in contact with a tree in Cedar street, November 26, 1896, stating that the bill has been approved as authorized by said order.

In Common Council July 14. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, July 14, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order.—

Ordered:—

That in all departments where work is let by contract, where excavation is required in the streets, the City shall reserve the right in all cases to claim the surplus material if they so desire.

(signed) O. A. Gracey

In Common Council July 14. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, July 14, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 15, 1897.

√ Resolution

Alderman Huntley offered the following resolution.—

Resolved.—

That for the purpose of better caring for the sick poor of the city than by the present method, the City Council deems it expedient for the Board of Overseers of the Poor to make a contract with the Somerville Hospital for the support of ten free beds from July 1st to December 31st, 1897 at a cost not to exceed $1,250; the same to be charged to Support of Poor account.

Adopted: adoption reconsidered and lost.

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Adjourned,

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, July 21, 1897. - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Order

Alderman Lamont 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 taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Packard avenue; an order of notice of such hearing having been approved June 15, 1897.
Adopted, and Alderman Lamont appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council July 21, Request granted, and Councilman Wilson appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Perry, Gracey, Burrows, Carr, Robinson, Story, Raymond, Wilson, Lowell, Reed and Timson present.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of orders passed June 16 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 Packard avenue, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the officer's return, recorded on page 411 of volume 1 of the Records of the Taking

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of Bonds for and Orders to Construct Sewers, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Thos. H. Armstrong, Esq., appeared in behalf of the trustees of Tufts College, and objected to the proposed taking of land because the trustees felt that they have already paid all the assessments for sewers to which they should be subjected, and are provided with all the sewerage facilities which they need, none of the land between Broadway and Talbot avenue being appropriated for building purposes, and Packard avenue itself not having been opened for building purposes or for travel, with the exception of a foot path, on the top of the embankment under which the water pipe from the Mystic Reservoir to Broadway, was laid several years ago.

No other persons interested appearing, and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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

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In Board of Aldermen. — Board of Aldermen

His Honor Mayor Curry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Huntley and Curry present.

In pursuance of an order approved July 15, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to be heard on the petition of William H. Preston, for a license to keep fifteen horses in a stable to be erected at #255 Summer street; due 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 July 15, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to be heard in the matter of — Hearing ✓

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the petition of Daniel B. Spaulding and others for improved sewerage facilities in Concord avenue and Springfield street and streets in their immediate vicinity; due notice of the hearing having been published as directed by said order.

Felix Conlan Esq. appeared as attorney for H. H. Munroe the owner of eleven houses on Concord avenue and Springfield street, and introduced testimony from James Elston, Mr. Munroe's agent.

Testimony was also given by Daniel B. Spaulding of 44 Springfield street, William J. McLean of 32 Concord avenue, Albert Fong of 58 Springfield street, Frank J. Dooling of 61 Springfield street, William H. Hunter of 53 Springfield street, and Edward M. Holt of 32 Springfield street; all of whom, except Mr. Holt, own the houses in which they reside.

The testimony was to the effect that in heavy rain storms the water from the sewers backs into the cellars through the water closets, and in some instances through the main traps of the drains also, to the depth of from one to four or five inches, bringing with it the mud and filth from the sewers, which after the subsiding of the water has to be scraped up, and the cellar bottoms have to be thoroughly cleaned. The dampness remains so long that the cellars can rarely be said to be dry. The water backs into some of the cellars — those probably which are somewhat lower than the rest — even in an ordinary storm. Several cases of diphtheria, some of which proved fatal, have occurred in the district, and the conditions stated, which have existed for several years past, must naturally have a deleterious effect upon the health of the people. Many of the tenements in the district are vacant, and in other cases tenants propose to vacate if more adequate sewerage facilities are not provided. The matter has before been brought to the attention of the board of aldermen, but now it is hoped a remedy will be provided without further delay.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Report

Received from the Common Council a report from the Committee on Highways, on the petition of Simon Connor and others

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that ice be supplied for the drinking fountain in Union Square, presenting an order.

In Common Council July 21, Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen July 21, Accepted in concurrence.

Received from the Common Council the order presented with the foregoing report, as follows, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, instructed to supply the drinking fountain in front of the Hill Building in Union Square with ice until October 1st, 1897, at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars; the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

In Common Council July 21, Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, July 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, July 21, Adoption reconsidered and lost.

Received from the Common Council, the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That a committee consisting of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three members of the Common Council be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of the exercise by the city of the authority conferred in section 1 of chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, so far as the same relates to the construction, purchase, lease or establishment and maintenance of one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of electricity.

(signed) Isaac N. Story

In Common Council, July 21, Adopted and Councilmen Story, Hilton and Osborne appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen July 21, Laid upon the table.

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√ Request	Received a request from the Water Board for an additional appropriation of $25,000 for the purpose of replacing, during the present year, the poorest of the cement-lined water mains, of which twelve miles are yet remaining in our streets, with heavy iron pipe, such as is laid at the present day. Referred to Committee on Finance, and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council July 21 Reference concurred in
√ Petition	Received a petition from John A. Marsh, engaged in the coal business at 65 & 67 Bow street, that he may be appointed a weigher of coal. Referred to the Mayor
√ Drain Layer's Bond	Received a drain layer's bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, and in due form, from— William J. Fitzgerald, with John Walsh and Maurice Fitzgerald as sureties. 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, — William A. Brodie, A. Oscar Bergstrom and William F. Goss all approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted
√ Petitions	Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from— George H. Kinney, Isaac Marks, Peter Predaris and Jeremiah Sullivan all approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted
√ Petition	Received a petition from Division 29, A. O. H. for a license to give a sacred concert and lecture in G. A. R. Hall Gilman square, Sunday evening July 18.

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recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor, but received by the City Clerk too late for the issuing of the license.
Placed on file.

Received a petition from John B. McLean for a license to buy and sell second-hand articles at his store #33 Bow street. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from F. B. Hoffman and others for two catch-basins in the hollow part of Francesca avenue. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓
Susan S. and Edward L. Stetson for the relaying of the sidewalks in front of houses #38 Harvard street and #1 & #3 Harvard Place;
G. H. Hiller for the removal of an obstruction in Hillside Park near his premises;
William A. Snow and others that the grade of Francesca avenue be changed and that the hill in said avenue nearest Elm street be lowered twelve inches, and the hollow between the hill and Liberty avenue filled in, thereby making an easy and well-defined grade to Elm street;
Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 21, Reference concurred in.

Received a petition from R. F. True for the Evangelistic Association of New England, for permission to erect a tent on the City land at the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, and to hold religious services in said tent on Sundays and week days, for a period not to extend beyond the fifteenth day of September next. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council July 21. Reference concurred in.

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√ Notice of Suit

Received a notice to appear in the Superior Court at Cambridge on the first Monday of August next and answer to Patrick Flynn of Somerville in an action of tort, to the damage of said Flynn (as he says) the sum of five thousand dollars.

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

In Common Council July 21. Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Licenses:-

on the petition of Jesse J. Underhill for a license as an auctioneer, reported an order;

on the petition of Edward Courtney, for a license as an auctioneer and for a hearing in the matter, reported an order;

on the petition of Edward Courtney, for a license as a pawn-broker at 67½ Union Square, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Jacob Dumont, for a license as a common victualler, at 145 Somerville avenue, and the petition of Frank Fuchs and others praying that such license be granted to Jacob Dumont, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of William V. Young, for a license as a common victualler, at 259 Pearl street, reported an order;

on the petitions of Frank E. Lincoln, at lot 8 Waterhouse street and Noah O. Robinson at 123 A. Washington street, for licenses as common victuallers, reported an order;

on the petitions of Karl Miller and others for a license as a street band, and of Andrew Bergonzey, Labadini Giulio and Antonio Germani for licenses to play hand organs in the streets, reported an order;

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That a license as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of

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May, 1897, be issued to the following named persons, when the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for each license; 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.

Jesse J. Rinderhall

Adopted

Ordered:-

That Wednesday, July 28th, at eight o'clock A.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall be assigned as the time and place for a hearing before this board of all persons desiring to be heard on the petition of Edward Bouteny for a license as an auctioneer, 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 July 22, 1897

Ordered:-

That a license be, and is hereby granted, to William F. Young, as a common victualler at his place of business No. 259 Pearl street, said license to expire May 1st, 1898, unless sooner revoked or surrendered sooner.

Adopted

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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Frank B. Lincoln	Waterhouse street (Lot 8)
Noah O. Robinson	120 & Washington street

Adopted

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Ordered:-

That a license 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 license, 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.

Name, etc.

Karl Miller and four others, - as a street band
Andrew Berzongey, - to play a hand-organ
Labadine Ginlio, - " "
Antonio Jermani, - " "

Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Special Building Permits,-

on the petition of William H. Barstow for a license to keep fifteen horses in a stable to be erected at #355 Summer street, reported an order;

on the petition of James H. and William M. Christie for a license to keep six horses in addition to the fifteen horses now kept in their stable #139 and #141 Linwood street, the stable to be enlarged for the purpose, reported an order;

Accepted

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:

Ordered:-

That permission be and hereby is granted to Wm. H. Barstow to keep fifteen horses in a stable to be erected at No. 355 Summer street

Adopted

Ordered:-

That a license be, and it hereby is granted to James H. and William M. Christie to keep six additional horses in an addition to be made to their stable at Nos 139 and 141 Linwood street, the number now kept in said stable being fifteen, and making twenty-

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one hours in all.

Adopted

A resolve and order for the taking of land for the construction of a common sewer in Packard avenue, as recorded on pages 412 to 416 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 — Resolve and Order ✓

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, July 21. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, July 22, 1897.

Alderman Lamont offered an order for the construction of a common sewer in Packard avenue and Electric avenue as recorded on page 624 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 ✓

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, July 22, 1897.

The Committee on Sewers submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Packard and Electric avenues from the sewer in Broadway to a point in Electric avenue near Curtis street, about 445 feet of 24 x 16 inch brick sewer, and 230 feet of 12 inch, 240 feet of 10 inch, and 175 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with four manhole, the work requiring about 40 cubic yards of rock excavation, and the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the City. — Report ✓

Names of Bidders	Manhole each	Rock excavation per cubic yard	24" x 16" brick sewer per lin. ft.	12" pipe sewer per lin. foot	10" pipe sewer per lin. foot	8" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
A. B. Collins	39.00	3.75	1.80	0.60	0.47	0.45	1460.55
T. F. Spinnings	39.00	2.75	1.63	0.53	0.49	0.47	1318.10
John L. Gorey	40.00	3.25	1.47	0.37	0.37	0.37	1182.80
David A. Gorey	38.00	4.50	1.44	0.31	0.31	0.31	1172.75
Maurice Sullivan	38.00	3.00	1.40	0.48	0.38	0.40	1166.60

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Richard Falvey	34.00	2.90	1.34	0.43	0.35	0.40	1101.20
Charles A. Kelley	35.00	2.50	1.25	0.37	0.35	0.40	1075.35
W. F. Cunningham	35.00	2.50	1.30	0.40	0.38	0.43	1036.95
Charles A. Morgan	32.00	2.00	1.20	0.38	0.35	0.40	1028.40

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 Charles A. Morgan for the construction of a common sewer in Packard and Electric avenues, - in Packard avenue from the sewer in Broadway northerly about 445 feet to Electric avenue and in Electric avenue northerly about 645 feet to near Curtis street, - at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report this evening.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, July 22, 1897.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order dated July 14, submitted an order designating polling places for the elections to be held in the city November 2nd and December 7th of the current year.

Accepted.

√ 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 2nd and December 7th be, and they hereby are, designated as follows:-

— For Ward 1, Precinct 1 —

The record room in the Prescott school house on Pearl street.

— For Ward 1, Precinct 2 —

A room in the Sanford Hanson schoolhouse on Hebeler street.

— For Ward 1, Precinct 3 —

A room in the Davis schoolhouse on Fifth street.

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— 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 Bond avenue.

— For Ward 2, Precinct 2 —

The hall in the Police Building on Bow street.

— For Ward 2, Precinct 3 —

State Street Hall in Union Square.

— For Ward 2, Precinct 4 —

A room in the O. S. Knapp schoolhouse on Concord avenue.

— For Ward 2, Precinct 5 —

A room in the Prospect Hill schoolhouse on Washington street, at the corner of Connel 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 southerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Grove street.

— For Ward 3, Precinct 2 —

A room in the Jacob T. Glass schoolhouse on Jaques street.

— For Ward 3, Precinct 3 —

A room in the basement of the Forster schoolhouse on Sycamore street.

— For Ward 3, Precinct 4 —

A room in the Bingham schoolhouse on Powell street.

— For Ward 4, Precinct 1 —

A room in the Knox schoolhouse on Summer street at the corner of Orange 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 on at least ten public

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place in each of the said precincts, agreeably to the provisions of section 121 of Chapter 417 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1890.

Read twice, and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, July 22, 1897.

√ Order — Alderman Pratt offered the following order, –

Ordered: –

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to make repairs and improvements at the Lowell High school, at an expense not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, and at the Jacob T. Glines school, at an expense not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars; the amounts so expended to be charged to School House Incidentals account.

Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, July 21, Read twice, and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, July 22, 1897.

√ Order — Alderman Hundley offered the following order, –

Ordered: – that the Mayor is hereby authorized, in the name of the City to sign, and transmit to the assessors the request, a copy of which is hereto annexed, in regard to the abatement of taxes on the real estate, a portion of which has been sold, and conveyed to the City for an enlargement of the lot, on which the Central Fire Station is located.

The copy of the letter referred to in said order is as follows, –

Lowell, July 21st, 1897.

To the Assessors of Taxes of the City of Lowell:

Whereas certain real estate in Lowell, bounded by Medford street, Hebrew street, location of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, now known as the Boston & Maine Railroad, Southern Division, and land of the City of Lowell, on which the Central Fire Station is located, was on May 1st, 1897, owned by E. Amory Stevens, and the assessors have assessed a tax upon said real estate, and

Whereas said real estate has been subsequently divided by sale by the owner thereof, namely, by a deed given by Frank E.

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Harmon to the City of Somerville, conveying to the City a strip of land of the width of twenty (20) feet and bounded southwesterly by said land of the City of Somerville, on which the Central Fire Station is located, southeasterly by Medford street, northwesterly by a line running between these bounds as indicated on the plan hereinafter referred to, and northeasterly on said location of the Boston and Maine Railroad, being the strip as laid down and delineated on a plan thereof, a copy of which is on file in the office of the city engineer and the original of which is recorded with Middlesex (South District) Deeds, with the said deed to the City of Somerville, and

Whereas a record of such division has been made on said registry of deeds by recording on July 16th, 1897, the said deed from said Harmon to the City.

Now, Therefore, the City of Somerville in pursuance of the statute in said case made and provided, requests the assessors to apportion said tax for the year 1897, (and the costs and interest, if any, accrued thereon) upon the several parcels into which said real estate has been divided as aforesaid, in proportion to the value of each parcel thereof.

Yours respectfully,

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Adopted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council July 21, Adopted in concurrence
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Alderman Huntley offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That notice be given to Frederick M. Burrows of said Somerville by service upon him of a copy of this order by the city messenger or any constable of the City that by a deed from Frank B. Harmon to the City of Somerville, dated July 15th, 1897, and recorded July 16, 1897, with Middlesex (South District) Deeds, there was conveyed to the City of Somerville and the City has purchased and now owns the tract of land in said Somerville, located on Medford street, a description of which tract as

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conveyed by said deed is hereto annexed; that the city is informed that said Burrows claims to own buildings and fixtures located on said land which were conveyed to the City as aforesaid, and to occupy or have occupied said premises; that, as the City of Somerville desires to take possession of said premises, the said Burrows be, and he hereby is notified to vacate them without delay (the City hereby demanding possession of the same) and to remove therefrom without delay all buildings, fixtures, or other property thereon belonging to him; that (the City not waiving in any respect the foregoing notice but insisting upon the same, and that said Burrows shall vacate the premises without delay, and not granting any rights of possession or occupation or otherwise in said premises for the term hereinafter mentioned or for any other time) the said Burrows may have one month from and after the twenty-fourth day of the present July in which to remove from said premises all buildings, fixtures, and property thereon owned by him, and that if all such buildings, fixtures, and property shall not be removed within said period of one month, they will be left thereon, at his peril, and they will be removed, destroyed, or disposed of as the City shall determine.

Description of Tract

A certain parcel or parcel of land located on Medford street in said Somerville, and being the parcel of land as laid down and delineated on a certain plan recorded with the deed from Harmon to City of Somerville, entitled "City of Somerville Plan showing land purchased adjoining the northwesterly side of the Central Fire Alm Lot at the junction of Medford St. and Highland Ave. June 28, 1897. Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," and said parcel is bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the southerly corner of said premises on Medford street, and on the line thereof indicated on said plan as "Present Street Line" and at land of City of Somerville; thence running northwesterly on said Medford street twenty (20) feet to a stone bound and to the hole drilled in the top of said stone bound or post; thence running northeasterly on land now or formerly of Harmon eighty-six and ninety one-hundredths (86.90) feet to the location of the Boston and Lowell

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Railroad, now known as the Boston and Maine Railroad, Southern Division, and to a stone bound and to the hole drilled in the top of said stone bound or post; thence running southeasterly on the location of said railroad twenty (20) feet; thence running southwesterly on land of City of Somerville eighty six and ninety one hundredths (86.90) feet to the point of beginning

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 21, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 22, 1897

Copy of Officer's Return

This is to certify I this day delivered in hand to the within named Bureaus a copy of this order and notice

Jairus Mann
City Messenger
and Constable of the City
of Somerville

Received from the Common Council the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, instructed to supply the drinking fountain in Davis Square with ice until October 1st 1897, at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars; the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous account

(signed) Isaac M. Story

In Common Council July 21, Read twice and adopted Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, July 21, 1897, Read twice and laid upon the table

Adjourned

Attest,

George S. Vincent
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, July 25, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley, and Berry present
Records approved

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved July 22nd, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to be heard on the petition of Edward Bontaty for a license as an auctioneer; due notice of the hearing having been published as required by said order.

Six persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Veto Message

Received the following veto message from His Honor the Mayor,

To the Board of Aldermen, July 20th, 1897.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith, with my objections, the order which originated in your Honorable Board, said order purporting to be an acceptance of a certain instrument in writing, from the Boston and Maine Railroad, to the City of Somerville, in regard to the construction of a common sewer under the railroad, in location in Elm street.

I have read with some care the instrument referred to in the order, and I can see no reason why the City of Somerville should become a party to it. The document is in form a release or grant to the City of Somerville, for a definite term, of the right to lay and maintain a common sewer in one of the public streets of the city. The release is granted upon certain express conditions as to the manner in which the sewer shall be laid, and maintained, and it imposes a strict obligation upon the city to indemnify and save harmless the railroad corporation from all loss, cost, or expense which may result to the corporation by reason of the construction and maintenance of the sewer.

I have no doubt that a legal duty rests upon the city to construct and maintain the sewer in such a way as not to injure

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the property of the corporation, or unreasonably interfere with the conduct of its business. If such is the case, the railroad company cannot be benefited by the adoption of this order. Still settled principles of law are not strengthened by reaffirming them in the form of a contract, and I see no reason why the city should be asked to make a formal acknowledgment of a liability which the law clearly imposes without any such acknowledgment.

My main serious objection to the instrument is the implied admission which it contains that the railroad corporation has such a permanent ownership and control of one of the public streets of the city that we cannot build a sewer therein without first obtaining the consent of the corporation. If I am correctly informed, Elm street was a well established highway long before the railroad corporation obtained the right to lay tracks across it. The granting of this right to the railroad corporation did not, I believe, deprive the city of any of its easements in the street, but merely created an obligation on the part of the city to make use of those easements in such a way as not to interfere unreasonably with the operation of the railroad.

If the grant to a steam railroad of a location across one of our highways gives to the corporation such dominion over the street that the city must be a suppliant for permission to lay sewer, or water pipes beneath the tracks, why may not the same doctrine apply to street railways? I hope the day will never come when a city's rights to provide a water supply or a system of sewerage for its inhabitants will depend upon the pleasure or caprice of a private corporation.

The relations between the City of Somerville and the Boston and Maine Railroad have always been of the most amicable nature and I trust they will remain so; but I cannot consistently give my approval to an order which virtually denies the right of the city to lay a common sewer in one of its public streets without obtaining the consent of the railroad corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Gray,

Mayor.

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Read for information.

✓ Order — The order presented to the Mayor, July 15, and returned by him to the City Clerk, with the foregoing veto message, July 24th, accepting a release to the City from the Boston and Maine Railroad of the right to lay a sewer under the tracks of said railroad in Elm street, was, after the reading of said veto message, reconsidered, and the adoption was lost by a yea and nay vote; all of the members 8 voting in the negative.

✓ Appointment — George L. Rice, a member of the reserve police force, having completed his probationary term of service as a member of said reserve force, and his appointment as such member having been made permanent under the ordinances of the city and the Civil Service rules, His Honor, the Mayor, appointed said George L. Rice as a member of the regular police force, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen.

Rules suspended, and appointment 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, -
Herbert Cole, Michael Connolly and James Ronayne,
all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from Rev. James J. O'Brien, for a license to have athletic games on the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Washington street, Saturday afternoon, July 31st,
recommended by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from Robert H. Ellis, 161 Orchard street, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows: - at No. 28 Holland street, the present building and dwelling house to be raised, and two stores built under it, the cornices

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over the store-entrances and extending along the entire front of the building, at a height of about 15 feet above the sidewalk, to project over the sidewalk 15 inches.	and
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.	
Appended to the foregoing petition was the following order of notice.	Order of Notice ✓
Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby ordered that notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this board will on Wednesday, the 4th day of August, 1897, 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.	
Received a petition from Charles H. Ramsdell and others for gravel sidewalks with edgestones, on both sides of Dell street from Tufts street to Glen street.	Petition ✓
Referred to the Committee on Highways.	
Received a petition from J. A. Marsh, for the lowering of the edgestones so as to form a driveway, in front of the premises numbered 24 and 26, Lake street, at his expense.	Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council July 29, Reference concurred in.	
Received a notice from Margaret E. Sewick of injuries received by stepping into a hole or depression, probably caused by a washing away of the earth, on Broadway, nearly opposite Williams street, and in front of a vacant lot between numbers 506 and 512 Broadway, at about 9.30 P.M. on July 29rd, 1897.	Notice of Suit ✓
Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council July 29, Reference concurred in.	

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√ Reports

The Committee on Licenses –

on the petition of Edward Courtney for a license as an auctioneer reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of John C. McLean for a license to buy and sell second-hand articles at his store #33 Bow street, reported an order;

Accepted.

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:–

Ordered:–

That a license be, and hereby is, granted to John C. McLean to buy and sell second-hand articles at his store No. 33 Bow St., said license to expire May 1st, 1898, unless sooner forfeited or rendered void.

Adopted.

√ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order,–

Ordered:–

That the form hereto attached of license to cry over goods or calling or to ring a bell for the sale of goods or to announce a calling in the public streets of this city under the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Revised Ordinances of 1891 be, and the same hereby is adopted; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to use the said form in issuing such licenses.

— Form of License —

(Seal) City Of Somerville

Office of the City Clerk, ... 189..

License is hereby granted to .....

of ..... Street ..... whose Board of Health register number whose wagon number is ..... to cry to ring a bell for the sale of his goods consisting of to cry aloud to announce his calling as a ..... in the public streets of this city under the provisions of law and ordinance applicable to such license, and upon the following conditions, viz:–

1. No horn or other noise-making instrument shall be used.
2. No door-bell shall be rung for the purpose of peddling.

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3. The bell shall be rung moderately and the goods or calling shall be cried in a moderate tone of voice.
4. The person ringing the bell or crying the goods or calling shall always have this license on his possession, and shall show it to any police officer when requested so to do.
5. The license shall use no vehicle under this license other than the vehicle bearing his name and the Board of Health register number, or the wagon-number herein named.
6. Each one person shall cry the goods.
7. No stand shall be taken upon any street or square.
8. This license will expire on the first day of May next, unless sooner revoked.

By order of the Board of Aldermen

City Clerk.

Adopted.

The Committee on Police, submitted the following report,— Report 1

City of Somerville. Com. Committee on Police. July 26th. 1897.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of Henry Moore, relative to certain alleged acts of impropriety on the part of Charles H. Reich, a member of the police force of this city, have given due consideration to the subject-matter of said communication, and beg to report as follows:—

The invitation was sent both to the complainant and to the officer to appear before your Committee, and at the appointed time the parties presented themselves and made full statements as to the occurrence complained of by Mr. Moore. Several witnesses also attended the hearing, at the request of the parties in interest, and were allowed to give testimony as to the conduct of Officer Reich on the occasion referred to in the complaint.

Your Committee do not consider it necessary to make any detailed report of the statements made by the several witnesses, as those statements were very conflicting, and much of the testimony were trivial and irrelevant. The main facts in the case appear to your Committee to be as follows:—

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The complainant, Hiram Moore, had, in his possession, and confined upon his premises, a dog which was the property of a man named Smith. This dog, according to the testimony of Mr. Moore, was found running at large and without a collar in the City of Milford, by Mr. Moore's son, and was held, with the intention of restoring it to the rightful owner, when such owner should appear and prove his title. There was no evidence that Mr. Moore had any knowledge of Mr. Smith's ownership of the dog. The dog remained in the possession of Mr. Moore for several days.

In the mean time Mr. Smith had learned that his dog was confined on the premises of Mr. Moore, and he called at Mr. Moore's house and made a request of Mrs. Moore that he might be allowed to see the dog. Mrs. Moore declined to grant the request, acting, as she claims, under the direction of her husband, — who was away from home at the time, — and influenced somewhat by the refusal of Mr. Smith to give any description of the dog.

After Mrs. Moore's refusal to exhibit the dog, Mr. Smith invoked the aid of Officer Reich in obtaining possession of the animal. The officer and Mr. Smith went together to the residence of the complainant, and found Mrs. Moore and another woman on the premises. The testimony was strongly at variance as to what was said and done while the officer remained in and about the complainant's house. According to the testimony of Mrs. Moore, which was entirely uncorroborated, Officer Reich demanded that the dog should be produced, made use of harsh and threatening language, and forcibly thrust aside both herself and her female companion in making his way into the kitchen. It was not claimed that the officer used any vulgar or profane language, or that either woman received bodily injury.

Officer Reich admitted that he entered the Moore house in company with Mr. Smith, that he opened the door of the cellar where the dog was confined, and that the dog followed Mr. Smith from the premises. He denied the use of any improper language, and stated positively that he did not push or in any way assault either woman. Nearly all of Officer Reich's statements were corroborated by Mr. Smith.

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While the Committee are convinced that the officer's account of the occurrence was established by a fair preponderance of the evidence, we are yet of the opinion that he entered Mr Moore's house, with clear knowledge that he was doing so against the wishes and in spite of the protest of Mr Moore. We are also led to believe that the state of affairs, as disclosed by the evidence, did not make it the duty of the officer there to enter the house against the objection of the tenant.

We are satisfied that Officer Reich acted with good intentions and from a sense of duty in all that he did in aiding Mr Smith to regain possession of his dog. We think it must be conceded, however, that his action in entering the kitchen of the house was, under the circumstances, uncalled for. It is not the duty of a police officer to decide as to the ownership or right of possession of property, and in this case Officer Reich should have advised Mr Smith to resort to legal process for the recovery of his dog.

Officer Reich has been a faithful policeman, and is zealous and fearless in the performance of his duties. He would be more than human if he never made a mistake. In view of the good service and excellent record of Officer Reich, as well as the trifling character of his alleged offence, we would recommend that no further action be taken upon the complaint of Mr Moore, except that the Mayor be requested to reprimand the officer for his excessive zeal in the case herein referred to.

Accepted.

The Committee on Highways — Reports ✓

on petitions for permits to maintain stands on sidewalks for the sale of tonics from Frank McGilvray and Warren Keith, in front of the Central Club house on Highland Ave, and William Purdon on the southwesterly side of Broadway, near the curbstone and opposite the Paul Revere tablet, — reported leave to withdraw.

on the petition of Miss Grace for permission to stand a sign on

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the sidewalk in front of his store No. 57 Central square reported leave to withdraw;

on petitions for permission to run wires in streets from Edward H. Foote and Lewis A. Hallon - telephone wire across Sycamore street between nos 138 & 133; Charles F. Bryant, a telephone wire across Richdale avenue, near School street; Ralph F. Perry and others, a telegraph wire from #53 Gilman to #60 Otis street, crossing Flint Delaware, Pearl and Dana streets and Everett avenue, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of the Cambridge Gas Light Company, for permission to open Somerville avenue on the southerly side, for a distance of about 800 feet westerly from Medford street, for the purpose of laying a gas main, reported that permission has been granted as prayed for?

on the petition of Bridget Hern, for the removal of a horse-chestnut tree in front of the estate numbered 95 A Prospect street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Terence H. Smith, for the cutting of branches off the trees in front of house number 113 Prospect street, reported that the trees have been trimmed as prayed for;

Accepted

✓ 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:-

1 -- A tree standing on the westerly side of Pinckney street, opposite the division line between the estate owned by Ella F. Wallace and the estate owned by Phebe A. Peck

2 -- A horse chestnut tree standing on the easterly side of Jenny Lind Avenue, in front of the estate numbered 45 on said 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 Citizen, a newspaper published in said city, and by causing a similar copy to be posted upon each of the trees before

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mentioned, that this Board intends to remove the said trees, and that Wednesday, the fourth day of August, 1897, 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. Read, filed, and adopted. Approved by the Mayor, July 28, 1897.		
The Committee on Highways in pursuance of orders dated respectively Feb 24 and April 14, reported that sidewalks have been constructed as follows:- in Avon street, on both sides thereof, from School street to Central street, graded, with edgestones; in Cambria street, on both sides thereof, from Central street to Benton avenue, graded, with edgestones; and submitted lists of assessments for one-half the cost of said sidewalks. Accepted.		Reports ✓
The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, for one-half the cost of constructing sidewalks in Avon street and Cambria street, with warrants and rolls for their collection, are recorded, respectively, on pages 473 to 476 and 477 to 480, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. Adopted.		Assessments ✓
The Committee on Highways - on orders, dated, respectively, March 24, April 14, June 16, April 5, April 14, May 12 and June 23, for the construction, discontinuance, and changing of driveways and the construction of sidewalks, as follows:- for Horton & Thompson - change of driveway at 240 School St,		Reports ✓

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Amelia Bell - discontinuance of driveway and restoration of sidewalk at 136 Pearl street, North Packing and Provision Co - construction of driveway in Somerville avenue at gateway near cold storage building, George F. Hurn - construction of driveway at 52 Broadway, John W. Scott - construction of brick sidewalk at 80 Highland avenue, S. A. Davis - construction of brick sidewalk at 4 Sargent avenue, C. E. Crowell, Lemuel H. Snow and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company - construction of gravel sidewalks with edgestones on the easterly side of Benton avenue, in front of their premises, George W. W. Whiting - construction of brick sidewalk on Broadway and Sargent avenue in front of his estate at the corner of said way and avenue, - reported that the work has been done, as directed by said orders, a sum equal to the estimated cost of the work in each case having first been deposited with the City Treasurer, and the cost of the work being paid to the city therefrom;

on petition of Aaron H. Gould, for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk in front of his estate on Columbus and Stone avenues, and that edgestones be set on Stone avenue in front of said estate, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of George W. Taylor, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones and a driveway of granite blocks on Chester street in front of his building at the westerly corner of Elm and Chester streets, and for the relaying of that part of the brick sidewalk on Elm street in front of said building, which was disturbed during the erection of the building, reported an order;

on the petition of Fred H. Hanson, for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of the estates numbered 3, 5 and 7 Bonair street, and the construction of a driveway in front of the estate numbered 7 Bonair street - reported an order;

on the petition of Albert Fiske, for the raising of the grade of Burnside

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avenue, from Summer street southwesterly, a distance of about 150 feet, reported an order;

on the petition of William A. Snow and others, for a change in the grade of Francesca avenue, and that the hill nearest Elm street be lowered 12 inches - and the hollow between the hill and Liberty avenue filled in, reported an order;

on an order dated April 14, to place on all buildings not already provided with numbers, suitable figures to designate the proper numbers - reported that numbers have been placed on all buildings not already numbered, as directed by said order;

on an order dated March 24, to make a contract with Messrs Sweatt and Gould for the furnishing of edgestones and paving stock as required during the current year - reported that a contract has been made as authorized by said order;

on an order dated July 14, to make a contract with Soule, Billingham and Company, for the labor for paving Somerville avenue from Park street westerly - reported that a contract has been made as provided by said order;

on an order dated March 10, to purchase a street sweeper at a cost not to exceed two hundred and seventy dollars - reported that a sweeper has been purchased of the Edson Mfg Co at a cost of $269.00;

on an order dated March 10, to purchase a set of crusher jaws at a cost not exceeding $180.00 - reported that crusher jaws have been purchased of the Taylor Iron and Steel Co. at a cost of $136.04.

on the petition of Irene Hagar and others for the laying out of Edmunds street, from Broadway to Bonair street, - reported leave to withdraw;

on the petitions of Charles H. Cushman and others for a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Sacramento street, and John L. Nichols and others and William B. Held

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and others, for an iron bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street, reported leave to withdraw, on an order dated Feb. 8th, to consider the advisability of constructing a bridge over the Fitchburg Railroad at Kent street, to obtain plans with an estimate of the cost from the City Engineer, and to ascertain what proportion of such cost the Fitchburg Railroad would pay, - reported recommending that no action be taken under said order; -

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 29. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows, -

Ordered, -

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, and a driveway, on Bluff street in front of the block of George H. Taylor at the westerly corner of Elm street, when the City Treasurer shall have first received an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones and bricks, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highway account; and the said Committee is also authorized to relay that portion of the brick sidewalk on Elm street in front of said block, which was disturbed, during the erection of the building, when the City Treasurer shall have also received an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the same.

√ Ordered: -

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue a driveway in front of the estate of Fred H. Hanson, Nos. 3, 5, and 7 Bonair street, and to construct a driveway in front of the estate No. 7 Bonair street, when the City Treasurer shall have first received an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of the same.

√ Ordered: -

That the grade of a portion of Burnside avenue, a public way of this city, extending from Elm street to Summer street, be,

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and the said grade hereby is changed and modified as shown by a green line on a plan entitled Burnside Ave for Acceptance, dated May 30, 1895, and made by Dana E. Perkins, C.E., with Grade line in green, added July 28, 1897, by Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer; which plan is on file in the city engineer's office.

Ordered:-

That the grade of Francesca avenue, a public way of this city, extending from Elm street to Liberty avenue, be, and the said grade hereby is, changed and modified as shown by green lines on a plan entitled Francesca Ave for Acceptance, dated July 13, 1892, and made by Horace L. Eaton, Civil Engineer, with grade lines in Green, added July 28, 1897, by Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer; which plan is on file in the city engineer's office.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, July 30, 1897.

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Frank A. Teele for the reconstruction of the driveway in front of his coal-yard on the westerly side of Holland street, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

(see subsequent record)

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on the petition of George H. Loman and others for the laying out of Sacramento street —

and

on the petition of Edward Keating and others, for the laying out of Kent street —

presented favorable reports as recorded, respectively, on page 393 of volume 2 and page 1 of volume 3 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 July 29. Accepted in concurrence.

Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice — Orders of Notice ✓

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of hearings on the laying out of
Sacramento street
and
Kent street,
as recorded respectively on page 394 of volume 2 and page 2 of volume 3, 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 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 30, 1897.

√ Order — Alderman Lamont offered the following order:—

Ordered:—

That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign in the name and behalf of the city a certain agreement duplicate copies of which are hereunto fastened, between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by its Metropolitan Park Commission and the City of Somerville, in regard to the construction of a drain or water course in Mystic avenue opposite the boulevard in process of construction by said Commission, and in regard to the lowering of the grade of a portion of Middlesex avenue, as in said agreements more particularly described.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, July 30, 1897.

Copy of Agreement — Copy of Agreement referred to in foregoing order. —

Agreement made this ..... day of ..... in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by its Metropolitan Park Commission, constituted under Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1893 and Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1894, for the said Commonwealth but not for themselves individually or jointly, party of the first part, and the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation within the County of Middlesex, party of the second part.

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The said parties severally and agree to and with each other as follows:

I.

Said city is to construct of brick and maintain a covered drain, conduit or water-course in the location shown upon a plan hereto annexed, such location being designated by the red line on said plan marked "Sewer", and being opposite the land taken by said Commission for the Commonwealth for a boulevard, and the length of the drain to be constructed as aforesaid being equal to the width of the location on Mystic Avenue of the land taken by the Commonwealth, as shown on said plan.

Said drain is to be of sufficient dimensions for the purpose of conducting away the drainage of surface water from the boulevard of the Commonwealth, which terminates at Mystic avenue, as well as the other water and drainage which will flow through such drain, and shall have sufficient openings, according to the plans now drawn by the ~~City~~ Engineer of the Commission, for the drainage for conducting away said water from said boulevard.

The Commonwealth shall and may always connect its drains for carrying away said surface water from said boulevard with, and cause such drains to discharge into, the drain to be constructed by the City as aforesaid, the connections of such boulevard drains with the said drain to be constructed by the City to be made at the openings provided therefor, and any such connection to be made only after notice to the City Engineer of said city of such proposed connection, and under his instructions and in accordance with his directions.

II.

Referring to the plan on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and a copy of which is forthwith to be furnished to said Commission, entitled "City of Somerville Middlesex ave. Plan and profile showing Change in Grade (Mystic Avenue to Mystic River) July 19, 1897. Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," the City of Somerville is to lower the grade of Middlesex avenue between Station 25+84 and Station 16+50, as shown on said plan, so that the new and lowered grade between said stations shall be as shown on

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said place, and indicated thereon by the red line, marked "Grade 16;" and work of lowering said grade is to be commenced and prosecuted with all reasonable despatch, provided however that the City shall delay the commencement of such work until it shall be notified in writing by said Commissioners to so commence the work, and that it, (said Commission) is ready to commence the removal of material which is to be removed by it as hereinafter provided:- If such notice shall not be given by the Commission to the City within a reasonable time from the execution of this agreement, or within such reasonable time the Commission shall not commence the removal of the material, or if the Commission shall not prosecute the removal of the material with due diligence, the City may, when it shall deem best, proceed with the work of lowering said grade

III

The City will permit said Commission or anyone designated by it, to take and remove, at the expense of the party removing it, and without any charge or expense to the City therefor the material which will be required to be removed in lowering said grade,* the material thus removed to belong to the party removing the same:- The said Commonwealth will remove or cause to be removed all such material, and will thus remove it with due diligence:- the prosecution of such work of removal and the place and manner in which it shall be carried on shall be as designated and directed by the City Engineer of said city, and under his inspection

* whatever right the city may have in and to

IIII

In consideration thereof, and whenever the work of constructing the drain referred to in Section one of this agreement shall be completed, the Commonwealth shall pay to said City the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2000.) When the work of lowering the grade of said Middlesex avenue, as aforesaid, and constructing the street as thus lowered, and putting the portion of the street thus lowered into good, safe and usual condition for public travel shall be completed, all the expense thereof which shall have been incurred by the City, shall be paid to said City by the Commonwealth, such expenses, however, to be certified by the Engineer of said Commission, and the City Engineer of said city, and, if they cannot agree upon such

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certification, by the Engineer of the Boston and Maine Railroad, but such expenses shall not include the expense of constructing sidewalks on said portion of Middlesex avenue in any other manner than the present sidewalks on said portion are now constructed. If damages shall be sustained by any person or corporation* in his or its property by the said alteration and lowering of said grade of Middlesex avenue between said two stations as aforesaid, or the construction of said street as thus lowered, and the person or corporation aggrieved shall have the matter of his complaint and his or its damages determined by a jury or other tribunal (the city council or either branch thereof not to be considered as such tribunal) according to law, and the City shall be obliged to pay such damages, the Commonwealth shall repay to said city the amount of all such damages, and shall indemnify and save harmless the said City from all such damages, and all loss, cost and expense by reason thereof, and of all claims, suits, legal proceedings therefor, or in regard thereto, provided that by notice in writing given by the Mayor of said City to said Commission, the Commonwealth shall have an opportunity to assume the defense of any such claims, suits or legal proceedings, such notice to be given by the Mayor to said Commission within a reasonable time from the receipt by the City of notice of the commencement of such suits or legal proceedings.

The Commission, while such material is being removed by it, or any one designated by it, will at all times leave an unobstructed way through said portion of said avenue for travellers and teams, and for access to hydrants, and will guard the work while it is being done, and the excavation and all material or obstructions in the street, by sufficient guards and barriers by day, and by sufficient guards, barriers and lights by night, to protect travellers on such street from injury, and the Commonwealth shall indemnify and save harmless the said city, its agents and employees, from any damages or responsibility for injuries, or responsibility on account of any defect in said street, arising from any act, omission or neglect of the Commission, its agents or employees, or any one designated by it to remove material as aforesaid, and from any neglect in protecting travellers from injury

* [illegible] material or

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as aforesaid, and will indemnify and save harmless the said city from all loss, cost and expense by reason of such damages and injuries, and of * claims, suits and legal proceedings therefor, or in regard thereto provided that by notice in writing given by the Mayor of said city to the said Commission the Commonwealth shall have an opportunity to assume the defense of any such claims, suits and legal proceedings, such notice to be given by the Mayor * to said Commission within a reasonable time from the receipt by the City of notice of the commencement of such suits or legal proceedings.

* all

* of said city

In Witness Whereof the parties have hereto set their hands, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts executing these presents by its Metropolitan Park Commission aforesaid, Wm. B. de Las Casas, Abraham L. Richards, Augustus Hemenway, Edwin B. Haskell and Edwin U. Curtis who incur no personal liability by reason of the execution hereof or of anything herein contained, and the City of Somerville by Albion A. Perry, its Mayor, hereto duly authorized, the day and year first above written.

√ Order

Alderman Swenzy offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Grounds be and they hereby are authorized to cause to be accepted in behalf of the City the deed, in form the same as the copy or substantially the same as the copy thereof which is hereto annexed, from Edward F. Reed to the City of the premises therein described being a part of the tract of land known as Sanborn Field, and to cause to be paid for said deed and conveyance the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000.) to be charged to "Public Grounds, Sanborn Field, Account", and also the amount of the taxes for the present year on said premises, conveyed to the City, the same to be charged to "Public Grounds, Account", the said deed to be approved by the city solicitor and the title to said premises to be satisfactory to him.

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute in the name and behalf of the City and cause to be delivered (simultaneously with the delivery of said deed to the City) the agreement in form the same as or substantially the same as the copy thereof which is

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I have compared the drafts of a deed to the city from Edward F. Reed and an agreement of the City with said Reed, on pages 303 to 309 inclusive of volume 27 of the Records of the Mayor and Aldermen, with the deed finally given to the city by said Reed and the agreement given to said Reed by the city, and find no difference between said drafts and said deed and agreement, except as follows:-

In the clause in the deed relating to taxes immediately following the description of the land conveyed, the words,-"on the granted premises", are interlined between the words, "taxes assessed", and the words,-"for the current year".

The deed is dated twenty-first day of July, 1897, signed by Edward F. Reed, with seal, witnessed by L. Roger Wentworth, acknowledged before said Wentworth, Justice of the Peace, July 21st, 1897, and recorded in the Middlesex, Southern District, Registry of Deeds, Aug. 11, 1897, Book 2586, Page 171.

The agreement is dated 21st July, 1897, signed, CITY OF SOMERVILLE. By its Mayor, Albion A. Perry, with the city seal, and by Edward F. Reed, with seal, acknowledged by said Edward F. Reed, August 9th, 1897, before Joseph J. Giles, Justice of the Peace, and recorded in the Middlesex Southern District, Registry of Deeds, immediately after the deed above referred to.

The following is also written in the agreement, immediately before the signatures:-

On 3d page the words "not exceeding fifteen (15) feet above mean low water", and the words "within the limit aforesaid" (twice inserted) and the words "as aforesaid" were inserted before signing.

George A. Vincent City Clerk!

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hereto annexed, from the City to said Edward F. Reed in regard to the construction of the street within the said premises, which are to be conveyed to the City by the aforesaid deed. Said deed and agreement may be modified, changed, or altered, and contain such additional provisions as may be deemed advisable by said committee and as may be approved by them, the deed as accepted by the City, and the agreement, as given by the City to be approved in form by the city solicitor.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council July 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor July 30, 1897.

Copy of Deed referred to in foregoing order. — Copy of Deed ✓

Know All Men By These Presents that I, Edward F. Reed of Somerville, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars, to me paid by the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation within said County of Middlesex the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said City of Somerville and its successors and assigns forever, all that certain piece or parcel of land, situated on Washington Street in said Somerville and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the Northwesterly corner of said premises and on Washington Street thence running Southwesterly and nearly Southerly five hundred fifty and 49/100 (550.49) feet; thence running in a general Easterly direction two hundred thirty-two and 5/100 (232.05) feet; thence running in a general Easterly direction on a curved line one hundred fifty-two and 315/1000 (152.315) feet; thence continuing on in a general Easterly direction in a curved line twenty-four and 82/100 (24.82) feet; thence Southwesterly on a straight line fifty-eight and 23/100 (58.23) feet, which line would be a continuation of the Westerly side line of Joseph Street if extended; thence running Easterly forty-one and 66/100 (41.66) feet across Joseph Street; thence running northwesterly on a straight line fifty-seven and 84/100 (57.84) feet, which line would be a continuation of the Easterly side line of Joseph Street

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if extended; thence running in a general Northwesterly direction on a curved line thirty and twenty-eight one-hundredths (30.28) feet; thence running Northwesterly in a curved line eighty-five and 11/100 (85.11) feet; thence running Northwesterly, Westerly and Southwesterly in a curved line one hundred seventeen and 34/100 (117.34) feet to the Westerly line of Clark Street; thence running Southwesterly two hundred eighty-seven and 62/100 (287.62) feet to the Southwesterly location line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company; thence running in a still more Northwesterly direction on the Southwesterly location line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company one hundred nineteen and 12/100 (119.12) feet to Washington Street; thence running Westerly on Washington Street by a straight line one hundred thirty-five and 45/100 (135.45) feet; thence still Westerly on Washington Street on a curved line one hundred fifty-three and 22/100 (153.22) feet to the point of beginning; the said premises containing an area of two hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred and fifteen (232,915) square feet more or less, and being the same premises as shown and delineated on a plan recorded with plan deed designated as "City of Somerville. Plan showing Park in Ward two, Sanborn Field, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer, June 7, 1897."

Subject to the taxes assessed for the current year which the grantee assumes and agrees to pay.

And whereas the said grantor is the owner of two certain parcels of land, as delineated on said plan, and being the parcels colored blue thereon, the one of said parcels being bounded Northerly by the aforedescribed premises, and Northerly by that part of the aforedescribed premises which is shown on said plan as an extension of Joseph Street, and being the parcel shown on said plan as containing an area of thirty-two thousand three hundred and thirty-one square feet, and the other of said parcels being bounded Northwesterly by the aforedescribed premises, Southwesterly by said part of the aforedescribed premises which is shown on said plan as an extension of Joseph Street, and Northeasterly by that part of the aforedescribed premises which is shown on said plan as an extension of Clark Street and being the parcel shown on said plan as containing an area of seventeen thousand nine-hundred and forty square feet, and

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Whereas, it is desired to impose upon said two parcels of land the hereinafter recited restrictions for the benefit of the aforedescribed adjoining premises, by this deed conveyed to said grantee,

Now, Therefore, the said grantor hereby for himself and his heirs and assigns, and any person holding under said grantor, his heirs and assigns, the said two parcels of land or any part thereof, covenants with the said grantee and its successors and assigns that no building except dwelling houses shall be erected on either of said two parcels, and that no building on either of said two parcels shall be used for any other purpose in whole or in part than that of a dwelling house, and that no building or part of a building on said two parcels, except the front steps thereof, shall be built or constructed upon said two parcels within eight feet of the "Proposed Street" (and of the front line of said two parcels or the said proposed street) as shown and delineated upon said plan, that is to say, Northerly or Northwesterly of a line indicated by the blue dotted line, as shown on said plan in each of said two parcels, the line in one parcel being entitled "building line – 8 ft from street line", and in the other parcel being entitled "building line", and that the said covenants shall be binding upon the owner thereof and said grantor, his and their heirs and assigns, and any person holding under him or them, his and their heirs and assigns, the said two parcels of land or any part thereof, and that the said covenants shall run with the land (namely, said two parcels and any part thereof) for the benefit of the parcel first herein described, and the said grantor doth hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to said grantee its successors and assigns an easement in favor of the parcel first herein described, that the said premises (namely, said two parcels of land) shall be and remain subject to the provisions and restrictions hereinbefore stated, and that said strips of land (in said two parcels) of the width of eight feet, lying Northerly and Northwesterly of the "building line" as indicated on said plan, shall remain open and unobstructed by any building or part of a building except the front steps thereof as aforesaid, and that all deeds of said two parcels or any parts thereof shall be made subject to the foregoing provisions and restrictions

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To Have and to Hold the above-granted premises, with all the rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or hereinbefore granted to the said City of Somerville and its successors and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And I do hereby for myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators further covenant with the said grantee and its successors and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid, and that I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall Warrant and Defend the same to the said grantee and its successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness whereof I the said Edward F. Reed being unmarried hereunto set my hand and seal this day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of }

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Middlesex ss. 1897. Then personally appeared the above named Edward F. Reed and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed before me.

Justice of the Peace

Copy of Agreement — Copy of Agreement referred to in the foregoing order. —

Know All Men By These Presents that the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation within the County of Middlesex, hereby promises and agrees to and with Edward F. Reed of said Somerville as follows:—

Whereas, (referring to the plan, entitled "City of Somerville. Plan showing Park in Ward Two, Sanborn Field, Ernest G. Bailey, City Engineer, June 7, 1897," which plan is recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds with a deed from said Reed to said City of Somerville of the premises delineated on said plan except

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the two parcels hereinafter described) the said Reed is the owner of two certain parcels of land as delineated on said plan, said being the parcels colored blue thereon, the one of said parcels being bounded Northerly by premises of said City, and Northwesterly by that part of the premises of the City which is shown on said plan as an extension of Joseph Street, and being the parcel shown on said plan as containing an area of sixty two thousand three hundred thirty one square feet, and the other of said parcels being bounded Northeasterly by premises of said City, Southwesterly by that part of the premises of the said City which is shown on said plan as an extension of Joseph Street, and Northwesterly by that part of the premises of the City which is shown on said plan as an extension of Blank Street and being the parcel shown on said plan as containing an area of seventeen thousand nine hundred forty square feet, and

Whereas it is desired that for the benefit of said two parcels of land and the different lots into which the same may be divided, a street should be constructed, as hereinafter referred to, on which said two parcels of land will abut;

Now, Therefore, the City of Somerville hereby promises and agrees to and with the said Edward T. Reed, his heirs, and assigns and those who may be owners, holding under said Reed, of said two parcels of land or any part thereof, as follows:

The said City will construct a street of the width of forty (40) feet, except at the intersections of such street with Joseph Street and Blank Street, as shown on said plan, at which intersections the street will be wider, the westerly end of said street being a continuation of the westerly boundary line of that one of said two parcels which is first above described and the other end (namely, the northerly and easterly end of said street) being the curved blue dotted line (as shown on said plan opposite the northwesterly end of Blank Street and extending across said proposed street) and the red line indicating said northwesterly end of Blank Street, and the branch of said street being continued northwesterly as shown on said plan to the end of Joseph Street, thus making the continuation of said Joseph Street and said two parcels of land bounding on said street, and the

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said proposed street and the extension thereof being as shown on said plan and colored red thereon.

The use of the said street said City hereby grants to said Reed, his heirs and assigns, but only for the benefit of and as appurtenant to the said two parcels of land, and the lots into which the same may be divided. The said City will also construct a continuation of said street from said curved dotted blue line which line is opposite the northwesterly end of Clark street, to Washington street, which extension is shown on said plan and is marked thereon "Proposed street", but it is understood that in constructing said extension from said curved line to Washington street the City will not be limited to the location as shown on said plan, but may vary said location as it shall deem best, provided that such extension shall be continued from said curved blue line to Washington street, and the City, if it shall deem it best so to do, will so restrict the use of said extension that it shall not be used for wagons or other vehicles for carrying merchandise or other articles, or be used for trunking thereon, or in general, may so restrict its use that it shall not be used for other purposes than such as a pleasure drive in a park is generally used for; which use, but only for the benefit of and as appurtenant to said parcels, said City hereby grants to said Reed, his heirs and assigns.

The City will not assess any betterments on account of the construction of said streets or roadways, but this shall be in no way construed as preventing the City from assessing on account of the construction of sidewalks or sewers in or upon said streets.

The said street will be subgraded by the City on or before July 1, 1898, and completed on or before January 1, 1899, and the said "extension" of the street will be completed on or before July 1, 1899. It is understood that the said street (as well as said "extension" thereof) will be constructed by the City at such grade, not exceeding fifteen (15) feet above mean low water, as it shall deem expedient and that the said Reed, his heirs and assigns, shall have no claim for damages against said City on account of any grade within the limit aforesaid, at which said street may be constructed, and the said Edward

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E. Reed (as is witnessed by his signing these presents) hereby for himself and his heirs, and assigns, and any person holding under him, the said two parcels of land or any part thereof, hereby grants, releases and conveys unto the said City the right to construct and maintain said street and extension at such grade, within the limits aforesaid, as it shall deem expedient, and agrees that he or any person claiming by, through or under him shall make no claim for damages, costs, expense or compensation for, on account of, or in any way growing out of, the construction or maintenance of said street or extension at such grade as aforesaid, as the City shall deem expedient, the said Reed for himself and his heirs and assigns as aforesaid hereby releasing unto the said City all claims for or on account of any such damages which may hereafter be suffered by him or them by reason of the grade at which said street shall be constructed, and of any injury to the abutting land on account thereof.

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 Albion L. Perry, its Mayor, and the said Edward E. Reed has hereto set his hand and seal this day of in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven

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Middlesex, ss. 1897. Then personally appeared the above-named Albion L. Perry and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of Somerville, before me, --

Justice of the Peace.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to dispose of the Beech street and Spring Hill school buildings now located on the land to be used as the location

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for a schoolhouse in the Spring Hill District; the amounts so received to be credited to "Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District" account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council July 29 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor July 30, 1897

√ Ordinance

Alderman Pratt offered an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 25 & 26 of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," said chapters relating to junk shops and dealers in second-hand articles, and to licenses for the same, and fees therefor.

Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Pratt, it was voted that when the board adjourns, it adjourns until Wednesday next, August 4 at 8 P.M.

Adjourned

Attest,

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to act on proposals to construct a schoolhouse on Beech street, and upon the changing the grade of Middlesex avenue, all the members of the board having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall, Somerville, Aug 4, 1897 - 5 P.M.

The President, Alderman Pratt, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Keatley and Berry present.
Records approved.

In pursuance of an order approved July 25, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of trees as follows:- Hearings ✓

1 - a tree standing on the westerly side of Pinckney street, opposite the division line between the estate owned by Ella F. Gallace and the estate owned by Phebe A. Peck.

2 - a horse-chestnut tree standing on the westerly side of Jenny Lind avenue, in front of the estate numbered 45 on said avenue; due notice of such hearings having been given as required by said order.

No persons appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

In pursuance of an order passed July 25, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Robert H. Ellis, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows:- at # 25 Holland street, the present building a dwelling-house - to be raised, and two stores built under it, the cornice over the store-entrances, and extending along the entire front of the building, at a height of about 15 feet above the sidewalk, to project over the sidewalk - 15 inches; due notice of the hearing having been published by the petitioner as re- Hearing ✓

quired by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Appointment — Received from His Honor, the Mayor, a communication appointing, subject to confirmation by the board, John F. Marsh, as a weigher of coal.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

√ Communication — Received from His Honor, the Mayor the following communication,—

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office.

August 2nd, 1897.

To the Board of Aldermen,—
Gentlemen,—

I transmit herewith a petition, addressed to myself and signed by several residents of our city, in which complaint is made of the manner of quarrying stone in the ledge owned by the City of Cambridge, said ledge being situated in the westerly part of Somerville. The petitioners pray that some remedy may be provided for the annoyance from which they now suffer.

Upon receipt of the petition, I wrote to his Honor, the Mayor of Cambridge, asking that he would take such steps as might be necessary to bring about a reform in the method of blasting now pursued, and thus remove further cause of complaint.

The grievance set forth in the petition is a serious, and of such long standing, that I would suggest the appointment of a committee to confer with the proper authorities of the City of Cambridge, and to report to your Honorable Board what action, if any, should be taken for the relief of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,
Mayor.

√ Petition — The petition transmitted with the foregoing communication

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from His Honor the Mayor, was signed by David Young and others complaining that the blasting of stone by the City of Cambridge in the quarry situated near their residences (on Clarendon avenue and Endicott avenue and neighboring streets) "has done very serious damage, especially to sick people, who cannot endure the shock of the blasting, which is often done after six o'clock," and requested that the blasting be abated.

Referred to Special Committee appointed under an order of this date.

Received from the Common Council the report of the Committee on Highways on the petition of Frank A. Tule for the reconstruction of the driveway in front of his coal yard on the westerly side of Holland street, recommending leave to withdraw, which report was accepted by this board, July 28, and was sent down for concurrence, — endorsed as follows, — Report ✓

In Common Council July 29, 1897, Acceptance of report nonconcurred in, and report referred back to the Committee on Highways for information. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Further action was taken as follows, —

In Board of Aldermen, August 4, Adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

In Common Council, August 4, Accepted in concurrence.

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of July — Report ✓

Placed on file.

Received a petition, signed by the mother of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minor, — Petition ✓

Elmer E. Hadsworth;

approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received a petition for a license to collect junk from — Petition ✓

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Hara Farestein;
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry goods in the streets, from -
Dennis M. Brady, Giacomo Cienzo and Hara Farestein,
all approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to cry goods in the streets, and to ring a bell for the sale of ice-cream, from -
William H. Phillips;
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted

√ Petition — Received a petition from Hugh H. Barnes for edgestones and catch-basins on the westerly side of Bradley street.
Part concerning edgestones - referred to Committee on Highways, and part concerning catch-basins - to Committee on Sewers

√ Petitions — Received petitions from -
The Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect a pole on Medford street, at the southwest corner of South street, and another on Elm street, 40 feet east of St. James avenue; the latter to be used also by the West End Street Railway Company; also for permission to remove poles - one on Medford street at southwest corner of South street - one on Elm street, 50 feet east of St. James avenue - one on Broadway, 35 feet west of the westerly curb line on Marshall street, and one on Perkins street opposite Mystle street.
John A. Gregg, for permission to set a hitching-post in front of his residence #390 Somerville avenue;
Thomas Miller, for permission to set a hitching-post in front of his residence #77 Walnut street;

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Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from Aaron H. Heald for brick sidewalks on Columbus and Stone avenues in front of his estate, he to pay the cost of the bricks. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council August 4. Reference concurred in.

Alderman Berry offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That a special committee, to consist of the President and two other members of this board, be appointed to take into consideration the petition addressed to his Honor the Mayor and by him transmitted to this board this evening, made by David Young and others, complaining of the manner of quarrying stone in the ledge owned by the City of Cambridge and situated near Clarendon and Endicott avenues in this city; and the said committee is hereby directed to confer with the proper authorities of the City of Cambridge, upon the subject matter of said petition, and to report to this board, as soon as practicable, what action, if any, should be taken for the relief of the petitioners.

Adopted, and Aldermen Berry and Young appointed to the committee provided for by the order.

Alderman Bell offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That the license to sell newspapers granted by this board to Harry C. Hatch, be, and the same hereby is, revoked, the said Hatch having surrendered his badge and license.

Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Kate Dunlap for a license as a common victualler at numbers 1295 and 1300 Broadway, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

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✓ Order	The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows, – Ordered:– That a license 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 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.
	Name of Party — Place of Business Kate Dempsey — 1295 and 1300 Broadway
	Adopted.
✓ Report	The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of John O'Shaughnessy, for a license to keep eight horses at his stable at 67 Derby street, reported leave to withdraw.
	Accepted.
✓ 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, –
	One tree standing on the westerly side of Cambridge street, being the one on the line between the estate of Ella F. Wallace and Phebe A. Cole; and
	One horse-chestnut tree standing in front of the estate No. 45 Jersey Land avenue.
	Read twice and adopted.
	Presented to the Mayor, August 5, 1897.
✓ Order	Alderman Berry offered the following order, – Whereas, – in the opinion of the Mayor and Aldermen and of the Common Council the common convenience and necessity require that the grade of Middlesex avenue in said city should be lowered between Station

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25+84 and Station 16+50, as shown on a plan, filed in the office of the city engineer, entitled "City of Somerville Middlesex Ave Plan and Profile showing Change in Grade (Mystic Avenue to Mystic River) July 19, 1897 Ernest L. Bailey City Engineer," so that the new and lowered grade between said stations shall be as shown on said plan, and indicated thereon by the red line, marked "Grade 16," and that said grade, as shown on said plan and marked "Grade 16", as aforesaid, should be accepted as the proper grade of said portion of Middlesex avenue, and the grade of said portion, as heretofore established and now existing, should be discontinued, it is therefore hereby

Ordered that notice by service of a copy of this order in the manner provided by law for the service of notices of the laying out of townways, such service to be made by any constable of the City of Somerville, be given to Oliver Ames, Samuel Case, and Oliver W. Ayer, Trustees under the will of Frederick L. Ames, Franklin O. Reed, Franklin O. Reed, Trustee under the will of Josiah T. Reed, Emma A. Lincoln, Frederick A. Fish, Ellsworth Fish, K. Grant Edmunds and Caroline A. Parsons, Executors of will of Solomon Parsons, Estate of Solomon Parsons and devisees under his will, and Boston and Maine Railroad and Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Metropolitan Park Commission, and to all other persons and corporations interested that it is the intention of the city council to cause the grade of said portion of Middlesex avenue to be lowered as aforesaid and to estimate the damages occasioned thereby, and that Monday the twenty-third day of the present August, at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Common Council Room in the City Hall on Highland Avenue are appointed as the time and place for the hearing by the City Council of any objections which may be made thereto.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council August 4. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, August 5, 1897.

Aldermen Andrews offered the following order:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it

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hereby is authorized to remove and dispose of the Beech street and Spring Hill school buildings, now located on the land to be used as the location for a schoolhouse in the Spring Hill District, at an expense not exceeding seventy-five dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council August 4, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, August 5, 1897.

√ Report — The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order dated July 14, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct a twelve-room brick school building, three stories in height, in the Spring Hill District, in accordance with plans and specifications by Aaron H. Gould, Architect.

Freeman and Libby	$44,991.00
H. A. Cummings & Co.	44,950.00
James T. Horton	44,885.00
H. L. Black & Co.	44,330.00

and presented an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug 4, Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and they hereby are, authorized, if they shall deem it expedient, to make a contract with H. L. Black & Co. for the construction of a three story brick schoolhouse on Beech street in the Spring Hill District, in accordance with plans by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, at the price named in the proposal of said Black & Co. submitted in said committee's report this evening, namely $44,330.00, the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District account, provided however that said contract shall be satisfactory to said committee and approved in form by the City Solicitor, and that the said contractors shall give bond for the faithful performance of said contract in such form as shall be approved by the

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City Solicitor and in such sum and with such sureties as shall be approved by said committee.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug. 4. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, August 5, 1897.

The Committee on Public Grounds, on the petition of the Evangelistic Association of New England for permission to hold meetings in a tent on the city's land at the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, - reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, August 4. Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:-

That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to the Evangelistic Association of New England to erect a tent on the city land at the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, and to hold religious services in said tent on Sundays and week days for a period not to extend beyond the fifteenth day of September next.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, August 4. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, August 5, 1897.

The Committee on Electric Lines, on an order dated May 12, for the purchase of a democrat wagon, for the use of the Superintendent of Electric Lines, reported that such wagon has been purchased of G. H. Chadwick, at a cost of $135.00. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, August 4. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Finance, on the request of the Somerville Mystic Water Board, for an additional appropriation of $25,000 for the substitution of iron for cement-lined water pipe in the streets, reported that, in the judgment of said committee, it is inexpedient — Report ✓

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to make an additional appropriation for that purpose, the committee having ascertained, from the Metropolitan Water Board, that there will be no additional pressure, due to the introduction of the Metropolitan Water Supply

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, August 4. Accepted in concurrence

√ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Ordinances be, and it hereby is, instructed to bring on an ordinance relative to the laying of plank walks outside of such portions of the sidewalks as may be fenced off temporarily for building, or other purpose

In Common Council, August 4. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, August 4. Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor August 5, 1897

√ Resignation

Received the following communication from the City Solicitor,-

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Somerville:-

I hereby resign as City Solicitor of the City, my resignation to take effect on the fifteenth day of the present August, and as much earlier, as you may elect my successor.

I assign such date because I desire time to go away on a vacation, of which from remarks I am in much need, and when I return I shall have business engagements to attend to, which will preclude my giving further attention to the affairs of the City.

This is the tenth year successively of my incumbency of the office, and during that term the law business of the City has constantly increased from year to year, and especially during the last few years it has so rapidly increased, and become of such magnitude and importance and thus taken so much of my time, that I cannot afford longer to attend to it, and to neglect my private practice.

Yours respectfully,

Somerville Aug 4 1897 J. F. Bowman

Wednesday, August 4, 1897

Action postponed until night meeting. Vote postponing action reconsidered week last.

Adjourned until Wednesday, August 18, at 8 P. M.

Attest,

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville, August 15, 1897 - 8 P.M.

The President, Alderman Pratt, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Gray present.
Records approved.

✓ Order

Alderman Gray 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, on the proposed laying out of Kent street and Sacramento street; order of notice of said hearings having been approved July 20, 1897.
Adopted, and Alderman Gray appointed, as messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, Aug. 15, Request granted and Councilman Reed appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council.

The President of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Pratt, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Gray, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Gray, Gracey, Spence, Carr, Macdonald, Hey, Raymond, Wilson, Lovell, Reed and Farmer present.

✓ Hearings

In pursuance of orders passed July 29th, and this evening, hearings were given, for all persons desiring to object, on the laying out of

Sacramento street

and

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Kent street

all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the Officers' Returns recorded, respectively, on page 395 of volume 2, and page 3 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Mr Albert Birch appeared and objected to the laying out of Kent street. The entrance to the subway will be opposite his premises with a space about seven feet wide between it and his line. Thinks the laying out will do his property no good. Objects to the subway: thinks it unnecessary, especially if another is to be at Sacramento street: it will be too low to drain into the sewer but will drain into a catch-basin, which must be bailed or pumped out: subway will be dirty, and he doubts if women and children will like to go down into it with the chance of meeting street loafers there. A foot bridge would be preferable. Subway will be but temporary, as when the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad are depressed it will be of no use.

No other 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 Board of Aldermen returned to its chamber. — Convention dissolved

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In Board of Aldermen — Board of Aldermen

The President, Alderman Pratt, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.

Received a drain layer's bond, in the sum of one thousand dollars, and in due form, from Charles A. Morgan, with Charles S. Butters as surety. — Drain Layer's Bond ✓

Accepted and approved.

Received a petition from Nathan D. Gillis, for appointment — Petition ✓

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as a weigher of coal.
Referred to the Mayor.

√ Petition — Received a petition - signed by the mother of the proposed licensee - that a license to sell newspapers be granted to the following-named minor:
John J. Rogan, 38 Nashua St., aged 12 years,
approved by the Chief of Police
License granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk from William Ford and Harris Handel, both of Cambridge;
both approved by the Chief of Police
Licenses granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from -
Michael J. Bacey, Frank Ellis, and Harris Handel;
all approved by the Chief of Police
Laid on the table.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from -
√ S. E. Putney, for the Somerville Section of the Socialist Labor party, for permission to hold meetings at Union Square Saturday evenings, commencing Sept. 18, and continuing until the November state election;
√ S. E. Putney, for the Somerville Section of the Socialist Labor party, that some place be designated, on the public streets near Union Square, Davis Square, and East Somerville, where the Socialist Labor Party or any other organization may hold public meetings between this date and the coming State election; said Putney also asking for a few moments to address the board on the matter, and for immediate action;
Fred E. Davis, for a license as an auctioneer;
Henry Van Iderstine for a license as an auctioneer;

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Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Received a petition from John F. Fay, for a license to keep, for public hire, one food table, at No 14½ Medford street. — Petition ✓

Placed on file.

Received a petition from Fulton O'Brien, for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows:— At No 4 Union Square, the coving of a two-story building, twenty-three feet in length, to be made uniform with the coving of the adjoining building, and then to project over the sidewalk (as does the coving of said adjoining building) fourteen inches. — Petition ✓ and

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Appended to the foregoing petition was the following order:— Order of Notice ✓

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered that seven days' notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that the Board will on Monday, the 23rd day of August, 1897, at 5½ 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 persons who deem themselves aggrieved 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 20th inst.

Adopted.

Received petitions from:— Petitions ✓

Jennie F. Greenlow, for the removal of a tree standing in front of her premises, No 75 Cedar street, as it injures the appearance of the house and annoys the petitioner by the branches touching the house.

Edwin F. Peck, for permission to place and maintain a shelf, during business hours, on the front of his store (fruit, candy, etc) No 1-21 Highland avenue; said shelf to be about five feet long and to project over the sidewalk twenty-one inches, and to be removed or dropped at night.

J. Brennan & Co, for permission to put one guy post on Medford street and to cross Medford street with two wire guy ropes.

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and Thurston street with one wire guy rope for a derrick at the new church, at the corner of Thurston and Medford streets.

Somerville Electric Light Company for locations for poles, - 1 on Highland Ave, S.E. corner Willow Ave, to be occupied also by the West End Street Railway Company; 5 on Willow Ave. between Elm and Summer streets, to be occupied, together with said Light company's poles on Willow Ave between Summer street and Highland Ave, by The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, the present poles in said desired new locations to be removed.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from, -

Lydia J Church and others, for brick sidewalks on Robinson street they to pay for the materials used.

Nathan H Reed for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk in front of his estate, Pinckney street, corner of Pearl street.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug 18, Reference concurred in.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Ira L. Roberts and others, for an electric light in Abbotson street, near the premises owned by Andrew C. Spring.

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

In Common Council Aug 18, Reference concurred in.

√ Notice of Claim

Received notice from H. F. Atwell that on Wednesday, August 4th his horse was frightened by the Steam Roller at work on Newbury street, causing damage to the extent of $11.20, which he claims the City should pay.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug 18, Reference concurred in.

√ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order, -

Ordered: -

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That a license, 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 to be kept under said license; such license to expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Number of Tables or Alleys				To be kept at
	Billiard Tables	Pool Tables	Sippio Tables	Bowling Alleys	
John F. Fay		1			14½ Medford St.

Adopted

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Alexander S. Patterson and others, for the location of a catch-basin in front of 36 Washington street, near the corner of Charles street, reported that the catch-basin located in that vicinity has been reconstructed. — Report ✓

Assented

Alderman Lamont offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That on the receipt, by the city treasurer, of the sum of seventeen and 25/100 dollars for the privilege of draining into the Tannery Brook sewer, the parcel of land hereinafter described, together with the buildings thereon, now or formerly owned by Charles A. Mason of Cambridge, the city engineer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue a permit to connect said land and buildings with said sewer. Said parcel of land is marked "Lot 6" on a plan dated December 31, 1896, entitled "Sheet 21, Tannery Brook Valley Storm Drain and Sewer", made by Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer, and on file in the city engineer's office, and lies partly in Cambridge and partly in Somerville, is situated on the southeasterly side of Cameron avenue with a frontage on said avenue of thirty-five feet and an area of 3,449 square feet, and its northeasterly boundary line is distant on said avenue about fifteen feet northeasterly from the boundary line between the city of Cambridge and the city of Somerville.

Adopted

Alderman Lamont offered an order for the construction of — Order ✓

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a common sewer in Lowell Terrace, 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, Aug 21, 1897

✓ Report

The Committee on Sewers, reported that in pursuance of orders dated respectively, April 5th and 14th and May 12th and 19th common sewers have been constructed, as follows: —

in Broadway, from Hillsdale avenue to Bay State avenue, by contract with Maurice Sullivan, about 450.2 feet of 8 inch tile sewer with about 453 feet of 6 inch underdrain, 2 manholes, and 1.41 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $573.78;

in Hillsdale Place, from the sewer on Summer street southerly about 135 feet, by contract with Patrick Burke, about 135.5 feet of 6 inch tile sewer, at a cost of $64.07;

in Westminster street, from the sewer in Broadway to near Electric avenue, by contract with David A. Doey, about 346.6 feet of 8 inch tile sewer with a manhole, and 50.5 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $485.46;

in Simpson avenue, from the sewer in Holland street to near Broadway, by contract with Richard Falvey, 952.65 feet of 10 inch tile sewer with three manholes, at a cost of $705.84; and

in Lowell street, from the end of the sewer laid in 1891 in said Lowell street to near Summer street, by contract with David A. Doey, about 314.7 feet of 10 inch tile sewer with 1 manhole and 0.01 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $204.76;

and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

✓ Assessments

The lists of assessments accompanying the foregoing reports with warrants and orders for their collection, for common sewers in

Broadway,
Lowell street,
Hillsdale Place,
Simpson avenue,

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and

Westminster street

are recorded respectively, on pages 245 to 248, 249 to 252, 253 to 256, 257 to 260 and 261 to 264, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Adopted

The Committee on Highways reported that, in pursuance of orders of this board, sidewalks have been constructed as follows:— Report ✓

In	Side	From	To	Materials
Bradley street	southeasterly	Pearl	Walter	edgestones and gravel
Burnside avenue	westerly	Elm	Summer	edgestones and gravel
Chandler street	easterly	Chapel	Broadway	edgestones and gravel
Crocker street	both	Highland Ave	Crown	edgestones and gravel
Elm street	northeasterly	Willow Ave	Cutter Square	edgestones and gravel
Hancock street	northwesterly	Elm	Summer	edgestones and gravel
Hudson street	northeasterly	Lowell	Cedar	edgestones and gravel
Joseph street	southerly	Newton	Sanborn Field	edgestones and gravel
Knapp street	both	School	Granite	edgestones and gravel
Kidder avenue	southwesterly	Elm	estate of Grace E. Lowell	edgestones and gravel
Stone avenue	westerly	Columbia Ave	Union Square	edgestones and gravel
Summer street	southwesterly	School	Preston	bricks
Temple street	southeasterly	Derby	Sydney	edgestones and gravel
Tennyson street	both	Forster	Medford	edgestones and gravel
Wheatland street	southeasterly	Broadway	Jaques	edgestones and gravel

and submitted lists of assessments for one-half the cost of said sidewalks

Accepted

The lists of assessments, accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for one-half the cost of sidewalks constructed in Assessments ✓

Bradley street,
Burnside avenue,
Chandler street,
Crocker street,

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Elm street
Hancock street
Hudson street
Joseph street
Kidder avenue
Knapp street
Stone avenue
Summer street
Temple street
Tennyson street
and
Westland street;

are recorded, respectively, on pages 481 to 484, 485 to 488, 489 to 492, 493 to 496, and 497 to 500 inclusive of volume 2, and pages 1 to 4, 5 to 8, 9 to 12, 13 to 16, 17 to 20, 21 to 24, 25 to 28, 29 to 32, 33 to 36, and 37 to 40, inclusive, of volume 3, of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways, -

on the petition of Ellsworth Fisk for permission to blast rock in the ledge on his property on Austin avenue west of Temple street, reported that permission for such blasting having been granted by the board of aldermen, no further action is necessary;

on petitions for permission to stretch private telegraph wires from Wm J Smith from the corner of Oak and Prospect streets to the bend in Oak street, and Edwin F Whitney and Cyrus W Babcock, across Gorham street, from No 49 to No 58, reported leave to withdraw;

Accepted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways, -

on the petition of Leonard C Smith, for permission to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of his estate No 20 Braxton avenue, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Frank A Shepard, Gilbert H Aymar, Walter E Stetson,

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and Herbert A. Aich, for edgestones and brick sidewalks in front of their estates on Browning Road, reported an order;

on the petition of William Egin for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones in front of his estate on Newburne and Morrison streets, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of J. A. Marsh for the lowering of the edgestone in front of the estate numbered 24 and 26 Lake street to form a driveway, reported an order;

on the petition of Francis L. Fagunder and others that Oak street from the bend to the Cambridge line be put in safe condition for public travel, reported that the street has been repaired;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug. 18 Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a brick sidewalk with edgestones in front of the estates of Frank A. Shepard, Gilbert H. Aymar, Walter E. Stetson and Herbert A. Aich, on Browning Road when they shall have severally deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the bricks and edgestones, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account.

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and hereby is, authorized to lower an edgestone in front of the estate of J. A. Marsh, Nos 24 and 26 Lake street, for the purpose of making a driveway, when said Marsh shall have first deposited with the city treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the same.

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, 1897.

Resolves and Orders for the laying out of Sacramento street — Resolves and Orders ✓

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and

Kent street

as recorded respectively on pages 396 to 402, inclusive, of volume 2, and pages 4 to 5, inclusive, of volume 3, 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 Aug 18 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor Aug 31, 1897

√ Decree County Commissioners

Copies of decree of the County Commissioners permitting the laying out of Lawrence street and Kent street, across the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad, copies of said decree being appended to the foregoing resolves and orders for such layings out

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 June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, in said County, by their petition to said Commissioners – among other matters – pray that they may be authorized to lay out Lawrence street across the location of the Fitchburg Railroad, 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 June 1897, 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 the order of notice on file and of record will more fully appear

And now the said Commissioners make return of their proceedings on the premises, as follows: The County Commissioners for said County, having given notice as the law directs, met at the Court House in Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of July in the

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year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, when and where the petition appeared, to wit, the petitioners by Selwyn Z. Bowman, Esquire, City Solicitor of Somerville, and no person appeared to object.

The premises having been examined, and the petition fully heard, said Commissioners do determine and adjudge that the public convenience and necessity require that said street be laid out across said railroad, and do now authorize the said City of Somerville to lay out said way across said railroad in such manner as not to injure or obstruct said railroad, and in the following manner:

The said way may be laid out so as to pass under said railroad, namely: the crossing (which within the location of the railroad is to be a factory) is to be constructed so as to pass under the railroad by a subway for foot travel alone, to be built under said location, and the railroad tracks thereon, and substantially of such dimensions height details below the surface, construction and otherwise as shown on a plan of said subway filed with the petition, and entitled "City of Somerville Plan showing details of subways to be constructed under Fitchburg R.R. at Kent St. and Sacramento St., June 14, 1897. Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer."

And said Commissioners order that said petition 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 twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Levi S. Gould
Sam'l O. Upham
Francis Bigelow

A true copy of record.

Attest,

John L. Ambrose,
Asst Clerk

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

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Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven,
The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, in said County by their petition to said Commissioners — among other matters — pray that they may be authorized to lay out Kent street across the location of the Fitchburg Railroad, 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 June 1897, 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 their order of notice on file and of record will more fully appear.

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 Court House in Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, when and where the parties appeared to wit, the petitioners by Selwyn J. Bowman, Esq. City Solicitor of Somerville, and no person appeared to object.

The premises having been examined, and the parties fully heard, said Commissioners do determine and adjudge that public convenience and necessity require that said street be laid out across said railroad, and do now authorize the said city of Somerville to lay out said way across said railroad in such manner as not to injure or obstruct said railroad and in the following manner —

The said way may be laid out so as to pass under said railroad, namely, the crossing (which within the location of the railroad is to be a footway) is to be constructed so as to pass under the railroad by a subway for foot travel alone, to be built under said location and the railroad tracks thereon, and substantially of such dimensions, height, depth below the surface, construction and otherwise, as shown on a plan of said subway filed with the petition, and entitled "City of Somerville. Plans showing details of subway to be constructed under Fitchburg R.R. at Kent Street and Sacramento St. June 14 1897. Ernest G. Bailey, City Engineer."

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And said Commissioners order that said return 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 twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Leon S. Gould.
Saml. A. Upham
Francis Bigelow

A true copy of record.

Attest,

John L. Ambrose
Asst. Clerk

Alderman Andrews offered the following orders.— Orders ✓

Whereas it is deemed advisable and expedient that the city of Somerville should take, maintain, and hold in fee for the purposes hereinafter set forth the several lots or parcels of land hereinafter particularly described. taking of land for schoolhouse Beech street.

Now Therefore, be it known and it is hereby

Ordered, that by virtue and in pursuance of the authority conferred by chapter two hundred and ninety-nine of the Acts of the Legislature for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to authorize the taking of land for School-houses", and by virtue and in pursuance of every other power and authority it hereto enabling, the City of Somerville by its city council has taken and does hereby take in fee (and will, and does hereby, take, maintain, and hold in fee) the hereinafter described several lots or parcels of land (and all easements, privileges, and appurtenances of every name and nature thereto belonging) for, and for the purpose of, the erection of a schoolhouse and necessary buildings, and for, and for the purpose of, enlarging the schoolhouse lot, owned by said city and adjoining the hereinafter described premises, as appears by the plan hereinafter referred to, the said parcels of land, taken as aforesaid, being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land, belonging or supposed to belong to Abby B. Taylor in her own right, wife of George B. Taylor of said Som-

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ville, situated on Elm Place, so called, in said Somerville, and being the lot as laid down and delineated on a certain plan to be recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, entitled: "City of Somerville. Plan of Land purchased for a School House Lot, Ward 4, Spring Hill District, 1897, Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," and said lot is bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the northerly corner of said lot hereby taken on Elm Place; thence running northwesterly on Elm Place fifty-two and five tenths (52.5) feet; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running southwesterly on other land of said Abby B. Taylor one hundred (100) feet; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running southeasterly in part on land of Sarah H. Hayden and in part on land of the City of Somerville fifty-two and five tenths (52.5) feet; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running northeasterly on land of the City of Somerville one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning, containing fifty-two hundred and fifty (5250) square feet more or less.

Also a certain other piece or parcel of land, belonging or supposed to belong to Sarah H. Hayden in her own right, wife of William B. Hayden, of Bedford in said county of Middlesex, situated on Beech street in said Somerville and being the lot as laid down and delineated on said plan and said lot is bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the southerly corner of said lot hereby conveyed and at Beech Street and at land of the City of Somerville, designated on said plan as "Old School House Lot"; thence running northwesterly on said Beech street forty-one and five tenths (41.5) feet; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running northeasterly on other land of said Sarah H. Hayden one hundred (100) feet; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running southeasterly on land of Abby B. Taylor forty-one and five tenths (41.5) feet to said land of the City of Somerville, designated as "Old School House Lot"; thence turning at or nearly at a right angle and running southwesterly on said land of the City of Somerville, designated as "Old School House Lot", one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning on Beech Street, said lot containing forty-one hundred and fifty (4150) square feet more or less.—

That statement is hereby made of the purpose for which said two parcels of land were taken, namely: that they were taken for the purpose as

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hereinbefore set forth;		
And it is further	hereby Ordered that the city clerk be, and he hereby is	
directed for and	in behalf of said City of Somerville to cause to be record-	
ed in the registry	of deeds for the southern district of the county of	
Middlesex, as a	description of said lands sufficiently accurate for	
identification and	as a statement of the purpose for which the said	
lands were taken	the taking hereinbefore referred to, and a copy, certified	
by him as such	of this order and instrument, such statement also to	
be signed by the	mayor, and the city clerk is requested to send notice	
of the said taking	of their respective lands to said Abby E. Taylor and	
Sarah H. Hayden.		
It is estimated	and determined that the damages sustained by said	
Abby E. Taylor	(supposed owner or whoever may be the owner) by the	
taking of her said	land amount to the sum of Eighteen Hundred Thirty-	Somerville, Sept 11 1897
seven and 50/100	Dollars ($1837.50) and that the damage sustained by	I have this day mailed
said Sarah H. Hayden	(supposed owner or whoever may be the owner) by	to Abby E. Taylor 41 Beach
the taking of her	said land amount to the sum of Fourteen Hundred	St. Somerville, Mass. and
Fifty-two and	50/100 Dollars ($1452.50) less (as to each of said sums)	Sarah H. Hayden, Bedford
the amount of taxes	for the present year on said lands respectively taken	Mass, notice of the
as aforesaid, and	such amount of taxes to be deducted, and paid	taking of their respective
from said sums	respectively	lands, under the within
Ordered:-		order.
	That the committee on public property in addition	George L. Kimball
to the amount	of thirty-five (35) cents per square foot, authorized by	City Clerk
order approved	July 15, 1897, to be paid to Sarah H. Hayden for her	
land on Beech	street, are also authorized to cause to be paid to her as	
further consideration for said land the taxes on the same for the present		
year, the	sum of to be charged to School House Spring Hill District	Somerville, August 23 1897
Account.		I have this day caused the
	Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence	plan and copy of order
In	Common Council Aug. 18. Read twice and adopted	within referred to, to be re-
in concurrence.		corded in the registry of deeds
	Approved by the Mayor Aug. 21, 1897	for the southern district of Mid-
		dlesex county.
	Alderman Andrews offered the following order, -	George L. Kimball City Clerk
Ordered:-		Order ✓

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That the committee on highways be, and it hereby is, requested and authorized to set curbstones on the inside line of the sidewalk in front of the Sanford Hamrom school lot on Webster and Rush streets, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and sixty dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, Ward One, 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, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the Mayor is hereby authorized in the name of the city to sign and transmit to the assessors the request, which is herewith submitted, from the city to the assessors in regard to the apportionment of taxes on the real estate known as Sanborn Field, a portion of which has been sold and conveyed to the city by deed from Edward F. Reed, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds on August 11, 1897.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug. 18. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 21, 1897.

√ Report

The Committee on Fire Department, on a communication from Edward T. Harrington & Co., transmitting a plan of land on Medford street adjoining the Central Fire Station, and an order of June 9th to purchase, at a price not to exceed sixty cents per foot, a strip of land 15 to 20 feet in width, adjoining the Central Fire Station on Medford street, reported that land as been purchased, as authorized, of Frank B. Harmon, for the sum of $948.50.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug. 18. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, reported that in pursuance of an order dated July 14, contracts for fuel have been made with Horatio Hillington and Co. and B. F. Hild and Co., as specified in said order, and each of said firms has furnished a satisfactory bond

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in the sum of Five hundred dollars

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Aug. 18 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights presented the following report:- Report ✓

City of Somerville

In Committee on Fuel and Street Lights,

August 13, 1897

To the City Council,

of Somerville

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, in pursuance of an order adopted by both branches of the City Council on the 24th day of February and approved by his honor the Mayor, instructing the Committee to consider the question of a more comprehensive plan of street lighting, using as far as practicable the arc system with lights of nominal 1200 candle power capacity, and burning all night and every night, and to ascertain upon what terms and under what conditions a contract can be made for such service, to follow the present contract which expires in October of this year, reports as follows:- that while we have made a careful study of this perplexing question we are of the opinion that it is not the proper province of municipal government to enter into the domain of private business enterprise unless it can be clearly shown that such entry is positively and irrefutably in the interest of the taxpayer. We do not believe that the facts and figures which have been produced before us warrant the conclusion that such would be the result.

In considering the question of abandoning the contract system for a trial of public ownership, some important general considerations should be kept in mind. It is an undeniable proposition that a municipality, particularly a city, is better off under a fair and reasonable contract under which it pays for exactly what it gets, no more and no less, than under a system involving all the uncertainties inherent in and inseparable from the conduct of a technical and more or less difficult manufacturing process. Of course the force of this proposition is weakened just so far as the contract in

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question is not a just and reasonable one. But in this Commonwealth, if such a contract is not just and reasonable, the city has only itself or its public officials to blame.

In the first place, a contract is an agreement between the contracting parties, and is supposed to represent substantially what both regard as fair and reasonable; otherwise there would be no agreement and therefore no contract. Moreover it is usually the case that the city stands in a position superior to that of the company and is better able to dictate terms. At any rate, a contract enjoys the advantage over any other system of being definite and certain, enabling both parties, in advance and during its continuance, to know exactly where they stand. Having therefore voluntarily entered into a contract, expressing the wishes and agreements, as well as the compromises of both parties, the only question is as to its faithful performance by the company.

The contract will of course provide that for failure to perform, in whole or in part, the company shall be subject to an abrogation of the contract, or to deductions and penalties for poor or inadequate service, as the case may be. And of more importance still, perhaps, is the fact that the statute laws of the Commonwealth stand behind the contract, and guarantee its faithful performance by the company. For if the company fails either to supply light of a good quality and sufficient quantity, or to supply it to the extent or in the manner requested, or charges for it a price which is regarded as unreasonable, both the quality and price, as well as the supply, are subject to absolute regulation by the Gas & Electric Light Commissioners, — a state tribunal. This board is required to act upon the request of the Mayor of any city, the selectmen of any town, or twenty customers of any company; and their decision is final. This jurisdiction has frequently been invoked and exercised, and almost always in favor of the complainants. And whether the board had full technical jurisdiction or not, an offer by the city to submit the question of price to the arbitration of said board would be one which the company would not dare, and perhaps would not care, to refuse.

It is therefore not true that the city is at the mercy of the company in making a new contract. It is therefore clear that the city is in a position to obtain a good article upon fair terms, by contract with a private company; and that the company can be held up, both by

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the city and the state, to the full and faithful performance of that contract. Under it, our City Government and our people can and will know exactly what the lights are costing them. This will not be because it cannot be a subject of dispute; because the city will pay for what it gets, and for nothing more or less.

While reports are scattered broadcast throughout the country, showing the advantages and saving to the city, under municipal control, it is well to investigate these reports and ascertain whether they contain a true statement of the facts, whether or not the conditions are the same as exist here, and a comparison of the two would be fair, also whether all these reports all show all that should be charged to this account, such as interest on money invested, depreciation on engines, boilers, and electrical machinery, loss of time and many other items which must be considered in estimating the actual cost. The system of public ownership leaves the question of real cost always open to calculation and therefore to dispute. The cost of manufacture, taking all the necessary items into consideration, is not always easy of ascertainment; and if it were, it would not include, right by estimate, those numerous contingent expenses which are not anticipated but almost always come. Manufacturing plants are subject to liability to accidents, sometimes of a most serious character, any one of which involves the possibility of an enormous increase in the total cost of operation, which of course must be reckoned into the cost of lights.

But there is another difficulty of a different character, which sometimes is and always may be some more serious than the natural difficulties above mentioned. This arises out of the uncertainties and frailties of human nature. Boards or officials who have advocated the establishment, and are engaged in the operation, of municipal lighting plants naturally desire to justify their action. The best and only way to do this is to convince the public of the success of the experiment. But whether for this reason, or some other reason, or no reason, the truth is that the real facts as to cost are not usually revealed. The public plants are scarce, if, indeed, they exist, concerning which it can be truthfully said that all the items of the cost of operation have been given to the public. In some important

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instances, no further is made to give the figures. The number and character of the items thus omitted differ widely in different cases, but is quite safe to say that some of them are always omitted. Experience shows that only those cities obtaining their lights by contract know what the actual cost is; while in those cities where the lights are manufactured as well as used by the municipalities, the real cost of them is and always must be involved in considerable uncertainty, variability and dispute.

We believe another good reason for not establishing a public plant in Somerville is the fact that the existing law requires, as a condition precedent thereto, that the plant and property of the existing private company shall be purchased by the city. This law expresses the desire and purpose of the people of this State that reasonable protection shall be afforded to the investments of our citizens, made for quasi-public purposes, at a time and under circumstances which would have prevented the use of public funds therefor, thus giving our communities the benefit of electric light long before it would otherwise have been obtained. This policy has been repeatedly endorsed and re-affirmed by our Legislature and now appears to be the settled public policy of the State. At any rate the law exists, and whether we approve of it as applied to the particular city in which we live or not, it must be complied with.

We think few of our citizens would advocate the purchase of the existing plant, merely for the purpose of enabling the city to try the experiment of manufacturing its own lights, at an unknown cost, instead of buying them at a price fixed by contract.

We believe if the question is to be seriously contemplated in the future, it should be thoroughly investigated by those having sufficient knowledge of the details of practical electrical engineering, to demonstrate beyond a question of doubt that it would be a safe investment for the city, rather than follow the suggestion of theoretical economists, who argue that because the local company may make a profitable showing in this business the city would also be able to do so.

We are unanimous in our opinion that it would not be advisable for the city at this time to operate a plant of its own. We feel that the demand for this change is not warranted in view of the fact that the local company has submitted to us prices which are much less than the present contract prices, and has shown a disposition to do

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what they can in furnishing us with as good service as can be found in other cities.

We humbly submit the following communication from the Somerville Electric Light Company, which we dated June 22nd 1897, and reads as follows:-

Fuel and Street Light Committee,
City of Somerville

Gentlemen,

In reply to your request for figures for street lighting for one, two, and three years contracts we hereby submit the following. The general forms and conditions of contract shall be the same as our present contract.

We shall not be required to run wires to Porter Avenue but may furnish street lights there as at present from the Medford circuit. The proportion of Incandescent lamps to Arc lamps shall not be increased from the present proportion of 4 Incandescents to 1 Arc. Deductions for "Outs" shall be at the rate of 4 cents per hour for Arc and at the rate of 1 cent per hour for Incandescents.

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
361 to 425 Arc Lamps	$112.50	$111.50	$110.00
Over 425 Arc Lamps	107.50	106.50	105.00
Incandescent Lamps	25.00	25.00	25.00

Respectfully submitted,
Somerville Electric Light Co.,
(signed) F. Ellwood Smith, Treas.

and submits the accompanying order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Aug 18, 1897, 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 and instructed to make a contract with the Somerville Electric Light Company for the lighting of the streets of the city with electricity for a term of two years from October 1, 1897, on the following terms:-

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361 to 425 arc lamps at $111.50 each per year;
for over 425 arc lamps at $106.50 each per year;
incandescent lamps at $25.00 each per year;
deductions for lights out to be as follows:-
four cents per hour for arc lights;
one cent per hour for incandescent lights;
the expense incurred for said lighting to be charged to Street Lights account.
Read once, and laid upon the table.

✓ Order

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order,-
Ordered:-
That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be authorized to confer with the Louisville Electric Light Company, for the purpose of obtaining for the city, if possible, more favorable figures for arc and incandescent lights for street-lighting than given in the report of said committee submitted this evening.
Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Aug 17, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Aug 21, 1897.

✓ Reports

The Committee on Ordinances,-
on a draft of an ordinance to amend an ordinance in relation to Stationary Musicians Bears in the streets and Ringing of Door Bells, by striking out, in section seven, the word "circulars", and substituting, in place thereof, the words "advertisements for the sale of goods", reported inexpedient to take any action;
on an order of May 12 to consider the advisability of amending the ordinance on Fast Driving, that it will restrict the speed of freighted vehicles in the public squares, except the fire apparatus, to six miles per hour unless by special permission of the board of aldermen, reported inexpedient to take any action;
Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Aug 17, Accepted in concurrence.

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Received back from the Common Council the ordinance No. 69, entitled "An Ordinance to amend Chapters Twenty-five and Twenty-six of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," reclaimed, and passed to be enrolled by this board July 28 and is recorded on page 479 of the book of Enrolled Ordinances, in the city clerk's office, endorsed as follows: — Ordinance ✓

In Common Council, July 29, 1897. Laid on the table. Chas. J. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, August 4, 1897. Taken from the table. Chas. J. Robertson, Clerk.

In Common Council, August 4th, 1897. Read twice and passed to be enrolled in concurrence. Chas. J. Robertson, Clerk.

Synopsis, August 4th, 1897. Enrolled. Chas. J. Robertson, Clerk of Common Council.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council, August 18, 1897. The said committee having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and is reported. Arthur H. Perry, Isaac N. Story, Committee.

In Common Council, August 18, 1897. Passed to be ordained. F. De Witt Lapham, President.

Attest, Chas. J. Robertson, Clerk.

Further action was taken as follows, —

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Board of Aldermen, August 18, 1897. The said committee having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and is reported. L. Hubert Huntley, H. H. Perry, J. H. Andrews, Committee.

In Board of Aldermen, Aug. 18, 1897. Passed to be ordained. Josiah A. Pratt, President. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Attest, George A. Vincent, Clerk.

August 21st, 1897. Approved. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

The resignation of the City Solicitor, received at the last meeting, was Resignation ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Aug. 17. Accepted in concurrence.

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✓ Election

The board then proceeded to ballot for a city solicitor with the following results:

3rd ballot

Aldermen Huntley and Berry were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and reported -

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
James B Kelley has 4
Frank W Kaan " 4

and there was no choice

4th ballot

Aldermen Huntley and Berry were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and reported -

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
James B Kelley has 4
Frank W Kaan " 4

and there was no choice

5th ballot

Aldermen Whitaker and Andrews were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and reported -

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
James B Kelley has 4
Frank W Kaan " 4

and there was no choice

6th ballot

Aldermen Irving and Ball were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes, and reported -

Whole number of ballots 8
Necessary for choice 5
Frank W Kaan has 4
James B Kelley " 4

and there was no choice

7th ballot

Aldermen Andrews and Lamont were appointed a com-

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mittee to receive, assort and count the votes, and reported, -

Whole number of ballots

Necessary for choice 5

Frank A. Kaan has 7

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and Frank A. Kaan was declared, by the chair, elected, in concurrence, and information of such election was sent to the Common Council.

Received from the Common Council the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered: -

That a joint special committee consisting of three members of the common council with such number of the board of aldermen as may be joined, be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the appreciation of this city council of the services of the retiring City Solicitor Selwyn J. Bowman, and report as soon as practicable.

(signed) Isaac M. Story

In Common Council, Aug 18, 1897 Adopted and Councilmen Story, Burrows and Berry appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Aug 18, Adopted and Aldermen Whitaker and Huntley appointed to the committee on the part of this board, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug 21, 1897

On motion of Alderman Whitaker it was voted that when the board adjourns it adjourn until Monday evening, August 23, at 8 o'clock. Adjournment

Adjourned

Attest

George S. Vincent

Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville, August 20, 1897 – 8 P.M.

The president, Alderman Pratt, presiding.
Aldermen Spring, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Huntley, and Bury present.
Records approved.

Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed August 12th, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of Fulton O'Brien for permission to build and maintain a covering on a two-story building at No. 4 Union Square, said covering to be twenty feet in length and to project over the sidewalk fourteen inches, due notice of the hearing having been given as required by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Order

Alderman Bury 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 a hearing to all persons desiring to object to the lowering of the grade of Middlesex avenue, an order of notice of such hearing having been approved August fifth, 1897.

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

In Common Council, Aug. 20, Request granted, and Councilman Gracey appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

The president of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Pratt presiding.
Aldermen Spring, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Huntley, and Bury

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President Lapham and Councilmen Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Carr, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Wilson and Timson present.

In pursuance of orders passed August 4th and this evening, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to object to the lowering of the grade of Middlesex avenue, all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the following

Hearing ✓

Officer's Return

City of Somerville

City of Somerville, Middlesex SS, August 18, 1897

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:

Emma A. Lincoln - Frederick A. Fish - Ellsworth Fish -

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:

Oliver Ames, Samuel Carr and Oliver H. Mink, - Trustees under the will of Frederick L. Ames - Franklin O. Reed and Franklin O. Reed Trustee under will of Josiah T. Reed - M. Grant Edmands and Caroline A. Parsons, Executors of will of Solomon Parsons - Estate of Solomon Parsons and devisees under his will - Boston & Maine Railroad - Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Metropolitan Park Commission

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 Citizen 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.

Charles L. Ellis, Constable of Somerville

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex SS, Somerville, Aug 18, 1897

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Then personally appeared the above named Charles L. Ellis, and made oath that the above certificate by him subscribed is true, before me,

George S. Vincent, Justice of the Peace

Charles F. Choate Jr. Esq. appeared in behalf of the heirs of Frederick L. Ames who own an undivided half interest in the lands on the west side of the entire length of that portion of the avenue where the grade is to be lowered, and Franklin O. Reed appeared in behalf of himself and the other owners of the remaining half interest in the same lands, and both remonstrated against such proposed lowering of the grade, because the lands on both sides of that portion of the avenue are already very much higher than the avenue and the reduction of the grade some 7½ or more feet, as is proposed at the greatest cut, will greatly damage their property, and detract from the natural beauty of the land for building sites. As it now is the knoll could be left and houses erected upon it, giving a fine outlook over surrounding lands and the river beyond, but if the avenue be cut down as proposed, the lands must be reduced to very nearly the same level. The remonstrants also failed to see what advantage would be gained by the city in lowering the grade, as they thought an undulating grade preferable to one on a dead level.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

Convention dissolved

The purpose for which it was assembled having been accomplished, the convention was dissolved, and the Board of Aldermen returned to its chamber.

Board of Aldermen

In Board of Aldermen

The president, Alderman Pratt, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Huntley and Berry present.

Petition

Received a petition from William T. Gill for a license as a funeral undertaker.

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Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received a petition from James G. Morrison, for permission to build and maintain, at No. 220 Pearl street, the coving of a bay-window, which coving is to be thirty feet above the ground, and to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits. — and

Appended to the foregoing petition was 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 eighth day of September, 1897, 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. — Order of Notice ✓

Adopted.

Alderman Ball offered the following order.— — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the license to collect junk, granted by this board August eighteenth inst. to William Ford, of 56 Lincoln Street, Cambridge, be, and the same hereby is, revoked.

Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, — Reports ✓

on the petitions of Fred B. Davis and Harry Van Iderstine, for licenses as auctioneers, reported an order.

on the petition of Squire D. Putney, in behalf of the Somerville section of the Socialist Labor Party, for the designation of places on the public streets near Union Square, Davis Square, and East Somerville, where the Socialist Labor Party or any other organization, may hold public meetings between this date and the coming state election, and for an opportunity to address the board on the matter, reported an order.

Accepted.

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√ Orders		The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,-
	Ordered:-	
		That a license as an Auctioneer, under the laws of the Commonwealth, for the term of one year from the first day of May, 1897, be issued to each of the following-named persons, upon the city clerk shall have received, for the use of the city, the sum of two dollars for such license; 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
	Fred B. Davis	85 Pearl street
	Harry Saw Sebastine	61 Union Square
	Ordered:-	
		That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to Squire B. Cutney to address the Board of Aldermen in its chamber at City Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, September 8th next, at 8 o'clock, on the matter of his petition for the designation of places in the public streets near Union square, Davis square and East Somerville, where public meetings may be held.
		Adopted.
√ Reports		The Committee on Special Building Permits -
	on the petition of Fulton O'Brien,	for permission to build and maintain on a two-story building at No 4 Union square, a covering to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches, reported an order;
	on the petition of Robert H. Ellis,	for permission to build and maintain a covering over the store entrance, and to extend along the entire front of the building, at No 25 Holland street, at a height of about fifteen feet above the sidewalk, and to project over the sidewalk fifteen inches, reported an order;
		Accepted.
√ Orders		The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows,-
	Ordered:-	
		That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to Fulton

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P. Prior to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows: At No. 4 Union square, the coving of a two-story building, twenty-three feet in length, to be made uniform with the coving of the adjoining building, and thus to project over the sidewalk (as does the coving of said adjoining building) fourteen inches.

Ordered:-

That a license be, and hereby is, granted to Robert H. Ellis, to build and maintain projections over sidewalks as follows:- at No. 28 Holland street, a cornice over the store entrance and extending along the entire front of the building at a height of about fifteen feet above the sidewalk, to project over the sidewalk fifteen inches.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways.- Reports ✓

on the petition of Holmes F. Cook, for permission to place and maintain a shelf during business hours, on the front of his store, (fruit, candy, cigars, etc.) No. 421 Highland avenue, such shelf to be about five feet long, and to project over the sidewalk twenty-one inches, and to be removed or dropped at night, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of S. Brennan and Company, for permission to put one guy post on Medford street, and to cross Medford street with two wire guy ropes, and Thurston street with one wire guy rope from the derrick at the new church corner of Thurston and Medford streets, reported an order;

on petitions for permits to set hitching-posts, from John A. Gregg, M.D., at No. 330 Somerville avenue, and Thomas Miller, at No. 77 Walnut street, reported orders;

on the waiver of notice of hearing from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, in the matter of necessary changes in the location of its poles on Mystic avenue, reported an order;

on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for permission to erect and maintain poles on Medford and Elm

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streets, the pole on Elm street to be used also by the West End Street Railway Co., and for permission to remove poles on Medford street, Elm street and Broadway, reported, an order;

Accepted

✓ Orders

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows:-

Ordered:-

That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to S. Brennan & Co. to place one guy post on Medford street, and to cross Medford street with two wire guy ropes and cross Thurston street with one wire guy rope from the derrick at the new church now being erected at the corner of Thurston and Medford streets, the location and maintenance of the post and wires to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, and such permission to be revocable at the pleasure of this board.

Ordered:-

That permission be, and hereby is, granted to John A. Gregg, M.D. to set a hitching post in front of his residence No. 390 Somerville avenue, and to Thomas Miller to set a hitching-post in front of his estate No. 77 Walnut street, the location in each case to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered:-

That (The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts having been given opportunity to be heard in regard to the alterations and changes in the locations of certain poles of said Company on Mystic avenue, as hereinafter referred to, and said Company having waived notice, as appears by its waiver in writing, hereto annexed, of a hearing in the matter of said alterations and changes) the following described alterations and changes in the location and erection of poles of the said Company shall be made, and is ordered, namely, referring to the plan, filed with the City Clerk, entitled "The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Massachusetts Relocation for Poles in Somerville, Boston, June 29th, 1897," the poles located on Mystic avenue, and indicated on said plan by the black dots, marked "remove", are to be removed, and the locations of two poles, to be

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erected as substitutes for said removed poles, shall conform to their locations as shown on said plan, on which such locations are indicated by the two red dots shown near the locations of said poles to be removed as aforesaid.

Said alterations and changes are to be made by said Company without unnecessary delay and its expense, the said two new poles are to conform in material, construction, and appearance to the line of poles in Mystic avenue, of which they will form a part, and before being erected are to be approved by the Superintendent of Electric Lines and shall be erected under the supervision and direction of said Superintendent; - and said poles shall be subject to, and shall be erected and maintained by said Company subject to all the provisions, terms, and conditions, under which the said removed poles or the line of poles on Mystic avenue, of which they will form a part, were or are erected, constructed, or maintained.

The change of said old pole for said two new poles, shall be completed within thirty days from the date hereof.

Copy of Minutes of Notice

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

Executive Office
125 Milk Street,
P.O. Drawer 119
Boston, June 30, 1897

To the Board of Aldermen of the
City of Somerville, Mass.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts hereby issues notice of hearing in the matter of certain necessary changes in the locations of its poles on Mystic avenue. The proposed locations to be as designated by red dots on plan dated June 29, 1897, attached.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts
By
Jasper N. Keller
General Manager

Monday, August 23, 1897.

Acceptance & Agreement filed Sept. 7, 1897

Order granting locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company in Medford and Elm streets, recorded on page 127 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.

✓ Report

The Committee on Highways, in pursuance of orders dated, respectively, April 14, May 26 and July 14, reported that sidewalks have been constructed as follows:—

On	Side	From	To	Materials
✓ Aldrich street	easterly	Gilman	Flint	bricks
✓ Arthur street	easterly	Broadway	Bonair	bricks
✓ Arthur street	westerly	Broadway	Bonair	bricks
✓ Broadway	southwesterly	Adams	Bartlett	granolithic edgestones
✓ Flint street	southwesterly	Cross	Aldrich	bricks
✓ Sargent avenue	northwesterly	Broadway	Angle	bricks
✓ Walnut street	westerly	Summitside	Glen Park	bricks

and submitted lists of assessments for one-half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted.

✓ Assessments

The lists of assessments, submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sidewalks in

Aldrich street,
Arthur street - easterly side,
Arthur street - westerly side,
Broadway,
Flint street,
Sargent avenue,
and
Walnut street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 41 to 44, 45 to 48, 49 to 52, 53 to 56, 57 to 60, 61 to 64, and 65 to 68, inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

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on the petition of Hugh H. Barnes and others for edgestones on the westerly side of Bradley street, reported an order;

on the petition of Aaron H. Gould for a brick sidewalk on Columbus and Stone avenues in front of his estate, reported an order;

on the petition of Nathan H. Reed for permission to construct at his own expense, a granolythic sidewalk in front of his estate on Pinckney street, corner of Pearl street, reported an order;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Aug. 23. Accepted in concurrence

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

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and hereby is authorized to set edgestones on the westerly side of Bradley street, in front of the estates of Hugh H. Barnes - H. H. Swain - T. H. Bacon - Katherine S. Connell - Samuel C. Lawrence - Frank H. Holmes and A. J. Davis - when they shall have severally deposited with the city treasurer, a sum of money, sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones, - the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account

Ordered:-

That the committee on highways be, and hereby is authorized to construct a brick sidewalk on Columbus and Stone avenues in front of the estate of Aaron H. Gould situated at the corner of Columbus avenue and Stone avenue when said Gould shall have first made a deposit with the City Treasurer of a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the bricks used, the balance of the expense to be charged to Highways Account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presented to the Mayor, Aug. 25, 1897

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That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to Nathan H. Reed to construct, at his own expense, a granolythic sidewalk on Pinckney street, in front of his estate, corner of Pinckney and Pearl streets.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 25, 1897.

√ Resolve and Order

Alderman Perry offered the following resolve and order:-

Resolved and adjudged that the common convenience and necessity require that the grade of Middlesex avenue in said city should be lowered between station 25+84 and station 16+50, as shown on a plan, filed in the office of the city engineer, entitled "City of Somerville, Middlesex Ave. plan and profile showing change in grade (Mystic Avenue to Mystic River) July 19, 1897. Ernest H. Bailey, City Engineer," so that the new and lowered grade between said stations shall be as shown on said plan and indicated thereon by the red line, marked "Grade 16."

And whereas notice has been given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the intention of the city council to lower the grade of said portion of Middlesex Avenue as aforesaid, as by the order of notice and the return thereto annexed will fully appear.

And whereas at the time and place in said order of notice appointed the City Council met and heard all parties interested who claimed to be heard;

It is, Therefore, Ordered:-

That the grade of said portion of Middlesex Avenue be lowered as aforesaid and that specific repairs be made in, and an alteration be made of, said portion of Middlesex Avenue by lowering the grade of such portion as aforesaid, and repairing and constructing said portion of said Avenue at the grade, as thus lowered and as hereinbefore described, and by the removal of the surplus material required to lower the grade as aforesaid, and that the grade of said portion of Middlesex Avenue, as shown on said plan, and indicated thereon by the red line marked "Grade 16" be and hereby is accepted and established as the proper grade of said portion, namely, between stations 25+84 and 16+50, as shown on said plan, and that the grade

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of said portion, as built for, established and existing, be and hereby is discontinued;

that it is estimated and awarded that the owners of the real estate which abuts upon said portion of Middlesex Avenue will sustain no damage in their property by reason of the said change of grade and no damages are awarded to them or any of them by reason thereof;

that said lowering of grade and removal of material are to be made in conformity to the provisions of a certain agreement (dated August 11, 1897) so far as applicable thereto, between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by its Metropolitan Park Commission and the City of Somerville in regard to the lowering the grade of said portion of Middlesex Avenue, as well as other matters therein referred to, and the Commonwealth and said Commission to have the rights and privileges as in said agreement provided: —

that the committee on highways be and is hereby authorized to cause the said lowering, change of grade and repairs to be made and completed as contemplated, and in the manner contemplated by this order, the expense of the same to be charged to Highways Account.

that the proprietors, occupants, or owners of the land through which the said portion of Middlesex Avenue passes, are allowed a reasonable time (namely, until the 27th day of September of the present year) to take off their fences and their property which may obstruct the building or lowering of said portion of said Middlesex Avenue.

Read once and laid on the table. Taken from the table. Received its second reading and final passage. Sent down for concurrence.

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

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 25, 1897.

Alderman Lovett offered the following resolve and order, — Resolve and Order ✓

Resolved and adjudged that it is necessary for the public convenience and the public health that a main drain or common sewer should be laid, made, and maintained in that portion, hereinafter described, of Hyslop Avenue in said city, such drain or sewer to be con-

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structed in the location of said Mystic Avenue, as shown upon a plan annexed to a certain agreement, dated August 11, 1897, between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by its Metropolitan Park Commission and the City of Somerville in regard to the construction of said drain or sewer, as well as other matters therein referred to, and said agreement being filed in the office of the city clerk of said city, the particular location of said drain or sewer being designated by the red line on said plan marked "Sewer" and being opposite the land taken by said Commission for the Commonwealth for a boulevard, and the length of said sewer or drain, to be constructed as aforesaid, being equal to the width of the location of Mystic Avenue of the land taken by the Commonwealth, as shown on said plan, and it is therefore,

Ordered,

That the said proposed drain or common sewer be laid, made, and constructed as aforesaid and in conformity to the provisions, in regard to said drain or sewer, of said agreement, so far as applicable thereto, and that the Committee on Sewers be, and hereby is, authorized to cause the said drain or sewer to be laid, made, and constructed as aforesaid, (the details of construction as to dimensions and otherwise to be as determined by said Committee), and to solicit proposals for the construction of said drain or sewer, if they shall deem it advisable so to do, the expense of such drain or sewer to be charged to "Sewer Construction Account"

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 25, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Gray offered the following order, –

Ordered, –

That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city, to sign the duplicate agreements which are submitted herewith, dated August 11, 1897 between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by its Metropolitan Park Commission, as party of the first part, and the City of Somerville, as party of the second part, in regard to the construction of a drain in a portion of Mystic Avenue, and in regard to the lowering of the grade of a portion of Middlesex Avenue; that he is hereby authorized to deliver one copy of

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said agreement to the said Metropolitan Park Commission.		
Read twice, and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.		
In Common Council, Aug 23. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.		
Approved by the Mayor, Aug 25, 1897.		
The agreement referred to in the foregoing order is the same as the agreement recorded on pages 295 to 302, inclusive, of this record, with the addition of the words thus interlined in red.		Agreement ✓
Alderman Pratt offered the following order, —		Order ✓
Ordered, —		
That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city to sign the application herewith submitted, of date August 23, 1897, to the Commissioner of Taxes in regard to the apportionment of taxes for the year 1897, upon the several parcels of land, into which the real estate of Abby B. Taylor has been divided, as in said application more particularly stated.		
Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.		
In Common Council, Aug 23. Adopted in concurrence.		
Approved by the Mayor, Aug 25, 1897. (see page 362.)		
Alderman Leonard offered the following order, —		Order ✓
Ordered, —		
That, in compliance with the requirements of Section 3, of Chapter 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the City Clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause publication to be made of ordinance No 69, entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapters twenty five and twenty-six of the Revised Ordinances of 1891," in one issue of the Somerville Citizen, the expense to be charged to printing and stationery account.		
Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.		
In Common Council, Aug 23. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.		
Approved by the Mayor, Aug 25, 1897.		

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√ Order	Received from the Common Council, the following order,- Ordered:- That a special committee, consisting of two members of the Common Council and such number as may be added by the Board of Aldermen, be appointed to confer with the Police Commissioner of Boston to approve the granting of a hotel license to one Hobbs or other on Cambridge street, near Parker street, Charlestown District, in close proximity to the Somerville line. In Common Council, Aug 23 Adopted and sent up for concurrence. Councilmen Burrows and Macdonald appointed on the part of this branch. In Board of Aldermen, Aug 23 Adopted, and Aldermen Huntley and Lamont appointed to the Committee on the part of this board, in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor, Aug 25, 1897
√ Application to Assessors in the matter of Abatement of Tax on certain Real Estate of Abby B Taylor	Copy of application referred to in order offered by Alds Pratt on page 361 Somerville, August 23, 1897. To the Assessors of Taxes of the City of Somerville,- Whereas the assessors have assessed a tax for the present year upon certain real estate located on Broadway Street and Elm Place, of Abby B Taylor, in her own right, wife of George B Taylor, and Whereas said real estate has been subsequently divided by sale to the City of Somerville by the said owner thereof, and by a deed given by said Abby B and George B Taylor to the City of Somerville, conveying to said city a certain lot (being part of said real estate), as shown and delineated upon the plan hereinafter referred to, and being the lot marked on said plan "Abby B Taylor", and also by a taking by right of eminent domain of said lot by the said City, the instrument of said taking having been adopted by each branch of the city council on the 17th day of the present August, and approved by the Mayor on the 21st day of the present August, so that said City now owns said lot, conveyed as aforesaid to it, and taken by it, and said Abby B Taylor owns the remaining portion of her said premises, not thus conveyed, and Whereas a record of such division has been made in the Middlesex (South District) Registry of Deeds by recording on August 23, 1897, the said

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deed and plan and the statement required by law to be recorded of the taking of said land (reference being hereby made to said deed, plan and statement for a more particular description of said lot).

Now, Therefore, the City of Somerville in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided requests the assessors to assess said land for the year, 1897, (and the costs and interest, if any, accrued thereon) upon the several parcels into which said real estate has been divided as aforesaid, in proportion to the value of each parcel thereof.

The said plan is entitled "City of Somerville. Plan of Land purchased for a School House Lot, Ward 4, Spring Hill District, 1897. Ernest W. Bailey, City Engineer," and a copy of said plan is transmitted herewith.

Yours respectfully,
City of Somerville,
By its Mayor, Albion A. Pery

Adjourned.

Attest,
George S. Vincent
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, Sept. 5, 1897. – 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Berry, presiding.
Aldermen Spinney, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
Records approved.

✓ 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 a hearing to all persons desiring to object to the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Beacon Place; an order of notice of such hearing having been approved, July 15, 1897.
Adopted, and Alderman Berry appointed as messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, Sept. 5, 1897. Request granted and Councilman Bew appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

✓ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed August 20, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the granting of the petition of James H. Morrison for permission to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows: at No. 221 Pearl street, the coving of a bay window, which coving is to be 30 feet above the ground, to project over the sidewalk 18 inches; due notice of the hearing having been published by the petitioner, as required by said order.
No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

✓ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved July 15, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks in Bartlett street,

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Harrison street
and
Medford street.

all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the officer's returns, recorded respectively on pages 236, 239, and 242 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, in either case, and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

In Convention of the City Council — Convention

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Kenney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Story, Raymond and Timson present.

In pursuance of orders passed September 8th 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 Beacon Place; all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's return recorded on page 419 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. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

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

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In Board of Aldermen — Board of Aldermen

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His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order passed August 20, Mr. Squire G. Putney appeared and addressed the board on the matter of the petition presented by him in behalf of the Somerville Section of the Socialist Labor Party for the designation of places in the public streets near Union Square, Davis Square, and in East Somerville, where public meetings may be held.

Mr. Putney stated, in substance, that the members of the Socialist Labor Party, generally speaking, are small wage earners, and cannot afford to hire halls for their public meetings. Many cities furnish free, or for a nominal sum, halls for meetings of the people, to which no admission fee is charged. Many cities also permit such meetings to be held in the public streets or squares. The streets are now used for various purposes other than for public travel, as, for instance, for meetings of the Salvation Army, street bands, play grounds for children, etc. The meetings of the Socialists would not be large enough to impede public travel. He asked now, particularly for liberty to hold meetings in Union square, Saturday evenings, from the present time to the day of the state election. He also asked that some place on the public grounds or parks be assigned, where meetings may be held for religious, political, or other purposes.

√ Appointment

On petition of Nathan E. Willis, received August 18th, the Mayor appointed said Willis a weigher of coal, subject to confirmation by the board.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

√ Request

Received from the secretary of the school committee, a copy of an order passed by that committee, August 30, as follows:—

Ordered:— That the city council be recommended to name the building to be erected on the Beech street lot, the Austin H. Carr School.

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

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In Common Council Sept. 5, Returns concurred in

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that William H. Wheaton be discharged from the department, he being physically incapacitated from performing the duties of a fireman. — Recommendation ✓

Discharge, as recommended, made by the mayor, and confirmed by the board of aldermen.

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that Joseph A. Briley, the driver of Chemical Engine No. 4, be appointed lieutenant of said company, under the provisions of section 2 of Ordinance No. 64. — Recommendation ✓

Appointment, as recommended, made by the Mayor, and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that the following-named firemen be appointed call-members of the department, and of the companies hereinafter named, until transferred to other companies or discharged, — Recommendation ✓

George H. Bridges, Hose Company No. 3.
Joseph H. Moe, Engine Company No. 1,
Clarence T. Bennett, Ladder Company No. 2,
Frank A. Buckley, Hose Company No. 2,
all to fill vacancies.

Appointments, as recommended, made by the Mayor, and, under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Received the reports, for the months of August, of the Chief of Police, and Superintendent of Electric Lines. — Reports ✓

Placed on file.

Received a notice, filed with the city clerk Sept. 4th, from William A. Flaherty, President, and William D. Osborne, Secretary, — Notice ✓

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of the Democratic City Committee, that said committee has selected Wednesday, Sept. 15, as the date for holding caucuses for the election of delegates to the Democratic state, councilor, county, senatorial and representative conventions of 1897.

Placed on file.

√ Notice — Received from Frank D. Hodgins, Chairman of the Republican City Committee, a notice under this date, that the caucuses of the republicans of Somerville, for the election of delegates to the state, councilor, county, senatorial and representative conventions, have been called to be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 1897, at seven o'clock, in each ward of the city.

Placed on file.

√ Invitation — Received from a committee of the City Council of Nashville, Tennessee, an invitation to join in the celebration of the anniversary of Nashville's postal day, to be held at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, Sept. 11 inst.

Read for information, and the City Clerk instructed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the invitation, and to express the regrets of the City Council that it will be unable to attend or be represented at the anniversary. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8. Read for information.

√ Invitation — Received an invitation from the City of Columbus, Ohio, to attend and participate in the proceedings of the National Conference of Mayors and Councilmen, to be held in that city, September 28th, 29th, and 30th and October 1st, 1897.

Read for information, and the City Clerk instructed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the invitation, and to express the regrets of the City Council that it is not deemed expedient to be represented at the convention.

Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8. Read for information.

√ Petition — Received a petition for a license to peddle goods in the streets

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from John Reardon, 81 Linwood street,
approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets, from
William S. Brooks, John F. Caldwell, Frank H. Kodad and Israel Winterbottom,
all approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses refused.

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Received a petition from Dennis O'Keefe, for a license to have a foot-ball game on the Y. M. C. A. grounds, Washington street, Monday, September 6, 1897;
recommended by the Captain of Police, approved by the Mayor and license issued by the City Clerk.
Issuing of license approved.

Petition ✓

Received petitions from:-
Henry H. P. Colson, for a license to keep for hire, two billiard and two pool tables, at Hotel Colson, 62 Highland avenue;
Henry H. P. Colson, for a license as an innholder at Hotel Colson, 62 Highland avenue;
William G. Jefferson, for a license as a common victualler at 270 Elm street;
Max Fishman, for a license to keep a junk store at 252 Columbia street;
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petitions ✓

Received a petition from Richard T. Blackwell, for a license to keep sixty horses in the stable formerly occupied by the West End Street Railway Co. at 77 Summer street.
Referred to Committee on Special Building Permits.

Petition ✓

Received petitions from:-
Timothy A. Nasley and others, for a catch-basin at the corner of Lawrence and Summer streets;

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Charles K. Cutter, M.D. and others, that a large sewer be built at once for surface and storm drainage alone, and of sufficient capacity to carry off the surplus water which the present sewers are unable to care for, in the section lying near the junction of School and Medford streets;

Aaron A. Gould and others, for a sewer through Raymond avenue;

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from—

The Somerville Electric Light Co. for permission to erect and maintain two poles on Broadway, at the corner of Victoria and Waterhouse streets, the present poles on Broadway, opposite said streets, to be removed;

Clifton A. Kennedy, for permission to set a hitching-post in front of his premises, #24 Thorndike street;

Patrick Burk for permission to blast rock, in excavating for a drain at the corner of Fremont and Meacham streets;

John C. Dugan, for the removal of an elm tree, on Lowell street, in front of Lowell Terrace;

Elizabeth Galletly, for the removal of a tree in front of her residence, #75 Washington street;

Isaac Sexton, for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones, in front of his estate, #90 Oxford street he to pay the cost of the same;

S. A. Wilkins and others, for a brick sidewalk on Morrison street adjoining the property of the Third Universalist Parish, the same to be charged to the said parish, and to be paid for with its assessment for the Elm street front walk;

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petition

Received a petition from Richard T. Clark and others, that Pitman street may be taken over by the city and graded, and that the sidewalks be put in proper condition.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8, Reference concurred in

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Received a petition from F. E. Wolfe and others for an arc light at or near the junction of Cornwell and Francis streets. Petition ✓

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

In Common Council Sept 8, Reference concurred in.

Received a venire for the drawing, from the box, of two 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 13 inst at 10 A.M. Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor, the messenger passed the box to Alderman Huntley, who drew therefrom and read aloud the names of James B. Eastman and Obed A. Seabury. The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed by the messenger to the Mayor, who read the said names therefrom aloud, and the said slips were passed to the city clerk, by whom the said names were also read aloud therefrom, and the slips duly endorsed and returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Alderman Pratt offered the following orders,— Orders ✓

Upon the notice received this day from the Republican City Committee, of caucuses to be held in the several wards of the city, by the Republican party on Tuesday evening, September 21st, 1897, — 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 hereby are 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 Bow street

in Ward Three

Odd Fellows Hall on Broadway, at the corner of Marshall street

in Ward Four

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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 furnished for the purposes of said caucuses, the expense so incurred to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Upon the notice received by the City Clerk, September 4th, from the Democratic City Committee, of caucuses to be held in the several wards of the city, by the Democratic party on Wednesday evening, September 15th, 1897, — said notice being filed in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of chapter 459, of the Acts of the year 1895, it is hereby

Ordered:—

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

in Ward One

a room in the Davis School-house, on Tufts street

in Ward Two

Union Hall in Bonner Building, on Broadway street

in Ward Three

a room in the Bingham School-house, on Lowell street

in Ward Four

a room in the Moore School-house, on Summer street,

and the Committee on Public Property is hereby instructed to cause said polling places to be provided, and furnished 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. 9, 1897.

✓ Report — The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Henry H. P. Odell, for a license as an innholder at Hotel Odell, No. 62 Highland avenue, reported an order.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:—

That a license as an Innholder under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to the following-named party, at the place of business hereinafter specified, said license to be issued

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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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Henry H. P. Nelson	Hotel Nelson, 62 Highland Avenue

Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of the Socialist Labor Party, for permission to hold meetings at Union Square, Saturday evenings, commencing Sept. 18, and continuing until the November state election, and for the designation of places in the public streets near Union Square and Davis Square, and in East Somerville, where the Socialist Labor Party or any other organization may hold public meetings between the date of said petition and the coming state election, reported leave to withdraw. — Report ✓

Acceptance lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, and Huntley - 4, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews and Berry - 4, voting in the negative.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That permission be granted to the Somerville Section of the Socialist Labor Party, to hold a public meeting in Union Square on the evening of September 18, 1897.

Adoption lost by a yea and nay vote, Aldermen Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews and Berry - 4, voting in the affirmative, and Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont and Huntley - 4, voting in the negative.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of James G. Morison, for permission to build and maintain at #220 Pearl street, the coving of a bay window, at a height of 30 feet above the ground, said coving to project over the sidewalk 18 inches, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted.

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√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to James G. Morrison to build and maintain projections over sidewalks, as follows: At No. 230 Pearl street, the coving of a bay window which coving is to be thirty feet above the ground, to project over the sidewalk eighteen inches.

Adopted.

√ Resolve and Order

A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Beacon Place, as recorded on pages 420 to 424 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

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

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

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 9, 1897.

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company, for pole locations on Highland avenue and Willow avenue, and for permission for the occupancy of the pole on Highland avenue by the West End Street Railway, and a pole on Willow avenue by The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company - also for permission to remove poles on Highland avenue and Willow avenue, reported an order.

Accepted.

√ Order

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The order accompanying the foregoing report, granting locations to the Somerville Electric Light Company, for poles on Highland avenue and Willow avenue, with permission for the use of certain of such poles by the West End Street Railway Company and of certain others by The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., as recorded on page 129 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, was

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Adopted

Alderman Berry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in

Bartlett street,
Harrison street
and
Medford street

as recorded, respectively, on pages 237-240, and 243, 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. 9, 1897

Orders ✓

The Committee on Highways reported that, in pursuance of orders dated, respectively, April 14, April 28 and May 26, sidewalks have been constructed as follows:—

in Madison street, northeasterly side, from School street to Sycamore street, of bricks;

in Central street, westerly side, from Atherton street to Cypress street, of bricks;

in Central street, westerly side, from Atherton street to the estate owned by John G. Nichols, of bricks;

and in Richdale avenue, southerly side, from School street to Sycamore street, of bricks,

and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted

Report ✓

The lists of assessments accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants, and orders for their collection, for the construction of sidewalks in

Central street, westerly side, from Atherton street to the estate owned by John G. Nichols;

Central street, westerly side, from Atherton street to Cypress street,

Madison street, and

Richdale avenue,

Assessments ✓

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are recorded, respectively, on pages 69 to 72 - 73 to 76 - 77 to 80 - and 81 to 84 inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order, -

Ordered: -

That the sum of nine and 95/100 dollars, assessed to Francis H. Conner for the construction of a brick sidewalk in front of his estate No. 92 Flint street, be, and the same hereby is abated, such assessment being erroneous, as the bricks for said sidewalk were furnished by said Conner without cost to the city.

Adopted.

✓ Reports

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks from Charles H. Ramsdell and others, gravel with edgestones both sides of Dell street, from Tufts street to Glen street;

Bruce Perry and others, gravel with edgestones, in Lee street;

J. Olson and others and William H. Haskell and others, gravel with edgestones northerly side, Newbury street;

reported orders of notice for hearings.

Accepted.

✓ Orders of Notice

The orders of notice, submitted with the following reports of hearings on the construction of sidewalks in

Dell street,

Lee street

and

Newbury street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 250, 247 and 244 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, Sept 9, 1897

✓ Reports

The Committee on Public Property, -

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on one order of December 3, 1896, authorizing the purchase of the work during the cold season, on the schoolhouse then in process of erection at the corner of Water and Bush streets, reported that such purchase was not found necessary;

on one order of March 12 for the lowering of the windows in the headquarters room of the Sanford Hanson school-house, reported that such work has been done at a cost of $72.50;

on one order of April 14, for the placing of the name "Sanford Hanson School" on the new school-house in Ward One, at a cost not to exceed $150, — reported that the name has been placed on the building as authorized;

on orders of July 28 and August 4, to remove and dispose of the Beach street and Spring Hill school buildings, reported that the buildings have been removed by Charles H. Bury, he taking the materials as payment for such removal;

on one order of March 24, for the grading of the grounds at the Old Knapp school-house, reported that such grading has been done;

on one order of March 24, for the fitting up of two unoccupied rooms in the Prospect Hill School-house for school purposes, reported that the work has been done as authorized by said order;

on the petition of the Somerville Tennis Club, for the use of the old Lincoln school lot on Elm street, reported that the matter has been placed in the hands of the Committee on Public Grounds;

on one order of Oct. 25, 1896, for the purchase of furniture and fittings for the City Hall, at an expense not to exceed $2500, reported that furniture and fittings have been provided as authorized by said order;

on one order of April 21, for the purchase of carpets for the rooms of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council in the City Hall, reported that carpets have been purchased and laid, as authorized, at a cost of $465.79;

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on an order of Jan. 22, for the disposal of the old furniture discarded at the several offices of the City Hall, reported that old furniture has been disposed of as authorized, for the amount of $50.00;

on an order of March 24, for the purchase of a number four Premier Typewriter, for use in the office of the City Clerk, reported that a typewriter has been purchased as authorized, at a cost of $96.75;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept. 8, Accepted in concurrence

Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City to sign the application herewith submitted, of date, August 30, 1897 to the Assessors of Taxes, in regard to the apportionment of taxes for the year 1897, upon the several parcels of land, into which the real estate of Sarah H. Hayden has been divided, as in said application more particularly stated.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Sept. 8, Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 9, 1897

The following is a copy of the application referred to in foregoing order

Somerville, August 30, 1897

To the Assessors of Taxes of the City of Somerville,-

Whereas the assessors have assessed a tax for the present year upon certain real estate located on Beech Street, of Sarah H. Hayden, in her own right, wife of William R. Hayden, and

Whereas such real estate has been subsequently divided by sale to the City of Somerville by the said owner thereof, and by a deed given by said Sarah H. Hayden and William R. Hayden to the City of Somerville, conveying to said city a certain lot (being part of said real estate), as shown and delineated upon the plan, hereinafter referred to, and being the lot marked on said plan "Sarah H. Hayden," and also by a taking by right of eminent domain of said lot by the said City, the instrument of such taking having been adopted by each branch of the city

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council on the eighteenth day of the present August, and approved by the Mayor on the twenty-first day of the present August, so that said City now owns said lot, conveyed as aforesaid to it, and taken by it, and said Sarah H. Hayden owns the remaining fractional of her said premises, not thus conveyed, and

Whereas, a record of such division has been made in the Middlesex (South District) Registry of Deeds by recording on August 27, 1897, the said deed, and by recording on August 3, 1897, the said plan, and the statement, required by law to be recorded of the taking of said land (a formal being hereby made to said deed, plan, and statement for a more particular description of said lot),

Now, Therefore, the City of Somerville in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, requests the assessors to apportion said tax for the year 1897, (and the costs and interest, if any, accrued thereon) upon the several parcels, into which said real estate has been divided as aforesaid, in proportion to the value of each parcel thereof.

The said plan is entitled: "City of Somerville Plan of Land purchased for a School House Lot, Ward 4, Spring Hill District, 1897 Ernest L. Bailey City Engineer," and a copy of said plan has already been transmitted to said assessors.

Yours respectfully,
City of Somerville,
By its Mayor, Albion A. Perry

The Committee on Printing, on an order of Feb. 16, for the printing of one hundred copies of the lists of assessed polls in the seventeen voting precincts of the city, with additional copies for the use of the assessors and the registrars of voters, reported that said lists have been printed, as authorized, by the Somerville Journal Company, at a cost of $407.60. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 5, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on an order of August 15th, directing said committee to confer with the Somerville Report ✓

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Electric Light Company for the purpose of obtaining for the city if possible, more favorable figures for arc and incandescent lights for street lighting than those given in the report of said committee, submitted on the said date, reported that the committee had an interview with the said company and requested the company to submit lower figures, and received, in response, the following communication.

To the Fuel & Street Light Committee September 8, 1897.
of the City of Somerville,

Gentlemen,

In response to your request that we submit to you lower figures for the proposed Street Lighting Contract, we will say that our Directors have today held a special meeting and discussed this matter.

We desire to give the City as low prices as possible and we felt that we have already done so in our proposal of June 22.

Should the City use 500 arcs or more on a 5 year contract we would submit lower figures but we cannot give any lower figures for the number of lamps used by the City on a 1 or 3 year contract.

We know that when the City Council looks into this matter thoroughly that they will find that the prices which we have submitted are fair and just.

Respectfully yours,
Somerville Electric Light Co,
(signed) F. Elwood Smith Clerk

Accepted and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Sept. 8, Accepted in concurrence

✓ Order

On motion of Alderman Spring, it was voted that the order offered by him August 18th, for the making of a contract with the Somerville Electric Light Company for the lighting of the streets of the city for a term of five years from October 1, 1897, which order was laid upon the table by this board, be taken from the table.

Voted that the further consideration of said order be postponed until the next meeting of the board at 8 P.M.

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Alderman Pratt offered the following order,— | Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, directed to transfer the sum of three hundred dollars from School-house Land, Ward Two account to School-house, Ward One account.

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 9, 1897.

Received from the Common Council, the report of the joint special committee, appointed August 18th, to draft resolutions expressive of the appreciation of the City Council of the services of the retiring city solicitor, Hon. Selwyn J. Bowman, submitting such resolutions. | Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8, Accepted in concurrence.

The resolutions presented with the foregoing report are as follows:— | Resolutions ✓ on resignation of Hon. Selwyn J. Bowman as City Solicitor.

City of Somerville

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,
September 8, 1897.

Whereas the Hon. S. J. Bowman has deemed it to be for his interests to resign his position as City Solicitor of our city after a service of nine consecutive years, and after having served the city in that office for a total of eleven years,— it is therefore

Resolved:—

that we regret that any reason should have arisen which should deprive the city of the services of so gifted and able a lawyer as Mr. Bowman has proved himself to be, and we congratulate our city that for so many years it has been her privilege to have the services of so faithful an official in this position.

Resolved:—

that we extend to Mr. Bowman our sincere and hearty thanks for the painstaking labor and elaborate minuteness with which every part of the business of the city which has

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been committed to him has been cared for, whether in the writing of contracts, deeds and other legal papers, or in representing the city in the court room, or in the careful and judicious settling of claims out of court, or when appearing before committees of the Legislature on behalf of the city.

Resolved:-

that we tender to him our best wishes for the highest success in his future legal undertakings and hope he will find this step, so much of a loss to the city, to be one as full of realization to him as he now sees it to be full of promise.

Geo. E. Whitaker
L. Herbert Huntley
Isaac M. Story
Frank B. Burrows
Arthur W. Perry
} Committee on Resolutions

In Common Council, Sept. 8. Read twice and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 8. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 9, 1897.

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 may come before the board - all the members of the Board having been duly notified in writing.
City Hall Somerville, Sept 14, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker and Perry present.
Records approved.

Received a warrant for the drawing, from the box, of three men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Superior Court now in session at Cambridge, the men so drawn to be notified to appear and attend said court on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of September, 1897 at ten o'clock A.M. Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Ball, who drew therefrom and read aloud the names of Amasses P. Morgan, William D. Hall and Frank C. Bowers.

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 from said slips, which were then passed to the City Clerk, who read the said names aloud therefrom and after duly endorsing the slips returned them to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Adjourned.

Attest,

George S. Vincent City Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, City Hall, Somerville, Sept. 15, 1897 – 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Gray, presiding.

Aldermen Spring, Bell, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley, and Gray.

Minutes approved.

✓ Order

In pursuance of a vote passed September 8th, the order passed August 18th for the making of a contract with the Somerville Electric Light Co. for the lighting of the streets for a term of two years from October 1, 1897, was taken up for consideration, the previous action on said order being as follows:–

In Board of Aldermen, Aug. 18, 1897. Read once and laid upon the table.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 8, 1897. Taken from the table and consideration postponed until meeting of Sept. 15th at 8 o'clock.

Action of this date was taken as follows:–

In Board of Aldermen Sept. 15. Second reading refused. Later in the evening, refusal of second reading reconsidered, and second reading again refused.

✓ Order

On motion of Alderman Whitaker, it was voted that the following order, which was laid upon the table by this board July 21st, be taken from the table.

In Common Council, July 14, 1897.

Ordered:–

That a committee, consisting of two members of the Board of Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council, be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of the exercise by the City of the authority conferred in section one of Chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, so far as the same relates to the construction, purchase, lease, or establishment or maintenance of one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of electricity.

(signed) Isaac H. Story

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In Common Council July 21, 1897, Adopted and Councilmen Story, Wilson and Osborne appointed on the part of this branch. Sent up for concurrence. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, July 21, Laid upon the table. George S. Vincent, Clerk.

Action was taken as follows.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 15, Adopted and Aldermen Whitaker and Lamont appointed on the part of this branch in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 16, 1897.

Alderman Lamont offered the following resolution. — Resolution ✓

Resolved:

That it is expedient for the City of Somerville to exercise the authority conferred upon Cities, under provisions of Chapter 370, of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto, and thereby to establish and maintain within the limits of said City of Somerville, one or more electric plants for the manufacture or distribution of electricity, for furnishing lights for municipal use, and for the use of such of the inhabitants of the City of Somerville, as may require and pay for the same, as in said acts as provided.

Read once. Second reading refused. Later in the evening, refusal of second reading reconsidered, and second reading again refused.

Alderman Ball offered the following order. — Order ✓

Ordered:

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and hereby is authorized and instructed, to make a contract with the Somerville Electric Light Co. for the furnishing of electric lights for one year from October 1/97, at the prices named in their proposal, namely —

361 to 425 arc lights	$112.50 each
over 425 "	$107.50 "
Incandescent lights	$25.00 "

and to allow for outs at the rate of four cents per hour for arc lights,

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and one cent per hour for incandescent lights.
Read once Second reading refused.

✓ Petition — Received a petition - signed by the mother of the proposed licensee - that a license to sell newspapers be granted to Charles Thompson, #8 Marion street, aged 11 years,
approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition for a license to cry his goods in the streets from Lois Markes, 448 Commercial street, Boston, who holds a $50.00 state license,
approved by the Chief of Police.
License refused.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from Ann Bruyn, for a license to keep an intelligence office at 365 Highland avenue.
License granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from Lorenzo Sobrenes for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets.
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

✓ Petitions — Received petitions from,-
The Standard Oil Co. for permission to lay a 1¼ inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of Emerson A. Christopher's store, #202 Highland avenue, for the purpose of filling an oil tank in the cellar;
Wilbur F. Mansfield, that the sidewalk in front of his premises #785 Broadway, opposite Powder House Park, may be reduced to a grade corresponding with that of the street and a gravel sidewalk with a curbstone and a grass plat between the curb and the gravel, constructed, the cost, exclusive of the grading, to be paid by the petitioner,
Jonathan Brown and William H. Upham, for a brick sidewalk, with edge stones, in front of their respective estates on Browning

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Road, namely, in front of lots 16, 6 and 7, and 5 feet of lot 8, as per plan dated May 8, 1892, made by George A. Kimball; the petitioners to pay the cost of the materials;

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from,— Petitions ✓

Frank Fuhs that the driveway in front of his estate #76 Linwood street be discontinued, and another constructed in front of his estate #74 Linwood street, the cost to be paid by the petitioner;

Charles A. Kinneson, for a driveway across the sidewalk in front of his premises #176 Walnut street, at his expense;

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 16. References concurred in.

Alderman Ball, offered the following order.— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the license to sell newspapers, granted April 28th to Edward Parker, be and the same hereby is revoked, the said Parker having returned his badge and license.

Adopted

The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Henry S. P. Colson, for a license for two billiard and two pool tables at Hotel Colson, 62 Highland avenue, reported an order. Report ✓

Accepted

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

Ordered:—

That a license, 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 to be kept under said

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licenses, such licenses to expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Number of Tables or Alleys				To be Kept at
	Billiard Tables	Pool Tables	Bowling Alleys	Bowling Alleys	
Henry H. C. Nelson					Hotel Nelson, No. 62 Highland Ave

Adopted

✓ Order
Bond filed Sept 20 1897

Alderman Gray offered the following order, –

Ordered: –

That before issuing the permit granted by this board August 23rd to J. Brannon & Co. to erect a guy post, on Medford street and to stretch wire guy ropes across Medford and Thurston streets from a derrick to be used in connection with the erection of the new church at the corner of Thurston and Medford streets, the city clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to require from said Brannon & Co. a satisfactory bond with surety, in the sum of One thousand dollars, to save the city harmless against all liability for damage on account of the erection of said post, and the stretching of said ropes and the maintenance thereof.

Adopted

✓ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated August 23, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct a storm drain and sewer in Mystic avenue; proposals being compared on the basis of the estimate of quantities of work to be done, made by the City Engineer as follows: –

(a) 540 lin. ft. of earth excavation and refilling above grade, including for 50-yd. power.

(b) 240 cu. yds. American cement concrete, mixed 5, 2, and 1.

(c) 115 cu. yds. brick masonry, Rosendale cement mortar.

(d) 50 cu. yds. brick masonry, Portland cement mortar.

(e) 6,500 lin. ft. spruce piles in place

(f) 17 M. ft. B. M. spruce timber in place

Name of Bidder	Earth excavation per lin. foot	American cement concrete per cu. yard	Brick masonry Rosendale cement mortar per cubic yard
J. H. McKnight	$1.73	$5.50	$14.00

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T. H. Bryne		$ 2.50	$ 6.00	$ 13.00
Charles A. Morgan		3.00	4.50	12.00
T. F. Crimmings		2.65	4.90	11.50
C. A. & C. G. Trumbull		2.75	5.50	11.50
Maurice Buttimer		1.80	4.50	12.00
Richard Falvey		1.60	5.00	12.00
H. A. Hanscom & Co.		1.85	5.00	12.00
Charles Lynnelson		1.60	4.15	11.75
Charles C. McGrew & Co.		2.45	4.00	10.15

Brick masonry Portland cement mortar per cubic yard	Spruce piles in place per lin. foot	Spruce lumber in place per M feet B.M.	Estimated Aggregate
$ 15.50	$ 0.27	$ 40.00	$ 7,155.20
15.00	0.20	35.00	6,990.00
14.00	0.16	25.00	6,293.00
14.00	0.17	24.00	6,193.50
14.00	0.10	30.00	6,017.50
15.00	0.18	30.00	5,916.00
14.00	0.18	26.00	5,810.00
13.00	0.16	25.00	5,742.00
12.25	0.16	18.50	5,217.75
11.37	0.10	25.00	5,123.75

and presented an order.

Accepted

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and it hereby is authorized to make a contract with Charles C. McGrew & Co. for the construction of a storm water drain and sewer in Ayetic avenue, at the prices named in their proposal, submitted in said committee's report this evening; - and it is further ordered that the said Charles C. McGrew & Co. shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Committee on Sewers.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 16, 1897.

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1 Order

Alderman Lamont offered an order for the construction of a common sewer in Beacon Place, as recorded on page 128 of Vol. 1 of the Records of the Taking of Land for and Order to Construct Sewers — of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 16, 1897.

1 Report

The Committee on Sewers reported the following list of proposals received to construct sewer in Beacon Place from Beacon street northeasterly, — about 260 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with one manhole the pipe and manhole frame and cover to be furnished by the city.

Name of Bidder	Manhole	Laying 8" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
	$	$	$
T. F. Brimmingan	35.00	0.53	172.80
Richard Foley	31.00	0.44	145.40
Maurice Cuttinan	27.00	0.36	120.60
Charles A. Kelley	22.00	0.35	113.00

and recommended an order.

Accepted.

1 Order

The order submitted with the foregoing report is 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 Beacon Place, from the sewer in Beacon street northeasterly about two hundred fifty feet, at the prices named in his proposal, submitted in said Committee's report this morning.

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 16, 1897.

1 Reports

The Committee on Highways, reported that in pursuance of orders dated, respectively, April 28 and July 14, sidewalks have been constructed as follows, in

Elm street, southwesterly side, from Kidder avenue to Morrison street, of bricks;

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Elm street, southerly side, from Mathew Tufts Park to Kidder avenue, of bricks with a grass plot between the bricks and the edgestones,

Cherry street, northerly side, from Summer street to Highland avenue, bricks with edgestones,

Walnut street, both sides, from Broadway street to Mount Vernon street, bricks with edgestones;

and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted

The lists of assessments accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

Cherry street
Elm street from Kidder avenue to Morrison St
Elm street from Mathew Tufts Park to Kidder Ave.
and
Walnut street

are recorded respectively on pages 85 to 88 - 89 to 92 - 93 to 96 and 97 to 100, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments - of the Ward Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted

The Committee on Ordinances — Reports ✓

on an order dated June 15, 1896, to consider the advisability of drawing an ordinance to provide that all plans and specifications for the position or alteration of any building of the city be submitted for inspection to the inspector of buildings or to the 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 an order is offered, authorizing a contract in accordance therewith - reported that, in the judgment of the Committee, it is inexpedient to take any action

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on said order.

on our order dated May 12, 1897, to consider the advisability of amending Section one of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, entitled "Highways", by adding after the words "forty feet" the words "except such streets or highways not less than thirty feet in width, as were used as highways previous to the year 1885, — reported recommending no action under said order, and submitted a new order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 16. Accepted in concurrence.

✓ Order		The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:—
	Ordered:—	
		That the Committee on Ordinances be, and it hereby is requested to report a draft of an ordinance to amend Section one of Chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, entitled "Highways" by adding after the words "forty feet," the words, "except such streets or highways, not less than thirty feet in width, as were used as highways previous to the year 1872."

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 16. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 17, 1897.

✓ Order		Aldermen Whitaker offered the following order:—
	Ordered:—	
		That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ suitable counsel, in behalf of the city to prosecute the claim, by suit or otherwise, as he shall deem expedient, of the city against Bridget Bradburn for reimbursement of her support by the city, the city solicitor, as guardian ad litem of said Bridget Bradburn, having been interested in said matter, and therefore, not being able to act in regard to said claim or suit, although his resignation as such guardian has been presented to the Probate Court. The expense to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, Sept. 16, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 17, 1897

Adjourned.

Attest:

George S. Vincent, Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville September 22, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Lemont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Report — His Honor, the Mayor, reported that, pursuant to an order dated September 15, he had employed the Hon. Selwyn J. Bowman, as special counsel in behalf of the city to prosecute the claim by suit or otherwise, of the city against Bridget Beadburn for expenses of her support by the city.
Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Sept. 22. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Recommendation — Received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a recommendation that Luther F. Bickers and George E. Sarnum be discharged from the fire department, at their own request, they having moved from the city.
Discharges as recommended made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Petition — Received from the Common Council, a petition from Francis Tufts and others for an electric light about midway on Mansfield street.
In Common Council Sept. 16. Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen Sept. 22. Reference concurred in.

√ Order — Received from the Common Council the following order:-
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Ordered:-

That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, requested and authorized to petition The State Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners for an equitable adjustment of the price of electric lights to be furnished to the city by the Somerville Electric Light Company, and that

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he take such other action in reference to the matter as may be proper and necessary tending toward a reduction in the price of such electric lights and the improvement of the quality of the same

(signed) Isaac M. Story

In Common Council, Sept. 16. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 22. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 23, 1897.

Received from D. L. Fulton Secretary, a circular letter giving notice of the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Society of Municipal Improvements to be holden at Nashville, Tennessee, October 5th to 9th inclusive of the present year. — Notice ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Sept. 23. Read for information.

Received a communication from H. J. Rice, soliciting employment as a stenographer. — Communication ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Sept. 23. 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 ✓

Walter C. Nickerson and Russell M. Shattuck

both approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Received petitions for licenses to cry their goods in the streets from, — Petitions ✓

Thomas M. Foley and William G. Gelber

both approved by the Chief of Police

Laid upon the table

Received a communication, addressed to His Honor the Mayor, from Paul Barron Watson, stating that he owns a house on — Communication ✓

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Sumner street, off Lawrence street, which is flooded with water more than half the year owing to lack of proper surface drainage, that his land adjoins the land occupied by the City Stables, which is some 5 feet below the land of said Watson, and within a year the City has built an embankment against his land, and prevented the natural flow of the surface water, and suggesting as a remedy, the construction of a catch-basin in Lawrence street at the end of Sumner street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from -

Charles Lincoln for a license to blast rock in his quarry at the head of Granite and Osgood streets;

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. for locations for poles in Temple street; the petition being presented for the purpose of relocating the line now standing in said street;

A. A. Terrio, for a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, 44 feet in length, in front of the estate #29 Lemon street;

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from -

David D. Lord for permission to construct, at his own expense, two granolythic driveways in front of his estate #9 Pettinger street;

Joseph K. Manning and others, for the laying out of Alpine street, from Lowell street northwesterly to the point indicated on plan presented, and of a width of 40 feet;

Joseph F. Wilson and others, for the laying out of Alpine street from Cedar street to Lowell street; the petitioners being ready to release sufficient land to make the entire street 40 feet wide;

Joseph K. Manning and others, for the laying out of Lowell street from Albion street to the northeasterly side of Princeton street, of a width of 40 feet;

Joseph K. Manning and others, for the laying out of Princeton street from Lowell street to Alpine street, of the width of 40 feet;

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Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 23, Reference concurred in.

Received petitions from — Petitions ✓

Cosmo Accetta and others for an electric light in Elmwood street, near the Cambridge line, like the one now in said street, near Holland street;

Augustus B. Byam and others, for an electric light in Melvin street.

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

In Common Council, Sept. 23, Reference concurred in.

Received a notice to appear in the Superior Court, at Cambridge, on the first Monday of November next, and answer to Patrick Flynn of Somerville, in an action of tort, to the damage of said plaintiff (as he saith) the sum of five thousand dollars. Notice of Suit ✓

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

In Common Council, Sept. 23, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Received a petition from John C. Dugan, for permission to move a wooden building, measuring 12 feet in length, 13 feet in breadth, and 17 feet in extreme height, from land of said Dugan on the northerly side of Lowell Terrace, through Lowell Terrace and Lowell and Medford streets, to land of Edward O'Brien on the southerly side of Medford street near Lowell street; Petition ✓

certified by the superintendent of streets, and the superintendent of electric lines, that the statement as to construction and measurements is substantially correct, and that in their opinion, the removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Alderman Berry offered an order granting permission to John C. Dugan, to move a wooden building through Lowell Terrace Order ✓

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and Lowell and Medford street, as recorded on page 515 of volume 1 of the Records of Poles and Wires, Street Railways, and Aging Buildings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Spring offered the following order, –

Ordered: –

That the license granted by this board August 18th, to Harris Handel of Cambridge, to collect junk, be and the same hereby is revoked, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to permit to said Handel the fee for said license; the said Handel wishing to surrender said license, which he has not used, as this board has refused to grant him a license to ply his calling as a collector of junk in the streets of this city.

Adopted

✓ Report

The Committee on Highways, reported that under an order, dated April 14, a gravel sidewalk with edgestones, has been constructed on both sides of Francis avenue from Elm street to Liberty avenue, and submitted a list of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted.

✓ Assessments

The list of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with a warrant, and an order for their collection, for sidewalks in Francis avenue, as recorded on pages 101 to 104, inclusive, of volume 5, of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

✓ Report

The Committee on Public Property, on the request from the School Committee, that the new school building to be erected on Beech street, be named the Martin St. Barr School, reported an order

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept 23, Accepted in concurrence

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

Ordered:-

That the schoolhouse now being erected on Quincy street in the Spring Hill District in this city, be, and it hereby is, named the Norton St. School

(signed) J. A. Pratt

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Sept. 23. Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 24 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to have wire guards furnished and put up for the basement windows of the Sanford Thomson Schoolhouse, at a cost not exceeding eighty dollars; the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse, Land, one, account.

Read twice, and adopted, and sent down for concurrence

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

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 24, 1897

Adjourned

Attest,

George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to decide as to what transfers, if any, should be made to those appropriations which are already overdrawn, and others which are likely to be insufficient, 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, Sept. 25, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

✓ Order

Received from the Common Council the following order:-
Ordered:-
That his honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, requested to confer with the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad (Southern division) relative to placing a flag man for all time at Thorndike street where the railroad crosses said street, said crossing being an extremely dangerous one, as children cross and recross in going from and to the Hodgkins schoolhouse.
(signed) Silas L. Cummings
In Common Council, Sept. 23, 1897. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 25. Adopted in concurrence.
Presented to the Mayor, Sept. 27

✓ Order

Alderman Whitaker 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 an informal conference with reference to the condition of the various appro-

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priations.	
Adopted, and Alderman Whitaker appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.	
In Common Council, Sept. 25, Request granted, and Councilman Wilson appointed a messenger to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen.	
In Convention of the City Council.	Convention
His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.	
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Robinson, Macdonald, Story, Raymond, Wilson, Lovell, Reed and Timson, present.	
Pursuant to an order adopted this evening, the convention considered, informally, the condition of the various appropriations, the facts in the case being presented to the convention by his Honor the Mayor, to the assistance of the treasurer.	Conference on appropriations ✓
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 Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, present.	
His Honor the Mayor presented the following communication in regard to certain of the appropriations:-	Communication ✓
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To the City Council,
Gentlemen:—

It becomes my duty to direct your attention to the fact that the appropriations for "City Hall Improvement" and "City Building, corner Highland avenue and Walnut street, Improvement of" are both overdrawn, and to recommend a transfer to each account sufficient to provide for the deficiency. The present overdraft of the first-named account amounts to a little more than $1100, and it will be necessary, nearly to double the present appropriation for the City Building at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street.

As you know, the sum of $500 was set apart for remodelling the old engine house, which is now called "City Hall Annex." It was supposed that the improvement could be completed for a sum not much in excess of the appropriation. I am surprised to learn that the entire outlay will not fall far short of $10,000. Notwithstanding the unexpected cost of the undertaking, I believe it was good policy to adapt the old building to city uses, and I am satisfied that the work has been done in a thorough and substantial manner.

I would further recommend that there be transferred from Interest Account to Miscellaneous Account the sum of $5000. There now remains in Miscellaneous Account only $480, and the expenditures properly chargeable to this account during the remainder of the year will call for the transfer herein recommended.

It also seems to me absolutely necessary that a sum, not less than $3500, should be added to Sewer Maintenance Account. There is now a balance of only $655 to the credit of said account. Considerable work remains to be done in the way of cleaning sewers and catch-basins before freezing weather sets in, and the City of Cambridge has an unpaid claim against the Sewer Department, incurred in removing the deposit at the outlet of the Bridge street sewer, of nearly $2000. I hardly need to remind you that transfers to the appropriations for School Teachers' Salaries and Janitors' Salaries should be authorized, to make good the overdrafts of last year.

In view of the fact that other appropriations, including those set aside for Fire Department, Health Department, Police Department, Street Lighting, and Support of Poor, are likely to be overdrawn,

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I would urge upon the several committees of the City Council the importance of the exercise of great care in the management of their several departments during the remaining months of the year

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Sept. 25, Read for information

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication,- Report of the Mayor ✓

City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office

Sept. 25th, 1897

To the City Council of Somerville,

Gentlemen:

In compliance with an order lately adopted by both branches of the City Council, I have addressed a petition to the Massachusetts Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners a copy of which is hereto annexed. If the Commissioners decide to order a hearing upon said petition, I would respectfully request that all members of your Honorable Boards who can impart information pertinent to the issue be present at the said hearing. As soon as the date of the hearing is fixed by the Commissioners, I will promptly notify you of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry

Mayor

(Copy of Petition)

"City of Somerville, Mass.

Mayor's Office

Sept. 24th, 1897

To the Honorable Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

It recent meetings of the two branches of the Somerville

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City Council, an order was adopted, an attested copy of which is hereto annexed.

In compliance with said order, I do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Board "for an equitable adjustment of the price of electric lights to be furnished to the city (of Somerville) by the Somerville Electric Light Company," and that you will "take such other action in reference to the matter as may be proper and necessary, tending toward a reduction in the price of said electric lights, and the improvement of the quality of the same."

It may be proper for me to add that the existing contract between said Company and the City of Somerville, for lighting the streets of said city, expires on the first day of October of the present year.

I would therefore respectfully request that the parties in interest may be given a hearing upon the within complaint and petition, at as early a date as may be convenient for your Honorable Board.

Respectfully yours,

Albion A. Gray,

Mayor.

Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 25, Accepted in concurrence

√ Petition — Received a petition from George H. Snow for a license to give a children's entertainment, to consist of singing, dancing, tableaux, etc., in Odd Fellows Hall, Broadway, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, 1897;

recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk.

Issuing of license approved.

√ Order — Alderman Lamont offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the following assessments, viz.:

Dec. 26, 1895,	Henry H. C. Bolster,	pt. lot 2,	$20.14
"	"	" 3,	31.85
"	"	" 4,	31.82
"	"	" 5,	31.79

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Dec 26, 1895,	Henry H. P. Polson,	lot 6,	$31.76
"	"	" 7,	31.74
"	"	" 8,	31.71
"	"	" 9,	31.65
"	"	" 10,	33.06
"	"	" 11,	32.71
"	"	" 12,	33.05
"	"	" 13,	33.07
"	"	" 14,	33.05
"	"	" 15,	33.07
"	"	" 16,	33.05
"	"	" 17,	33.07
"	"	" 18,	33.05
"	"	pt. lot 19,	20.03
	Total		$559.82

Laid by order of the board of Mayor and Aldermen Dec. 26, 1895, to defray in part the cost of constructing a Main Drain or Common Sewer in the City of Evansville in Spring Hill Terrace be assessed from said Polson to the Heirs of James D. Pindle, said Pindle, then deceased, appearing as the record owner of the property, at the date of the passage of the order to construct said sewer.

Adopted

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and hereby is, instructed to purchase of Charles Dimick, a lot of land for schoolhouse purposes situated at the corner of Dimick and Calvin streets, at a cost not to exceed nine thousand dollars, the expense so incurred to be charged to Schoolhouse, Land, Yard Fund account.

Read once. Second reading refused

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:— making transfer of appropriations

That the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized

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and instructed to transfer from Schoolhouse, Land, Ward Tax, account the sum of five thousand six hundred five, and 25/100 dollars, ($5605.25) and place said sum to the credit of the following accounts, namely:

City Building, for Highland Avenue and Walnut Street, Improvement of, the sum of	$4,500.00
City Hall Improvement account, the sum of	1,105.25
Total,	5,605.25

and it is further ordered that the sum of twenty five thousand eight hundred eighty two, and 10/100 dollars, ($25,882.10) be transferred from School account, and placed to the credit of the following accounts, namely:

Miscellaneous, the sum of	$5000.00
School Contingent, the sum of	1,430.11
School Teachers' Salaries, the sum of	16,951.99
Sewer Maintenance, the sum of	2,500.00
Total,	$25,882.10

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Sept 25, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor Sept. 27, 1897.

Adjournment

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, October 6, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding
Aldermen Spring, Pratt, Gammon, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Curry, present.

Records approved.

Mayor — Received the following communication from His Honor, the Mayor — Communication ✓

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office.
Oct. 6th, 1897.

To the City Council of Somerville,
Gentlemen:

By an order lately adopted by both branches of your Honorable Body, I was instructed "to confer with the officials of the Boston & Maine Railroad (Southern Division) relative to placing a flagman for all time, at Thurndike street, where the railroad crosses said street."

In compliance with said order, I have this day addressed a communication, a copy of which is herein appended, to the President of the Boston & Maine Railroad, requesting such action as may be necessary to render the Thurndike street crossing convenient and safe for public travel.

I will state for the information of your Honorable Body, that the whole matter of providing safeguards at grade crossings is regulated by the statutes of the Commonwealth, and before any formal and effective action is taken, it will be necessary for the Board of Aldermen to adopt an order in conformity to the provisions of law. Notwithstanding the fact that the order already adopted fails to meet the requirements of the statutes, I have acted upon the request which it contained, on the belief

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that the railroad corporation might be willing to station a flagman at the crossing without being directed to do so by the Railroad Commissioner.

For your the Railroad Officials shall refuse or neglect to protect the crossing, I would suggest that an order be drawn under the direction of the City Solicitor, and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, authorizing an appeal to the Railroad Commissioner in the manner pointed out by the Statutes.

Respectfully yours,
Albion A. Perry,
Mayor.

(Copy of Letter)
City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office Oct 6th 1897

Lucius Tuttle, Esq.,
Gen. Boston & Maine Railroad,
Dear Sir:-

I have been instructed by the City Council of Somerville, "to confer with the officials of the Boston & Maine Railroad (Southern Division) relative to placing a flagman for all time at Thorndike street, where the railroad crosses said street."

In compliance with said order, I would respectfully call your attention to the present condition of the Thorndike street crossing, and ask that such steps may be taken by the corporation which you represent, as shall make said crossing convenient and safe for the people who are obliged to use it. Thorndike street is made use of to a considerable extent by the children of Somerville in going from their homes to the public schools, and the travel is likely to increase, as the western section of our city is gaining rapidly in population. It would seem to be important, in order to insure safety to travellers along Thorndike street, to station a flagman permanently at the crossing. Already, a serious accident has occurred at this point, a child having been struck by a passing team and severely injured.

I trust that the officials of your corporation may give early attention to this important matter. For your further information, I enclose herewith a copy of the order, with the endorsements thereon, adopted by the Somerville City Council.

Respectfully yours,

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Albion A. Gray
Mayor

Read and sent down for information
In Common Council Oct. 14 Read for information

Received the following communication from His Honor, the Mayor. — Communication ✓

City of Louisville, Ky.
Mayor's Office
Oct 6th, 1897

To the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I have received a communication from Alderman George B. Whitaker, requesting that he may be allowed to resign from the Special Committee on Municipal Lighting, and that some other alderman may be designated to serve in his stead.

If it shall be the pleasure of your Honorable Board to relieve Alderman Whitaker from further service on the above-named Committee, I will, after appropriate action by your Honorable Board, make a new appointment upon the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Albion A. Gray
Mayor

Read for information

On petition of Henry A. Gould for appointment as a constable, his Honor the Mayor recommended that no action be taken — Petition ✓

Placed on file

Received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department a recommendation that Frederick H. Jones be discharged from the department, at his own request — Recommendation ✓

Discharge as recommended made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen

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√ Petition and Appointment	Received a petition from Emory S. Haradon, Janitor of the Sanford Cameron School, that he may be appointed a special police without compensation; the petition being approved by the Chief of Police. Appointment as requested made by the Mayor, and action by the board deferred, under the rules, until the next regular meeting.
√ Report	Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of September. Placed on file.
√ Request	Received a communication from the Board of Overseers of the Poor, stating that the appropriation for the poor department is now exhausted, and that an additional sum of not less than thirty-five hundred dollars ($3500.) will be required for necessary expenditure during the balance of the year, and requesting a transfer of that amount to the Support of Poor account. Referred to Committee on Finance, and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, October 14, Reference concurred in.
√ Communication	Received the following communication from the Hon. S. J. Bowman.— To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Somerville: I have received from the city clerk a copy of the resolutions which you did me the honor to pass in regard to my incumbency of the office of city solicitor, and I thank you for the same. The highest reward, which an officer can receive for the performance of public duties, is the commendation and approval of those whom he has served, and I appreciate the assurance which you have given to me, that I have faithfully performed the important duties which were intrusted to me. Very respectfully, S. J. Bowman. Read and sent down for information. In Common Council, Oct. 14. Read for information.

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Received the following communication from Martin H. Carr. — Communication ✓

To West Somerville, Mass., Oct. 6, 1897

His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Somerville,

Gentlemen:—

Your communication of September 26th, informing me of the action of the City Council in placing my name on the new School building, to be erected on Beach Street, was duly received.

Will you kindly convey to the City Council my high appreciation of the great honor the City Council and the School Board has done me, and accept my heart-felt thanks.

Very truly yours

Martin H. Carr

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, 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 ✓

John A. Baston — Charles H. Fosdick — Joseph G. Haney — Gladstone Henderson — William Hetherington — Gordon Morrison — James H. Ramsey — Thomas Silva — all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted

Received a petition from William F. Tasker, 6 George street, Somerville, for a license as a private detective. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Police

Received a petition from Henry E. Gould for permission to erect and use a twenty-five horse power stationary steam engine with a thirty horse power boiler, in a building to be erected at the southwesterly corner of Kinslow avenue and Clifton street, and to be used for a moulding mill, waste from the mill and coal to be used as fuel. — Petition ✓ and

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Accompanying the foregoing petition was the following order of notice. — Order of Notice ✓

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, that fourteen days'

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notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Wednesday, the 27th day of October, 1897, 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.

Adopted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from N. F. Perry and others for a common sewer in Moreland street, from Meacham street to Heath street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petition — Received a petition from F. W. Swimby, for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones in front of his estate #14 Bradley street; the petitioner agreeing to pay for the edgestones.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from—

√ Henry W. P. Colson for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk on the southeasterly side of Vinal avenue in front of Hotel Colson, and that the city would allow him, toward the cost thereof, a sum equal to one-half the cost of a brick sidewalk;

√ George W. Taylor and others for the relaying of the sidewalk in front of Nos. 246, 248, 250, 252 and 254, Elm street;

√ Catherine A. Savage, that the driveway in front of #44 Beacon street, be moved about four feet, at her expense, and that a tree standing in the sidewalk in front of said premises, being the tree nearest Concord avenue, be removed;

√ Gerti Somerville Board of Trade and E. S. Sparrow and others, that Davis square and all the streets leading into it, namely,—Day street, to the westerly line of Herbert street; Dover street, to a point fifty (50) feet from the square; Holland street, to a point fifty (50) feet beyond the railroad crossing; Highland avenue, to a point fifty (50) feet from the square; Elm street, to the southerly line of Chester street on the southerly side, and fifty (50) feet from the railroad crossing on the

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northerly side of the square, may be paved with paving blocks on a concrete foundation, or covered with an asphalt pavement.

Referred to Committee on Highways, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Reference concurred in.

Received, a petition from A. F. Kenney for an arc light midway across Lozing street. — Petition ✓

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

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Reference concurred in.

Received, a petition from Patrick Kirk for permission to move a wooden building measuring 40 feet in length, 20 feet in breadth, and 21½ feet in extreme height, from the Cambridge line, through Columbia street, to land of the petitioner on the westerly side of Columbia street, near Glass House Court; — Petition ✓

certified by the Superintendent of Streets, and the Superintendent of Electric Lines, that in their opinion the proposed removal can be made without injury to public or private property.

Placed on file.

Received, a venire for the drawing of two (2) good and lawful men to serve as grand jurors, and five (5) such men to serve as petit jurors, at the United States Circuit Court, to be holden at Boston, on the fifteenth day of October inst., the men drawn to serve as grand jurors to be notified to attend said Court on Friday, October 15th, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., and those drawn to serve as petit jurors to be notified to attend said Court on Tuesday, October 19th, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor, the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Perry, who was requested to draw therefrom the names of two (2) men to serve as grand jurors, and the Alderman drew therefrom and read aloud the names of George J. Russell and Robert A. Hancock.

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The messenger then by direction of the mayor passed the box to Alderman Huntley, who was requested to draw therefrom the names of five (5) men to serve as petit jurors, and the Alderman drew from the box and read aloud the names of Arthur C. Gordon, William E. Straight, Everett G. Starbird, Charles Booth, and Charles A. Abbott.

The slips bearing the names so drawn were passed by the messenger to the mayor, who verified the names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then passed to the city clerk, by whom the said names were read aloud therefrom, and the slips, after being duly endorsed, were returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

✓ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of three good and lawful men to serve as traverse jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden at Cambridge, on the third Tuesday of October inst. the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said Court on Monday, October 25th, 1897, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

By direction of the mayor, the city messenger passed the box to Alderman Andrews, who, at the mayor's request, drew therefrom and read aloud the names of Daniel S. Knowles, William F. Cunningham and Franklin A. Hobart.

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the messenger to the mayor, who verified said names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then handed to the City Clerk, by whom the said names were read aloud therefrom, and the slips duly endorsed and returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

✓ Jurors

Received a venire for the drawing of three good and lawful men to serve as traverse jurors at the Superior Court to be holden at Lowell on the third Monday of October inst. the men so drawn to be summoned to appear and attend said Court on Monday, October 25th, 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M.

By direction of the Mayor, the City Messenger passed the box to Alderman Pratt, who, at the mayor's request, drew therefrom and read aloud the names of Frank C. Mayo, Manfred H. Wilder, and Edgar H. Osborn.

The slips bearing the said names so drawn were passed by the

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messenger to the mayor, who verified said names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then handed to the city clerk, by whom the said names were read aloud therefrom, and the slips duly endorsed and returned to the proper compartment of the jury box.

Alderman Perry offered an order granting permission to Patrick Kirk to move a wooden building through Columbia street, as recorded on page 516 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 Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the licenses granted by this board to Herbert Cole, Walter S. Noyes and George L. Perry, to sell newspapers, be and the same hereby are revoked, the said licensees having surrendered their licenses and badges.

Adopted

Alderman Huntley offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making a transfer of twenty-five hundred dollars to be placed to the credit of Fire Department account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15, 1897

Alderman Andrews offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and hereby is, authorized to let to Willard C. Kinsley Post #139 G.A.R. the apartments lately fitted up for their use, situated at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street for the sum of one dollar a year, the amount received for said rental to be credited to Miscellaneous Account.

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		Adopted and sent down for concurrence
		Sent Common Council Oct. 14 Adopted in concurrence
		Approved by the Mayor Oct. 15. 1897
Adjournment		Adjourned
		Attest
		George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, October 12, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, present
Records approved

In pursuance of orders approved September 9, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the construction of sidewalks on — Hearings ✓

Newbury street
Lee street
and
Dell street

all persons interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officers' returns, recorded respectively on pages 245, 258 and 251, 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 hearings were closed

His Honor the Mayor made the following appointments of election officers for the year beginning November 1, 1897 — Appointments ✓

Ward One

Precinct 1

	Warden,	George F. Stodder,	R.
Deputy	"	George Wilde	R.
	Clerk	Abbott L. Knowles	D.
"	"	Frederick T. Baker,	D.
	Inspectors,	George W. Littlefield and William H. Hitchings,	R.
		William F. Remick and Charles H. Davis,	D.
Deputy	"	Cyrus B. Knowles and John C. Kincaid,	R.
		John F. Mills and Frank C. Remick	D.

Precinct 2

	Warden,	Charles F. Wilder,	R.
Deputy	"	William T. Pinkham,	R.

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		Clerk	Harrington C. Lund	D
	Deputy	"	Samuel C. Lund	D
		Inspectors	Frank H. Bowen and Fred B. Clapp	R
			Alfred H. Remick and Herbert A. Cole	D
	Deputy	"	Walter R. Snow and Lawson Roulston	R
			Frank T. Barnes and William T. Patten	D
Precinct 3				
		Warden	Edwin F. Neally	R
	Deputy	"	Nathan H. Reed	R
		Clerk	Benjamin P. Palmer	D
	"	"	Charles H. Donohue	D
		Inspectors	Walter G. Horton and Charles H. Colgate, Jr.	R
			Charles Orton and Patrick S. Farrell	D
	Deputy	"	Fred A. Ashworth and Charles A. Brigham	R
			George F. Atherton and Abram Keach	D
Precinct 4				
		Warden	William T. Harvey	D
	Deputy	"	William J. Coughlin	D
		Clerk	William F. S. Robinson	R
	"	"	Walter C. Bailey, Jr.	R
		Inspectors	Cushing Otis and Thomas F. Casey	D
			John S. McDonough and G. Ernest Griffin	R
	Deputy	"	Frances H. Fay and George F. Greene	D
			J. Howard Colbath and Frank Eugene Ames	R
			Ward Two	
Precinct 1				
		Warden	Henry W. Pitman	R
	Deputy	"	S. Gardner Higgins	R
		Clerk	Charles W. Hopkins	D
	"	"	Frederick J. White	D
		Inspectors	Frederic E. Wood and William T. Hayes	R
		"	Seth Mason and Edward J. Llewellyn	D
	Deputy	"	Frederic W. Fitts and Clarence A. Daniels	R
			Clifford F. White and John Chambers	D
Precinct 2				

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	Warden	Charles D. Elliot	A
Deputy	"	Edward A. Bancroft	A
	Clerk	Stephen J. Collins	D
"	"	Charles H. Feeney	D
	Inspectors	Amos B. McLaughlin and Albert Gilman	A
		Cornelius J. Cahill and Leighton H. Manning	D
Deputy	"	Elton S. Sibley and Franklin C. Kendall	A
		Michael H. Tatton and Henry A. Kendall	D
Precinct 3.			
	Warden	Edward A. West	D
Deputy	"	James J. Haldoon	D
	Clerk	Albert L. Haskell	A
"	"	Charles J. Elliot	A
	Inspectors	Thomas F. Haldoon and Benjamin F. Oxton	D
		William Armstrong and Gearwalk A. Walker	A
Deputy	"	William Kelly and John S. McGowan	D
		William J. Blaisdell and William G. Walker	A
Precinct 4.			
	Warden	James E. McHugh	D
Deputy	"	Daniel A. Bradley	D
	Clerk	George A. Pratt	A
"	"	Charles S. Buckman	A
	Inspectors	Benjamin H. Knowles and Thomas F. Jones	D
		William D. Buckman and Joseph H. Moore	A
Deputy	"	William Smith, of 13 Smith avenue, and William H. Wheaton	D
		Charles A. Gilbreth and Frederick A. Rogers	A
Precinct 5.			
	Warden	William E. Plumer	A
Deputy	"	Charles E. Parkhurst	A
	Clerk	J. Robert Fenelon	D
"	"	Daniel H. Bradley	D
	Inspectors	Lewis E. Cass and Davis P. Buckman	A
		Patrick J. Follon and James Kerrigan, Jr.	D
Deputy	"	William H. J. Thompson and French O. J. Tarbox	A
		Charles J. Winterbottom and Edward N. Kelley	D

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Ward Three

Precinct 1			
	Warden	George F. Horton	R
Deputy	"	Jesse J. Underhill	R
	Clerk	Williams H. Cotter	D
"	"	Frank H. Danforth	D
	Inspectors	Luther B. Pillsbury and Charles C. Nason	R
		J. Herbert Thompson and Henry T. Gallichan	D
Deputy	"	Freeman L. Lovell and Henry A. Oman	R
		Martin Gill and Michael J. McCarthy	D
Precinct 2			
	Warden	John H. Quesenault	D
Deputy	"	Charles H. Fryer	D
	Clerk	George W. Foster	R
"	"	John J. Higgins	R
	Inspectors	George H. Dodd and Cyrus H. Pierce	D
		Edwin R. Perham and Joseph S. Schepmoes	R
Deputy	"	Charles F. Davis and James H. Chase	D
		Charles S. Noyes and Frederick A. Woodbury	R
Precinct 3			
	Warden	Stillman S. Studley	R
Deputy	"	Josiah B. Mayhew	R
	Clerk	Daniel J. Kenniff	D
"	"	Robert E. Cronin	D
	Inspectors	Leonard C. Spinney and James S. Lovell	R
		William J. Harrigan and George E. Thayer	D
Deputy	"	Milo A. Whitaker and Everett A. Maynard	R
		Daniel J. Cahalan and Charles F. Buffum	D
Precinct 4			
	Warden	James F. Sharkey	D
Deputy	"	George S. T. Bliss	D
	Clerk	William P. Jones	R
"	"	Gerald A. Gardner	R
	Inspectors	Michael E. Ryan and Arthur S. Davenport	D
		George W. Prime and William Butler	R
Deputy	"	Charles W. Cahalan and Edward Davenport	D

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		John L. Greenough and Edward B. Coffin	A.
		Ward Four	
Precinct 1			
	Warden	Francis H. Robinson	A.
Deputy	"	Martin Binney	A.
	Clerk	George A. Gordon	D.
"	"	J. Edwin Bradshaw	D.
	Inspectors	Walter A. Chabot and Robert H. Gibby, Jr.	A.
		Edward T. O'Neil and Charles A. Kelly	D.
Deputy	"	Anson B. Tuttle and Frederic W. Gay	A.
		John Keating and William C. Brown	D.
Precinct 2			
	Warden	John H. Fellows	A.
Deputy	"	Charles G. Pitt	A.
	Clerk	John M. Schroeder	D.
"	"	John E. Lacy	D.
	Inspectors	Otis E. Merrifield Jr. and Wales A. Hayward	A.
		James T. Welch and Hugh A. Jones	D.
Deputy	"	Edward H. Burton and Samuel Pugh	A.
		Frederick A. Bunten and Michael J. O'Brien	D.
Precinct 3			
	Warden	William H. McAllister	D.
Deputy	"	Lewis P. Carleton	D.
	Clerk	Danforth S. Steele	A.
"	"	William A. Horton	A.
	Inspectors	Henry H. Fisher and Frederick K. Gifford	D.
		D. Wallis Tucker and William H. Barker	A.
Deputy	"	William H. Smith and Frederick A. White	D.
		George T. Rand and James H. Dalton	A.
Precinct 4			
	Warden	Edgar F. Comee	D.
Deputy	"	George H. Piper	D.
	Clerk	Elmer L. Glazier	A.
"	"	Franklin A. Hobart	A.
	Inspectors	Aura S. Trefren and Edward S. Sears	D.

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Inspectors, Edwin S. Burroughs and Cyrus A. Reed, R.
Deputy " Frederick F. Howe and Charles Comee, D.
Amasa Gray and Edward Friend, R.

Action by the Board deferred until after the expiration of not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) days, as required by law.

√ Petition and Appointment

Received a petition from Roy C. Burcker, janitor of the Jacob T. Gliner School, for appointment as a special police without compensation, the petition being approved by the Chief of Police.

Appointment as requested made by the Mayor, and under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Appointment

The appointment, made by the Mayor at the last meeting, of Emory S. Hanadon, janitor of the Sanford Hanscom School, as a special police without compensation, was confirmed.

√ Reports

Received the reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the months of July and August 1897.

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, October 14. Read for information.

√ 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, -

Herbert L. Barstow, Oliver G. Fosdick, and Charles E. Sherman, all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Petitions

Received petitions from, -

Mrs. Florence A. and Lewis B. Hollis, for the removal of the two (2) trees standing in front of house and lots #11 and #12 Medford street, near Magoun square, as they obstruct the sidewalk and are detrimental to the appearance of the premises,

David D. Lord, for the removal of two (2) trees standing in front of the brick block numbered 13 on Putnam street, now in

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process of completion, and the transplanting to take the places thereof, of two (2) of the five (5) trees now standing in front of the estate numbered 5 and 7 Putnam street;

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received petitions from,— Petitions ✓

Andrew C. Spring and others, for the acceptance of Ibbetson street;

William Westby, for the construction of a driveway, at his expense, in front of his new block numbered 441 to 445 Somerville avenue;

Charles D. Bose, Jr. by D. B. Wentworth & Co. that the driveway in front of estate No. 159 Pearl street, be widened 6 feet, on account of the new addition to the building; the said Wentworth & Co. agreeing to pay the cost;

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council October 14. References concurred in.

The Committee on Licenses,— Reports ✓

on the petition of Patrick Kirk, for a license to buy and sell junk in the barn in the rear of #255 Columbia street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of William G. Jefferson, for a license as a common victualler at #270 Elm street, reported an order;

on the petition of Vinzenzo Solarence for a license to play a hand-organ in the streets of the city, reported an order;

Accepted.

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

Ordered:—

That a license 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 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,

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unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
William G. Jefferson	No. 270 Elm Street

Ordered:-

That a license be issued to the following-named person to perform on musical instruments in the streets of the city, as hereinafter stated, under the provisions of law and ordinance relating to such license, 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.

Name, etc.

Vincenzo Solarenso — to play a hand-organ

Adopted.

√ Report

The Special Committee appointed under an order of August 4, to take into consideration the petition of David Young and others, complaining of the manner of quarrying stone in the ledge owned by the City of Cambridge, and situated near Clarendon and Endicott avenues, in this city, and to confer with the proper authorities of the City of Cambridge, upon the subject matter of said petition and report as soon as practicable, what action, if any, should be taken for the relief of the petitioners, reported an order.

Accepted.

√ Order

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the Chief of Police be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause the City of Cambridge to discontinue blasting in its ledge situated near Clarendon and Endicott avenues in this city, as said City of Cambridge is violating the city ordinances inasmuch as they have obtained no license from this board for such blasting.

Read twice and adopted.

Presented to the Mayor, Oct. 14, 1897.

√ Reports

The Committee on Sewers -

on the communication from Paul Barron Watson, relative to the flood

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ing of a house owned by him on Sumner street, and suggesting as a remedy the building of a catch-basin in Lawrence street at the end of Sumner street, reported that a catch-basin has been constructed as suggested in said communication;

on the petition of Charles K. Cutter, A.D. and seventy-five others, asking for better storm-water drainage facilities at the junction of Ashford and School streets, and near Marshall street, reported as follows:-

The question of relieving the over crowded sewerage system in the vicinity of Marshall Street, Gilman Square, and the corner of Ashford and School Streets in the times of storms, is one that involves the expenditure of quite a large sum of money.

Before any relief can be obtained in the above vicinity, a large sewer of sufficient capacity to conduct not only the surplus water in this section but also in the adjacent districts must be constructed, commencing at the nearest tide water for an outlet, namely Mystic River, and continuing back to the different localities that are frequently flooded.

Twenty-five thousand dollars has this year been appropriated towards the construction of this relief drain, but it will require many more thousands of dollars before its completion to the junction of Ashford and School Streets, and this Committee would recommend a sum of money be appropriated in 1898 for the completion of this work.

Accepted.

Alderman Perry offered the following order:- Order ✓

Whereas:-

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts is willing to carry upon its poles located on Beacon street, from the Cambridge line to Moreland street, four wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company now maintained upon poles supposed to belong to the Atlantic Telegraph Company, on locations granted August 20, 1884, to John J. Donovan and the Bankers & Merchants Telegraph Company, the same locations having also been granted January 3, 1885, to the Baltimore

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& Ohio Telegraph Company, it is hereby
Ordered:- That a hearing be given by this Board at its room in the City Hall, Somerville, Wednesday evening, October 27th, 1897, at 8 o'clock, to all the persons and corporations hereinbefore named, to show cause, if any there be, why this Board should not permit and order said four wires to be transferred to said poles of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, and that the said poles supposed to belong to the Atlantic Telegraph Company be forthwith removed; and it is further
Ordered,- That the City Clerk give notice of said hearing by mailing, by registered letter, at least one week before the date of said hearing, to each of the persons and corporations hereinbefore named, at the last known address of each, an attested copy of these orders, and by causing a like copy to be published in one issue of the Somerville Journal, one week, at least, before the date of said hearing.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, October 14, 1897

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways -

√ on the petition of Charles Linehan, for a licence to blast rock in his quarry at the head of Granite and Osgood streets, reported leave to withdraw;

√ on the petition of Patrick Burk, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a drain at the corner of Fremont and Meacham streets, reported an order;

√ on the petition of Clifton A. Kennedy, for permission to set a hitching-post in front of his premises, #21 Thorndike street, reported an order;

√ on the petition of the Standard Oil Company, for permission to lay a 1¼ inch pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of the store of Emerson A. Christopher, at #262 Highland avenue, for the purpose of filling an oil tank in the cellar, reported an order;

√ on the petition of the Somerville Electric Light Company for locations for two (2) poles on Broadway at the corner of Victoria and Waterhouse streets, the West End Street Railway Company to have permission to attach its wires to said poles, and for permission to remove two (2) poles standing on Broadway,

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opposite Victoria and Waterhouse streets, reported an order;

on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for location for poles on Temple street between Broadway and Mystic avenue, for the purpose of relocating the line now standing on said Temple street, reported an order;

on orders of May 10, 1896 and September 8, 1897 for the construction of sidewalks, as follows:-

In Bartlett street, easterly side from Medford street to Lemon street, gravel with edgestones;

Cherry street, easterly side, from Sartwell avenue to Elm street, of bricks;

Harrison street, westerly side, from Kent street to Mondamin Court, gravel with edgestones, and

Medford street, westerly side, from Washington street to Somerville avenue, gravel with edgestones;

reported that sidewalks have been so constructed, and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost;

on the petition of S. H. Wilkins and others, for a brick sidewalk in Morrison street, adjoining the property of the Third Universalist Parish, reported an order;

on the petition of Isaac Sexton, for a gravel sidewalk with edgestones, in front of his estate, 90 Oxford street, he agreeing to pay the cost, reported an order;

on an order dated August 18, for the setting of curbstones on the inner line of the sidewalk in front of the Sanford Hanscom School lot on Webster and Rush streets, reported that curbstones have been set as authorized by said order;

Accepted.

The orders submitted with the foregoing reports, with four additional orders offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows:- Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That permission be, and hereby is, granted to Patrick Burk, to blast rock in excavating for a drain at the corner of Fremont

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and Meacham streets.

Ordered.-

That permission be, and hereby is, granted to Clifton A. Kennedy, to set a hitching post at his own expense, in front of the premises No. 21 Thorndike street.

Ordered.-

Bond filed Nov. 5, 1897. see copy of bond on page 521.

That permission be, and hereby is, granted to the Standard Oil Company, to lay a 1¼ inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of Emerson R. Christopher's store, No. 202 Highland avenue, for the purpose of filling an oil tank in the cellar, when they shall have first filed a bond satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and this committee, in the sum of five thousand dollars, the said bond to cover any and all pipes already laid, and which may be laid by the above company.

Acceptance & Agreement filed Oct. 22, 1897.

An order granting to the Somerville Electric Light Company, locations for posts in Broadway, with permission for the use of the same by the West End Street Railway Company, as recorded on page 128 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.

An order granting locations for posts in Temple street, to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, as recorded on page 130 of volume 1 of the Record of Poles and Wires - Street Railways and Moving Buildings, - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

Ordered.-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, in front of the estate of Isaac Sexton, No. 90 Oxford street, when said Sexton shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sufficient sum of money to cover the entire cost.

Read twice and adopted.

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Orders for the construction of sidewalks in

Newbury street

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Dell street
and
Harrison street,
are recorded respectively on pages 246, 249, 250 and 255 of volume 3, of the Records of Sidewalks - Hearings and Construction - of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
Read, filed, and adopted.
Approved by the Mayor, October 14, 1897.

The lists of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for the construction of sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

Bartlett street
Cherry street
Harrison street
and
Medford street
are recorded respectively on pages 105 to 108, 109 to 112, 113 to 116, and 117 to 120, inclusive, of volume 2, of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
Adopted.

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on orders dated respectively March 24, June 28, July 14, July 28, & August 18, authorizing the following work, namely, —

construction of brick sidewalks, with edgestones, in front of the estates of — Henry H. B. Nelson, numbered 204, 204 A, 206, and 206 A Highland avenue;
Mrs. Huldah J. Downing, numbers 198 and 200 Highland avenue; and
F. A. Gray, on easterly side of Walnut street, at southwest corner of Grand street;

the construction of a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of Charles A. Kezemann, on Walnut street and Broadway;

the construction of gravel sidewalks, with edgestones, in front of the estates numbered 7, 9, 13, 19 and 23 Tower street, on the

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westerly side, and numbers 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 28, 34, 36, 40, 44, and also the estate at the corner of Highland avenue, all on the easterly side of Tower street, and in front of the estate of Nathan H. Reed, on the easterly side of Pinckney street;

the construction of a brick sidewalk, with a grass-plat, in front of the estate of Alice F. Kilmer, and the estate of George D. Moore and Helen A. Gulliver, Trustees, on Broadway between Adams street and Bartlett street;

the construction of a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, in front of the estates of Frank A. Shepard, Gilbert F. Aymar, Walter E. Stetson and Herbert A. Rich, on Browning Road;

the construction of a driveway in front of the estate of Louis Millenthaler, #95 Cedar street, and the

discontinuance of a driveway in front of the estate of Fred H. Hanson, 3, 5 and 7 Bonair street, and the construction of a driveway in front of the estate #7 Bonair street;

reported that sidewalks have been constructed, and driveways constructed and discontinued, as authorized, the several petitioners having paid for the edgestones and bricks used in the sidewalks, and for the entire cost of the construction and discontinuance of the driveways;

on an order of May 26, to change the location of the driveway and to lay a brick sidewalk in front of the new block on the estate of Wilbur P. Rice #106 Highland avenue, reported recommending that no action be taken, as the petitioner does not now desire to have the work done;

on the petition of Frank Fuchs, for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of his estate #76 Linwood street, and for the construction of a driveway in front of his estate No. 74 Linwood street, reported an order;

on the petition of Charles A. Kennison for a driveway in front of his premises #176 Walnut street, reported an order;

on the petition of David D. Lord, for permission to construct at his own expense two granolythic driveways in front of his estate #9 Putnam street, reported an order;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, October 14, Accepted in concurrence

The orders accompanying the foregoing reports are as follows: Orders ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to discontinue a driveway in front of the estate of Frank Fuchs, No. 76 Linwood street, and to construct a driveway in front of his estate No. 74 Linwood street, when said Fuchs shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a driveway for Charles A. Kenneson in front of his estate, No. 176 Walnut street, when said Kenneson shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of said driveway.

Ordered:-

That permission be, and hereby is, granted to David O. Lord, to construct at his own expense two granolythic driveways in front of his estate, No. 9 Putnam street.

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, 1897.

The Committee on Public Grounds - Reports ✓

on an order dated June 16th, authorizing the purchase of the land on Washington street, known as the Sanborn Field, and containing 232,915 square feet, more or less, for the purpose of a public park, and to cause to be paid therefor the sum of $33,000, together with the amount of the taxes thereon for the present year, reported that the said land has been purchased as authorized, the amount of the tax referred to being $580.65.

on an order of February 24, placing that portion of the City Farm so called, situated at the southeasterly corner of Broad-

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way and Cedar street, in charge of said committee and directing that the same be prepared and maintained as and for a public play ground, reported that the grounds have been used as authorized by said order;

√ on the remonstrance of the West Somerville Board of Trade, against the sale of the Old Lincoln School lot on Elm street, the petition of G. H. Bryant and others, that the Somerville Tennis Club be allowed to use the said lot, and the order dated April 5th, for the letting of said lot to the Never Miss It Tennis Club, to December 30, 1897, for the sum of $35.00, reported that the lot has been let as authorized by said order;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Accepted in concurrence

√ Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,-

Ordered.-

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to transfer the sum of six hundred dollars from School-house Land Ward Two Account, to Electrical Department Account, for improved accumulators.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Irving offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of making transfers of appropriations as follows,-

To Street Lights Account	$3500.00
" School Fuel "	300.00

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct. 14 Adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15, 1897

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Alderman Lamont offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of making a transfer of $2300.00 to Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors Account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 15, 1897.

The joint Special Committee on the Fourth of July celebration, which was authorized by an order dated June 14th to arrange for thirteen (13) barges for the children of the public schools to form a part of the morning parade of July 5th, at an expense not to exceed three hundred (300) dollars, reported that the barges were procured as authorized, at a cost of two hundred ninety-nine (299) dollars. Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 14, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Swing offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the land in Ward Two recently purchased by the city for park purposes, known as the Sanborn Field, be, and the same hereby is, designated and shall hereafter be known as the Sanborn Park.

Action post-poned until the next meeting.

In the matter of the request from Alderman Whitaker presented by His Honor the Mayor, at the last meeting, to be relieved from further service on the special committee appointed to consider the subject of municipal street lighting, it was voted, on motion of Alderman Lamont, that the request of Alderman Whitaker be granted. Special Committee ✓ Municipal Lighting, Membership of —

The Mayor appointed Alderman Ball to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the foregoing action.

Adjourned. Adjournment.

Attest, George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, Oct. 20, 1897.-8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Appointment

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:-
City of Somerville
Mayor's Office

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To the Board of Aldermen,-
Gentlemen:-

George H. Piper, who was appointed on the 13th inst. deputy warden of elections for precinct four of ward four, is not a registered voter. His appointment, therefore, is hereby withdrawn, and Paul J. Smith is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully,
Albion A. Perry
Mayor

Action by the board on the appointment, deferred until after the expiration of not less than three nor more than ten days, as required by law.

√ Appointments

The appointments of the election officers for the year beginning November 1, 1897, made by the Mayor at the last meeting, except that of George H. Piper, as deputy Warden for ward 4, precinct 4, which appointment has been withdrawn by the Mayor this evening as hereinbefore appears in these records, were confirmed.

√ Report

Received from the Common Council, the report of the joint special committee, appointed under an order of April 14 to arrange for the proper observance of the 4th of July of the current year, stating that the day was observed by a morning parade, band concerts during the day and evening, and fireworks in the evening, all at an

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expense to the city of $696.64

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 20. Accepted in concurrence.

Report ✓

Received from the Common Council, the report of the joint special committee, appointed under an order of March 25th, to confer with the officials of The West End Street Railway Company in relation to procuring a Belt Line of cars for the convenience of the inhabitants of the various sections of the city, — stating that on May 19th a sub-committee of the joint special committee visited President Little of the West End Street Railway Co., and met with considerable opposition. The matter of transfer was brought up, and the company agreed to confer with the city in relation to the same. The sub-committee, October 7, sent a communication to Mr. Little, as follows: — "On May 19th current, a special committee of this government waited upon you with reference to the establishment and maintenance of a belt line of cars, and also in regard to an eight cent transfer fare between Union Square, Somerville and Harvard Square, Cambridge. As this committee has to report to the City Council, an answer from your honorable body would be duly esteemed."
To this communication no answer has been received.

In Common Council, Oct. 14. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 20. Accepted in concurrence.

Communication ✓

Received a communication from the Superintendent of Electric Lines, stating that in his judgment, the ordinance relating to the inspection and construction of telegraph and other electric lines should be so amended as to provide for notice to the superintendent of electric lines before any wires for the transmission of electricity are placed in any building, so that he may have opportunity to inspect the work, and to provide also that a permit must be obtained from said superintendent before any such wires are connected with an electric current from outside of such building, and that he considers these amendments necessary as safeguards against

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danger to life and property.

Refered to Committee on Ordinances, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Reference concurred in.

√ Invitation

Received an invitation from a committee of Willard B. Kinsley Post, No 139 G. A. R. to attend the anniversary of the post and the dedication of the new G. A. R. hall, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. at 7 P. M., and tendering an escort to conduct the mayor and members of the city government to the new hall of the post, on that occasion.

Read, and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Read for information.

√ Notice of Hearing

His Honor, the Mayor, presented a copy of order adopted October 19th by the State Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, appointing Tuesday, November 2nd 1897, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, and the Common Council chamber in the City Hall, Somerville, as the time and place for a hearing on the petition to said Board, presented by his Honor, the mayor, in pursuance of an order of the city council, for an equitable adjustment of the price of electric lights to be furnished to the city by the Somerville Electric Light Company, and for such action as may tend to improve the quality of the same.

Read, and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Read for information.

√ Petitions

Received petitions, — each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee, — that licenses to sell, manufacture be granted to the following named persons, —

Charles L. Elliott, David Kidney, George A. Grace and Leonard A. Sherman, all approved by the Chief of Police.

Licenses granted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from the Tufts College Foot Ball Association for a license to have an exhibition foot ball game on the Tufts Oval, Wednesday afternoon, October 20th inst., recommended by the chief of

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police, approved by the mayor and license issued by the city clerk
Issuing of license approved

Received a petition from Margaret Hennessy, for a license as a common victualler at 528 Medford street. — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Licenses

Received petitions from, — Petitions ✓
Diedrich Stecker for the removal of the willow tree, standing in front of the premises No. 65 Newbury street, as it is an unsuitable tree to have in the street, and will interfere with the setting of the edgestone which is about to be done, and it is the intention of the petitioner to plant other trees in its place;
Charles Lincoln for a license to blast rock on his lot on Osgood street easterly of the lot of one William F. Green;
Referred to Committee on Highways

Received a petition from F. H. Holmes and others for an arc light at the corner of Bradley and Kragie streets — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Oct. 21, Reference concurred in

Received a petition from R. C. Burckes and others, janitors of the city, that they may receive their salaries at the same time that the teachers of the public schools receive theirs — Petition ✓
Referred to Committee on Ordinances and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Oct. 21, Reference concurred in

On the order offered by Alderman Irving, October 18th, designating the land in Ward Two known as the Sanborn Field recently purchased by the city for park purposes, as the Sanborn Park, action on which was postponed until this meeting, action was again postponed until the next meeting — Order ✓

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√ Order
city clerk give notice of State Election

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,-

Agreeably to the provisions of the Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, it is hereby

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 on 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 Sanford Hanscom Schoolhouse on Webster street,
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 Lather & Bell schoolhouse on Kinal avenue,
Precinct 2. The Hall in the Police Building on Bow street,
Precinct 3. Eberle Lower 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 southerly side of the Edgerly schoolhouse on Cross 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 Lowell street,

Ward Four

Precinct 1. A room in the Hess schoolhouse on Summer 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,

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Precinct 4 — Assemble in the William H. Hodgkins schoolhouse on Holland street,

On Tuesday, the second day of November, 1897, 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 thirty-six minutes in the afternoon, will give in their ballots for 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 Wards 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 Register of Deeds for the Southern District of the County of Middlesex,

and a County Commissioner and a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

All the foregoing are to be voted for on one ballot.

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 once in the Somerville Citizen, newspapers published in this city.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 20, 1897.

Alderman Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the license to sell newspapers, granted by this Board September 15, 1897, to Charles Thompson, be, and the same hereby is, revoked, the said Thompson having surrendered his badge and license.

Adopted.

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√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the invitation this day received from Willard C. Kinsley Post, No 139, Grand Army of the Republic, to attend the anniversary of said post, and the dedication of its new hall on Tuesday, the 26th inst, at 8 o'clock, P.M., be accepted, together with the tender of an escort to conduct His Honor the Mayor, and the members of the city government from the city hall to the new hall of the post on that occasion; and the city clerk is hereby directed to transmit to the committee acting for the post, a copy of this order, and to convey the thanks of the city council for its courteous remembrance.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 22, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of N. F. Perry and others, for a common sewer in Moreland street, from Meacham street to Heath street, submitted a favorable report, as recorded on page 425 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, Oct. 21, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order of Notice

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 Moreland street, as recorded on page 426 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. 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 22, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Perry offered an order for the construction of a sidewalk in Tower street, as recorded on page 258 of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalks—Hearings and Construction—of the Mayor and Alder-

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men of the City of Somerville

Read twice and adopted

Approved by the Mayor Oct 22, 1897

The Committee on Highways — Reports ✓

on the petition of John C. Dugan, for the removal of an elm tree on Lowell street, in front of Lowell Terrace, reported an order,

on the petition of David D. Lord, for the removal of two (2) trees, standing in front of the block now in process of completion, being No 13 Putnam street, and the transplanting to take their places, of two (2) of the five (5) trees now standing in front of the estate Nos 5 & 7 Putnam street, reported an order,

on the petition of Henry W. P. Colson, for permission to construct two coal holes in the sidewalk on Highland avenue, in front of the apartment building called Hotel Colson at the southeasterly corner of Highland and Sewel avenues, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

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

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, to wit:—

One elm tree now standing on Lowell Street in front of Lowell Terrace — 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 27th day of October, 1897, 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.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal and transplanting of the trees

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hereinafter mentioned, to wit:-
removal of two trees standing in front of the brick block now in process of erection and being No. 13 Putnam Street, and transplanting two of the five trees now standing in front of the estate Nos. 5 and 7 Putnam Street to the places in front of said brick block No. 13 Putnam Street, from which the first two trees are to be removed as aforesaid,-
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 and transplant the said trees, and that Wednesday, the 27th day of October, 1897, 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.

Read twice and adopted

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√ Reports

The Committee on Highways.-

√ on the petition of Henry H. P. Colson for permission to lay a granolythic sidewalk on the southeasterly side of Pinal avenue, in front of Hotel Colson, and that the city will allow him toward the cost thereof, a sum equal to one half the cost of a brick sidewalk, reported leave to withdraw.

√ on the petition of William Westby, for the construction of a driveway in front of his new block, numbers 441 to 445 Somerville avenue, at his expense, reported an order.

√ on the petition of Joseph F. Wilson and others for the extension of Lowell street, from its present terminus at Princeton and Alpine streets, across the Boston and Lowell and the Arlington Branch Railroads, to connect with that part of Lowell street which extends from the Boston and Lowell Railroad to Medford street, reported that in the judgment of this committee, the public convenience and necessity require that a bridge should be extended over

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the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company's location, (The B & M R R being the lessee of the B & L R R) at Lowell street, and submitted an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21. Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and it hereby is, authorized to construct a driveway in front of the estate of William Westby, Nos. 441 to 445 Somerville Avenue, when the City Treasurer shall have first received from the said Westby a deposit sufficient to cover the approximate cost of the same.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Oct. 21. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Ordered:—

That the City Solicitor be, and hereby is, requested to look into the rights of the City in the matter of the extension of a bridge over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company at Lowell Street, he to report his findings to the City Council at an early date as possible.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 22, 1897.

The Committee on Highways, on petition of— Reports ✓

Joseph K. Manning and others, for the laying out of Alpine street from Lowell street, northwesterly;

Joseph K. Manning and others, for the laying out of Princeton street, from Lowell street to Alpine street;

submitted favorable reports as recorded respectively on pages 9 and 17 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Orders of Notice

Accompanying the foregoing reports were orders of notice of hearings on the laying out of

Alpine street

and

Princeton street

as recorded respectively on pages 16 and 18 of volume 3 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. 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 22, 1897.

√ Report

The Committee on Public Property submitted plans and specifications prepared by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, for heating and ventilating apparatus for a schoolhouse in the Spring Hill District, recently named the Martin W. Carr School, and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered:-

That the plans and specifications prepared by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, and submitted by the Committee on Public Property this evening for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District (Martin W. Carr School) be, and the same hereby are, adopted, and the Committee on Public Property is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the furnishing of heating and ventilating apparatus in accordance with the said plans and specifications adopted herewith.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

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Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of making transfer to various accounts, as follows: —

Schoolhouse Incidentals	$ 3,700.00
School Contingent, Janitors' Salaries	1,150.00
City Building, corner Highland Avenue and Walnut Street, Improvement of	2,100.00

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Oct. 21, Adopted in concurrence

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Adjourned. — Adjournment

Attest,

George A. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, October 27, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, present.
Records approved.

√ Hearing

In pursuance of an order approved October 14, a hearing was given to all the persons and corporations therein named, to show cause, if any there be, why this board should not permit and order four certain wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company, now maintained upon poles, supposed to belong to the Atlantic Telegraph Company on locations granted August 20, 1884, to John J. Donovan and the Bankers and Merchants Telegraph Company, on Beacon street from the Cambridge Line to Mossland street, to be transferred to poles belonging to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, and that the said poles, supposed to belong to the Atlantic Telegraph Company, be forthwith removed; due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as directed by said order.

M. D. Pratt, Esq. of Lowell, appeared as counsel for John J. Donovan and the Atlantic Telegraph Company, both of Lowell, not to object to the proposed transfer of wires and removal of poles, provided the rights of his clients be in nowise impaired. M. Pratt stated that the locations were obtained by M. Donovan as a part of a through line of telegraph from Boston to Portland, the Atlantic Telegraph Company was organized and the line was constructed and was operated by said company about one year, when it was leased, for a term of some twenty or thirty years, to the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company, which, after a few years, absorbed by the Western Union Telegraph Company. M. Donovan's present interest is that of a large stock-holder, and the Treasurer of the Atlantic Telegraph Company.

M. Allen appeared in behalf of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, and stated that no arrangement had been made between his company and the Western Union Telegraph Company for the transfer of wires, as contemplated by the order; neither had

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the last-named company asked of this company the privilege of making such transfer. The Telephone Company protested against the passage of any order for such transfer of wires, until such arrangement shall have first been made.

Frank H. Kaan, Esq., City Solicitor, stated that he had understood from the Superintendent of Electric Lines that an arrangement, as indicated by the order, had been made between the Telephone Company and The Western Union Telegraph Company, and that a similar plan had been carried out where a continuation of this line of poles of the Atlantic Telegraph Company had existed in the City of Cambridge.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order approved October 25, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of an elm tree standing on Lowell street in front of Lowell Terrace, due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, 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 October 26, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of two trees standing in front of a brick block, now in process of erection, and being No. 13 Putnam street, and the transplanting of two of the five trees now standing in front of the estate Nos. 5 and 7 Putnam street to the places occupied by the two trees first named, due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as directed by said order. — Hearing ✓

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

In pursuance of an order passed October 6, a hearing was given for all persons desiring to object to the erection and use by Henry B. Goulds, of a 25-horse power stationary steam engine, with boiler of 30-horse power, in a building to be constructed and used for a moulding mill, on the southwesterly corner of Windsor avenue and Clifton street, — waste from the mill, and coal to be used for fuel. — Hearing ✓

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due notice of the hearing having been published by the petitioner, as directed by said order.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearing was closed.

√ Communication Mayor

Received the following communication from his Honor the Mayor.

City of Somerville, Mass.
Mayor's Office.

October 27th, 1897.

To the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:—

In my inaugural address to the City Council, delivered at the beginning of the present municipal year, I directed the attention of that honorable body to the need of several districts of the city for enlarged and improved facilities for conducting away sewage and storm water. The language used by me on that occasion was as follows:—

"I would strongly urge the necessity of taking prompt steps for the improvement of our sewer system in those parts of the city where the present sewers are of insufficient size to do the work required of them. The Union Square district, and a large section of East Somerville, extending on both sides of Broadway street, demand immediate attention. It is wrong longer to subject property owners in those localities to the annoyance and loss which they suffer from damp houses and flooded cellars in times of severe storms. I consider this one of the most important and pressing subjects which will engage your attention, and I trust your action with reference to it will be prompt and decisive."

I am pleased to know that a beginning has been made by your honorable board in the construction of a storm water drain for the relief of the East Somerville and Winter Hill districts, and that a portion of the work, extending from Highland avenue to Broadway, will be completed within a few weeks.

In consequence of frequent and severe storms, our sewers have been severely taxed during the present year, and many of our citizens have suffered great annoyance from the flooding of their cellars.

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In view of existing conditions, it seems to me that speedy and energetic steps should be taken to ensure a continuation of the work upon the storm water drains next year. While we cannot, at this time, take action which will be binding upon our successors in office; it is practicable, and I believe desirable, to make all the preliminary arrangements for the completion of the great undertaking which has already been entered upon. Much can be done this year in the way of laying out routes, preparing plans, and obtaining estimates of cost, thus making it the easier to resume work at an early date next year.

Part of the surface water which will need to be taken care of now discharges in natural channels upon the location of the Boston and Maine railroad, and it is probable that the railroad corporation would be willing to bear a part of the expense of constructing the projected sewers. One of the most important and difficult questions to be met, relates to the advisability of building a storm water drain along the railroad location, and this should be studied with care by our city engineer.

The subject to which I have referred is of such gravity, requiring action at once prompt and intelligent, I venture to recommend the adoption by your honorable board of an order, directing the committee on sewers to enter upon a careful study of the entire question, and to report the results of their deliberations at as early a date as practicable. It might be well also, to authorize said committee to confer with the officers of the Boston and Maine railroad company, to ascertain the nature and extent of the co-operation which may be expected from the corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

Albion A. Perry,

Mayor

Read for information

On petition of Horatio Wellington and Company, his Honor the Mayor appointed George H. Moore and Edgar H. Parker, weighers of coal. Appointment ✓

Rules suspended and appointments confirmed

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✓ Appointment	The appointment, made by his Honor the Mayor, at the last meeting, of Paul J. Smith, as deputy warden of Elections for precinct 4 of ward 4, was confirmed.
✓ Petition	Received from the Common Council, a petition from A. B. Gookin and others, that the post supporting the telegraph and telephone wires in front of the main entrance to the Union Square Baptist Church, corner of Walnut street and Giles park be removed to the opposite corner of said street and park, as in its present location, it detracts from the beauty of the church property, and is, at times, a source of danger. In Common Council, October 21. Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, October 27. Reference concurred in.
✓ Petition	Received from the Common Council, a petition from Charles S. Robertson, representing that the frequent grading of the gravel sidewalk which adjoins the brick sidewalk in front of his premises, #100 Highland avenue, brings said brick sidewalk below the proper level, so that in every storm it is rendered impassable, by standing water, and praying that it be put in a safe and passable condition. In Common Council, October 21. Referred to Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, October 27. Reference concurred in.
✓ Declination	Received the declination of Charles H. Frye, of the appoint of Deputy Warden of Elections in Ward Three, Precinct Two. Accepted.
✓ Report	Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of September, 1897. Read and sent down for information. In Common Council, Oct. 28. Read for information.
✓ Notice	Received notice from the Secretary of State, that Elias Saunders, Abe Goldstein, Boruch Rosenbaum, Simon Newman, Jacob Popetch,

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Abraham Wolf, Abraham Silverman, David Goldstein, Joseph Cohen, and Isaac Cohen, have filed an application for a certificate of incorporation, as provided for in chapter 115 of the Public Statues, under the name of the Congregation Aghal Jacob, for the purpose of worship according to the rights of the Hebrew religion to be located in the City of Somerville, and requesting a statement of the facts as required by law.

Placed on file

Received a notice from Frank W. Hodgkins, President of the Republican City Committee, that the Republican municipal caucuses will be held in the several wards of the city, Wednesday, November 17th 1897, at 7 o'clock in the evening

Read for information

Notice ✓

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:-

Walter Morrison, Augustus B. Tripp, and George W. Tripp, all approved by the Chief of Police

Licenses granted

Petitions ✓

Received a petition from the Tufts College Foot Ball Association for a license to give an exhibition foot-ball game on the Tufts Oval, Wednesday October 27, recommended by the Chief of Police approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk

Issuing of license approved

Petition ✓

Received petitions for licenses as common victuallers from:-

Mathew A. Peterson, at #87 Broadway, and

Rebecca M. Welch, at #33 Washington street

Referred to Committee on Licenses

Petitions ✓

Received petitions from:-

Hon. Alvin F. Sortwell, Mayor of Cambridge, that permission be granted to the Overseers of the Poor of that city, to blast rock at the ledge on the Almshouse Farm of the City of Cambridge

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said ledge being situated in Somerville;

Madeline Peter, that the residents of Endicott, Farragut, and Clarendon avenues be granted a hearing when the Cambridge authorities ask for a permit to carry on blasting operations at the Cambridge Stone Quarry.

Laid on the table.

✓ Petition

Received a petition from Charles D Boss Jr. that the driveway at his property, #159 Pearl street be widened 6 feet, at his expense.

Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council October 28. Reference concurred in.

✓ Notice

Received a notice from Mr J. M. Place, #201 Beacon street, Somerville, of injury to her person "by falling into a hole at the site of the subway in construction at Sacramento street Somerville, and you will take this as due notice thereof, preceding legal proceedings" filed with the City Clerk, October 25, 1897.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, October 28. Reference concurred in.

✓ Order

On the order providing that the land in Ward Two recently purchased by the City for park purposes known as the Sanborn Field, be designated and hereafter known as the Sanborn Park, action on which was postponed October 20, until this meeting, it was voted that said order be laid upon the table.

✓ 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 be held in the several wards of the city by the Republican party on Wednesday evening, November 17, 1897, it is hereby

Ordered:-

That polling places for said caucuses be, and they hereby

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are assigned as follows,-

in Ward One,

the ward room in the Prescott Schoolhouse on Pearl street

in Ward Two,

Bacon Hall in Hill Building, Union Square,

in Ward Three,

Grand Army Hall in the Citizen building on Medford street, at its junction with Gilman Square,

in Ward Four,

Columbia Hall in Studio building, Dana 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 Accounts.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 27, 1897

The Committee on Licenses,- Reports ✓

on the petition of Margaret Hennessey, for a license as a common victualler at #528 Medford street, reported an order;

on the petition of Max Fishman, for a license to keep a junk store at #252 Columbia street, reported an order;

on the petition of William T. Gill, for a license as a funeral undertaker, reported that under the provisions of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1897, the licensing of funeral undertakers is placed within the powers of the Board of Health, and recommended that the said petition be referred to that board.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That a license 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 license to be issued when signed by the mayor and a majority of

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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
Margaret Hennessy	528 Medford street

Ordered:-

That a license as a buyer of a shop, for the purchase or barter of junk, and to be a dealer therein, under the laws of the Commonwealth, and the ordinances of the city, be and is hereby granted to Max Fishman, at No. 252 Edwards street, said license to be issued, when the prescribed fee therefor, of ten dollars, shall have been received by the City Clerk, and to remain in force until the first day of May next, unless sooner revoked.

Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That the committee on sewers be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to consider the matter of providing an adequate system of sewers for surface water and house drainage in those sections of the city now inadequately provided for; and said committee is authorized to confer with the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and ascertain in what manner and to what extent said company is willing to co-operate with the City of Somerville in constructing such system and contributing to the cost of the same, in so far as said company might be specially affected and benefited thereby. Said committee is requested to report back to this board at its earliest convenience.

Adopted.

✓ Order

Alderman Berry offered the following order:-

Ordered:-

That Wednesday, November 3rd, at eight o'clock P.M., and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall be assigned, as the time and place for a hearing before this board of all parties desiring to be heard, on the petition of the City of Cambridge for a license to float rock in their quarry, situated on Blossom Hill in that city, and that

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petition of Madison Peter for a hearing to residents of Endicott, Farragut and Blossom Avenues, when the City of Cambridge shall ask permission to blast at their stone quarry; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the Somerville Journal of Friday, the 29th inst.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 27, 1897

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 tree, to wit,— One elm tree now standing on Lowell street, in front of Lowell Terrace

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30, 1897

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal and transplanting 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, remove and transplant the said trees, to wit,— Removal of two trees standing in front of the brick block now in process of erection, situated at No. 13 Putnam st., and to transplant three of the five trees now standing in front of the estates Nos. 5 and 7 Putnam street to the plaza in front of said brick block No. 13 Putnam street, from which the first two trees are to be removed

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30, 1897.

The Committee on Highways reported that, in pursuance of our order dated October 13, gravel sidewalks with edgestone have been constructed on both sides of Lee street, from Medford street to Richdale avenue, and submitted a list of assessments for one half the cost of said side- Report ✓

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walks

Accepted

✓ Assessments — The list of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with a warrant and an order for the collection thereof, for one half the cost of sidewalks in Lee street as recorded on pages 121 to 124 inclusive of volume 6 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville

Adopted

✓ Report — The Committee on Finance, on a request from the Overseers of the Poor for a transfer to the credit of the Support of Poor account and orders dated, respectively, October 6, October 13, and October 20, requesting said committee to consider the advisability of transfer to the following accounts, namely:- Fire Department, Street Lights, School Fuel, Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, Schoolhouse Incidentals, School Contingent - Janitors' Salaries, and City Building, corner Highland avenue and Walnut street - Improvement of - reported, on order

Accepted, and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, October 25, Accepted in concurrence

✓ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing reported is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to make the following transfers from Contingent Account

To Schoolhouse Incidentals Account, the sum of	$2000.00
" Support of Poor Account " " "	3500.00
" Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors Acct " " "	1500.00
" Fire Department Account " " "	1500.00
" Health Department " " " "	2000.00
" School Fuel " " " "	100.00

and from Schoolhouse Land Hard Tax Account,

To City Building, corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, Improvement of	$150.00

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

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In Common Council, Oct. 25, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30, 1897.

Alderman Lamont offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Soldiers Relief be, and hereby is, 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 five hundred dollars, and to be charged to Miscellaneous Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct. 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30, 1897

Alderman Ball offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the committee on public grounds be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase fertilizer for the parks and public grounds of the city, at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars ($200.00); the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Oct. 25, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30, 1897

Alderman Huntley offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the City of Somerville, to sign, seal and acknowledge and deliver to Henry Green of Cambridge, a deed releasing to said Green, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, interest and estate said city has, if any, in and to the lot numbered seven, on a plan of land belonging to Mary P. Saunders,

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	dated October 15, 1879, made by H. A. Mason & Son, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County, Book of Plans No. 75, under and by virtue of two certain deeds to it given by Aaron Sargent, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, recorded in said Registry, Libro 1452, Folio 500, and Libro 1485, Folio 390.	
	Adopted and put down for concurrence	
	In Common Council Oct. 25 Adopted in concurrence	
	Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30, 1897	
Adjournment	Adjourned,	
	Attest,	
		George S. Vincent Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by the Mayor to give a hearing in the matter of granting permission to the City of Cambridge to blast rock in its quarry in this city, near Endicott and Farragut avenues, 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 3, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

Records approved.

Hearing ✓

In pursuance of an order approved October 27, a hearing was given on the petition of the City of Cambridge for a license to blast rock in its quarry situated on Clarendon Hill in this city, and the petition of Madeline Peter for a hearing to residents of Endicott, Farragut and Clarendon avenues, when the City of Cambridge should ask permission to blast at its stone quarry; due notice of the hearing having been given by the city clerk, as required by said order.

The City of Cambridge was represented at the hearing by Hon. Alvin F. Sartwell, its mayor, and Gilbert A. A. Perry, Esq., its solicitor. Testimony was also introduced by said city from Capt. Eldredge, Superintendent of the Almshouse, Michael Callahan, Foreman in the quarry, and Mr. Robertson, drillman.

The remonstrants were represented by Edward D. Sibley, Esq., as counsel, and testimony was given by Patrick H. Keefe, living at 18 Endicott avenue; George H. Herrick, now living on Raymond avenue, but formerly a resident of Endicott avenue; John Fenton, of 17 Endicott avenue; Mrs. Georgianna Clifford, of 53 Newbury street; Mrs. Madeline Peter, of Endicott avenue; J. L. Stewart, of 9 Endicott avenue; Thomas J. Fogarty, of 21 Endicott avenue; J. F. Hennings, of 38 Farragut avenue; David Young, of 33 Farragut avenue; William Henry

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Fenton, of 17 Endicott avenue; John P. Rafferty, of 16 Clarendon avenue; Marcel Brown, of 66 Clarendon avenue; Leonard M. Lobby, of 10 Elmwood street, with store at 241 and 243 Hobland street; Cyrus A. Reed, of 14 Farragut avenue; Edward S. Goodly, of 10 Clarendon avenue; C. B. Hoffman, of 45 Newbury street; Hilda J. Olson, of 58 Newbury street; John Medina, of 1167 Broadway, owning houses on Clarendon avenue and land on Endicott avenue; Esther Cary, of 19 Newbury street; William Treble, of 25 Endicott avenue; and James Wilson, of 10 Clarendon avenue.

By the statements of the remonstrants, it appeared that until within about one month, blasting had been carried on in the Almshouse quarry, situated in Somerville and owned by the City of Cambridge, continuously for several years past, blasts being exploded during that period as often as several times an hour; that showers of small stones have, at times, descended into the yards connected with the dwelling houses in the vicinity, and in a few instances stones weighing two or more pounds being thrown into the yards or upon the houses. In one instance a stick of wood said to weigh four pounds, descended with such force as to stand upright in the ground within two or three feet of a lady who was cutting grass with the lawn mower. An owner had been paid by the City of Cambridge for damage to his roof by a falling stone, and another had been paid by said city for damage caused by a stone going through a window. A window sill had also been damaged by a stone thrown from a blast. The concussions from the blasts were at times very great and, coming unexpectedly, quite startling; being especially serious in the case of nervous or sick people. One family had removed from the neighborhood because of the bad effect of the shocks upon the nerves of a daughter who was ill. The concussions had also caused the walls of houses to crack and had broken dishes on a sideboard and had shaken others from a mantel to the floor. These conditions detracted from the comfort of those dwelling in the neighborhood and depreciated the value of property, and it was the desire of the remonstrants that the board refuse to grant a license as prayed for by the City of Cambridge.

The statements presented by the City of Cambridge were to the following effect. The quarry had been operated more or less during the past fifty years, and the stone had been used chiefly for cellars, but prior to last March the Street Department of the City of Cambridge had also

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blasted ledge stone and boulders in the quarry and had operated a stone crusher there. The method of blasting the boulders was by simply placing a dynamite cartridge upon each, causing a loud report: that the drill-holes in the ledge had been driven by hand until March of the present year, when a steam drill was introduced. During the operation of the street department blasts were exploded at frequent intervals, sometimes as many as two or three or even six in an hour, but since that department had abandoned the ledge and had removed its stone crusher, which was done in March of the present year, an average of only about two blasts in a month had been exploded. Before the introduction of the steam drill but one or two holes were drilled for each blast, but now from fifteen to twenty are made. The drilling of these fifteen to twenty holes, together with the sharpening of tools and incidental work consumes about two weeks time. In May last, on one occasion it was found that after a charge had been set off, the powder in one of the holes did not explode; consequently it was afterward discharged separately, and in so doing a loose stone was thrown into the air and fell upon the roof of the house of Mr. Kefe, of 18 Endicott avenue, as already stated by him at this hearing. Since that time no stones have been thrown from the place of the blasting, in any case. Thirty-five per cent forcite is used as an explosive. It is the lightest that is made. If a stronger explosive were used, the substance of the ledge is so soft that the stone would be broken too small to be marketable. About fifteen men are employed in the quarry, including two men drilling, six or eight breaking stone and loading carts, and a man running the engine. Small trees, three or four inches in diameter at the butt, with the brush left on, are used, together with timber, for covering the blasts. The use of wire screens, instead of the brush, has been suggested but has not been adopted. Two blasts were exploded in August or September last when members of the Somerville City Government were present as well as residents of the neighborhood. The first was not considered by the neighboring residents as a fair sample of the blasting done in the quarry; consequently the second of the two was the heaviest charge ever exploded there. Twenty-three holes were drilled to an average depth of 7 feet and all exploded by means of the electric appliance used at the ledge,

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simultaneously, but the concussion was not so great as to cause any special complaints. The stone has been removed to a depth of some fifty or sixty feet below the surface, and any further excavations will reduce this level still lower. The City of Cambridge wished to carry on the quarry, if this board should see fit to grant a license, and would readily comply with any reasonable regulations in the matter, which the board might make.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

✓ Declinations — Received declinations of appointments as election officers as follows:-

Abram Krack, deputy inspector, Ward One, Precinct Three
Edward N. Kelley, deputy inspector, Ward Two, Precinct Two

Accepted

✓ Report — Received the report of the Superintendent of Electric Lines, for the month of October.

Placed on file.

✓ Petition — Received a petition, signed by the father of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to Grover C. Gammon, aged thirteen years.
approved by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from Joseph H. Gilpatrick, for a sewer in Mayford street from Highland avenue northeasterly about 160 feet.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

✓ Petition — Received a petition from H. L. Clark & Co., for permission to erect a guy post on Monmouth street, and to run a guy wire therefrom, and a guy wire across Harvard street to the new Martin H. Carr schoolhouse lot.

Placed on file.

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Received a petition from T. Sylvester Woods and others, for an electric light, on Stone avenue, at the corner of Stone Court. — Petition ✓

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

In Common Council November 10, Reference concurred in.

Alderman Ball offered the following order,- — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the license granted by this board to Herbert L. Barstow to sell newspapers, be, and the same hereby is, revoked, the said licensee having surrendered his badge and license.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, on an order of June 16, reported that a sewer has been constructed in Columbia street from Glass House Court to near the Cambridge Line, consisting of about 511.2 feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, with two man-holes, at a cost of $4.26-20 and submitted a list of assessments upon estates benefited. — Report ✓

Accepted.

The list of assessments submitted with the foregoing report with a warrant and an order for the collection thereof, for a common sewer in Columbia street, is recorded on pages 265 to 268, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Assessments ✓

Adopted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order,- — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That permission be, and it hereby is, granted to William L. Clark and Herbert L. Clark, doing business under the style of W. L. Clark & Co., to erect one guy post on Monmouth Street and to run a guy wire therefrom and a guy wire across Harvard Street, to the new Martin W. Carr schoolhouse lot, such permission to take effect and permit to be issued when the said William L. Clark and Herbert L. Clark shall have filed with the City Clerk a bond,

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with good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of One thousand dollars, satisfactory to the City Solicitor; the location and maintenance of the frost and snow to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, and such permission to be revocable at the pleasure of this Board.

Adopted.

✓ Reports — The Committee on Highways, on orders of October 18, reported the completion of sidewalks as follows, — viz.

Morrison street, northerly side, from Elm street to rear of lot of Third Congregational Parish, brick;

Newbury street, northerly side, from Holland street to northerly line of estate No. 73, gravel with edgestone;

and submitted bills of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted.

✓ Assessments — The bills of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with warrants, and orders for the collection thereof, for sidewalks in

Morrison street

and

Newbury street

are recorded, respectively, on pages 125 to 128, and 129 to 132, inclusive, of volume 5, of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted.

✓ Report — The Committee on Fire Department, on the petition of Henry O. Gould for permission to erect and use a 25-horse-power stationary steam engine, with boiler of 30-horse-power, in a building to be erected and used for a moulding mill, on the southwesterly corner of Windsor avenue and Clifton street, reported an order.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:-

That a license be, and hereby is, granted to Henry O. Gould to erect for use a twenty-five horse-power stationary steam engine,

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with boiler of thirty horse-power, on Sixty corner of Hinton ave and Clifton street, in accordance with the specifications contained in the application for such licence; also in accordance with a permit to be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, and under such regulations as the said Inspector may prescribe, which permit must first be obtained before such Engine or Boiler is erected.

Adopted.

Adjourned

Adjournment

Attest

George A Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville Nov. 12, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Order

Alderman Lamont 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 a hearing to all persons desiring to object to the taking of land for the purposes of a common sewer in Moreland street; an order of notice of such hearing having been approved October 22, 1897.
Adopted, and Alderman Lamont appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, Nov. 10, Request granted and Councilman Story appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

√ Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Osborne, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Carr, Story, Raymond, Reed and Timson present.

√ Hearing.

In pursuance of orders passed Oct. 20 and 21, 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 Moreland street from Meacham street to Heath street; all parties interested having been duly notified as appears by the officer's return recorded on page 427 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 Somer-

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ville.

No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

The purpose 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 Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

His Honor, the Mayor, on petition of Homer C. Holt, approved by the Chief of Police, appointed, subject to confirmation by the Board, William B. Wilkins, residing at #7 Hammond street, a special police without compensation. — Appointment ✓

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.

Received the following communication from the Trustees of the Public Library. — Communication ✓

Somerville, Mass. Nov. 5, 1897

To the Honorable City Council of Somerville.

We herewith transmit to you, for your favorable consideration, a deed of gift of one thousand dollars, from Mrs. Harriet Minot Laughlin of Boston, for the benefit of the Somerville Public Library.

The check that accompanied the same has already been deposited with the City Treasurer, and awaits your action.

Trustees Somerville Public Library,
John S. Hayes, Sec.

The following is a copy of the deed of gift transmitted with the foregoing communication. —

To the Trustees of the Somerville Public Library.

In accordance with my previously expressed purpose I hereby

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donate and tender to the City of Somerville the sum of one thousand dollars for the following uses and on the following conditions:-

First. The sum so given shall be held by the City of Somerville in trust for the use of the Somerville Public Library, and shall be known as the Isaac Pitman Library Fund.

Second. The sum so given shall be invested in such securities as the City Treasurer for the time being, shall deem advisable, and the interest or income thereof shall be placed at the use and disposal of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Somerville to be expended by the said Trustees in the purchase of books of poetry for said Library.

Third. The regular annual appropriation by the City Council for the use of the Public Library shall not be diminished in consequence of this donation.

I make this gift in memory of my late father Isaac Pitman who took a deep interest in the welfare of the Somerville Public Library.

Harriet Hignt Loughlin

Boston, October 27, 1897

Read and action deferred until the next regular meeting, pending the preparation of a suitable order.

√ 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 persons,-

William T. Boyle and James B. Ball

both approved by the Chief of Police

License granted

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses for exhibition foot-ball games from,-

Somerville High School Foot-Ball Association, on Tufts Oval, Apr 6

Tufts College Foot-Ball Association, on Tufts Oval Apr 6;

recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and licenses issued by the City Clerk

Granting of licenses approved

√ Petition — Received a petition from the Somerville High School Athletic

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Association, for a license for an exhibition foot-ball game on Tufts Oval, Nov. 11, 1897, recommended by the Chief of Police.

License granted.

Received a petition from J. A. McCarthy and others for a catch-basin on Hanson street between Washington and Durham streets. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Received a petition from S. H. Davis and others, that the license which was granted for blasting on the old Nunnery Hill be revoked; the petition stating as follows:— "The hill is composed of earth only, there being no stone, and the work is now so near completion that blasting is not necessary. Notwithstanding that the Contractor may think differently, we believe that the same results may be accomplished by using pick and shovel, thus giving employment to the needy poor. — Petition ✓

This blasting is injuring property greatly, and we appeal to your honorable Board for relief.

We are aware that promises have been heretofore made to put in lighter charges, but they have not been made in good faith and we appeal to your honorable Board to revoke the license at once.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a notice from Josephine M. Place of personal injuries received between ten and eleven o'clock at night on the 16th of October last, by falling into a hole as she was crossing the Fitchburg Railroad, in passing from Somerville avenue to Beacon street through Sacramento street, where said street crosses said railroad; the said hole having been caused by the digging underneath said railroad, by the workmen of the city in the course of the construction of a subway under the railroad; this notice being given to enable said Josephine M. Place to bring suit unless a settlement can be otherwise arranged. — Notice ✓

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for con-

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currence

In Common Council, Nov 10, Reference concurred in.

√ Communications

Received the following communications:-

Somerville, November 8th, 1897

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville,-

Sirs:-

I hereby notify you that the Democratic Party of the City of Somerville wishes to hold their caucuses for the nomination of councilmen and members of the school committee, and to select delegates to a mayoralty and aldermanic convention, November 22nd.

Wm A Flaherty

Chairman of the Democratic Committee of the City of Somerville

Filed with City Clerk, Nov 8

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville,

Gentlemen:-

Somerville, November 10, 1897 - At a meeting of the Democratic City Committee duly called and held, for the purpose of determining whether party caucuses should be called and held in the Municipal Campaign of 1897 it was resolved:

"By the Democratic City Committee in meeting assembled that it is inexpedient to hold caucuses for the purpose of nominating candidates for Municipal offices to be voted for at the next Municipal election; and that the request of the chairman of said committee for the granting of locations for holding Municipal Caucuses be hereby withdrawn."

Arthur D. Osborne,

Secretary

of Dem. City Committee

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. Nov 10, 1897. Then personally appeared Arthur D. Osborne, Secretary as aforesaid and made oath that the foregoing statement by him subscribed is true, before me

Thomas F. O'Malley Justice of Peace

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Placed on file.

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,— Order ✓

Upon the notice received by the city clerk on the 8th instant from the chairman of the Democratic City Committee, of caucuses to be held in the several wards of the city, by the Democratic party, on Monday evening, November 22nd, 1897,— and 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 hereby are, assigned, as follows:—

— in Ward One —

the ward room in the Prescott School-house on Pearl Street

— in Ward Two —

Union Hall in Bonner Building on Bow Street

— in Ward Three —

a room in the Bingham School-house on Lowell Street

— in Ward Four —

a room in the Rose School-house on Summer Street, at the corner of Bragin 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 Account.

In view of the foregoing communication from the Chairman of the Democratic City Committee, and the other from the Secretary of that committee, the City Solicitor, who was present, was asked for his advice as to the duty of the Board. The Solicitor stated that, in his opinion, the Board might, if it saw fit, assign polling places for the caucuses referred to in the communications, but was not obliged to do so.

The order was read once and was refused a second reading.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following report,— Report ✓

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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 thereon November 2nd 1897, and having compared said returns with the city clerk's record thereof, on pages 168 to 171, inclusive, of volume 1, of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville, reports that the said returns are in due form and the said record agrees therewith, and that the results of said election as appears by said returns is as shown by said record.

J. M. Andrews
Wm. H. Spring
John A. Ball
} Committee.

Accepted.

✓ Order

Alderman Andrews offered the following order, –

Ordered: –

That the results of the elections held in this city, November 2, 1897, be, and it hereby is, declared to be as shown on pages 168 to 171, 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 and returns made this day.

Adopted.

✓ Report

The Committee on Licenses on the petition of Mathew A. Peterson, for a license as a common victualler at 77 Broadway, submitted an order

Accepted.

✓ Order

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows, –

Ordered: –

That a license 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 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.

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Name of Party	Place of Business	
Mathew A. Pettigrew	No. 17 Broadway	
Adopted		
The Committee on Police, on the petition of William F. Tasker for a license as a private detective, reported, and order		Report ✓
Accepted		
The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows,-		Order ✓
Ordered.-		
That a license be issued to William F. Tasker to act as a private detective for the detection, prevention, and punishment of crime, for the remainder of the term of one year beginning May 1, 1897, unless sooner revoked for cause,- when the said Tasker shall have paid to the City Clerk, for the use of the city, the sum of ten dollars for such license, and shall have given to the City Treasurer a bond with sureties, approved by this Board, in the sum of three thousand dollars, for the proper discharge of the services which he may perform by virtue of such license		
Adopted		
Received the bond of William F. Tasker as a private detective, in the sum of three thousand dollars, with the American Surety Company of New York, as surety, and in form approved by the City Solicitor		Bond ✓
Accepted and approved		
A resolve and order for the taking of land for the purpose of a common sewer in Rockland street, as recorded on pages 428 to 432, 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, were		Resolve and Order ✓
Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence		
In Common Council, Nov 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence		

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Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897

√ Report — The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Jason W. Gilpatrick, for a sewer in Medford street, from Highland avenue northeasterly about 160 feet, submitted an order.

Accepted.

√ Orders — The order submitted with the foregoing report and another order offered by Alderman Lamont, for the construction of common sewers in

Moreland street

and

Medford street

were recorded, respectively, on pages 630 and 632 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, Nov. 11, 1897

√ Orders — Alderman Perry offered orders for the construction of sidewalks in

Bradley street, northwesterly side, in front of the estates Nos. 22 and 24, owned by Frank W. Titcomb.

Bradley street, northwesterly side, from Pearl street to the northeasterly boundary line of the estate of Margaret Driscoll.

Summer street, northeasterly side, in front of the estate of F. A. P. Fiske, situated on the northeasterly corner of Summer and Cherry streets;

as recorded, respectively, on pages 261, 264 and 267 of volume 3 of the Record of Sidewalks, Hearings and Construction, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897

√ Reports — The Committee on Highways, -

on the petition of Peter S. Roberts and others, for the acceptance of James

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street, reported leave to withdraw, as the street in question was accepted in the year 1889;

on the petition of Charles D. Boss Jr., for the widening 6 feet, of the driveway in front of his premises, #159 Pearl street, reported an order;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Accepted in concurrence.

The order submitted with the foregoing report and an additional order offered by Alderman Berry, are as follows,- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to widen the driveway 6 feet, in front of the premises of Charles D. Boss Jr., No. 159 Pearl street, when said Boss shall have first deposited with the City Treasurer an approximate sum of money sufficient to cover the entire cost of said widening.

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to purchase of Messrs. Coleman Brothers, crushed stone to the amount of six hundred dollars, the sum so expended to be charged to Highways account.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897

Alderman Berry offered the following order,- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is authorized to sell to Messrs. Coleman Brothers the old Steam Road Roller No. 1, for the sum of one thousand dollars, the sum so received to be credited to Highways account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 15, 1897

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✓ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.—

Ordered:—

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, directed to transfer the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) from Schoolhouse Land, Ward Two account to School-House, Spring Hill District account.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov 10, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov 10, 1897.

✓ Report

The Committee on Public Property, in pursuance of an order dated Oct 30th submitted the following list of proposals received to furnish the heating and ventilating apparatus for the school-house in the Spring Hill District (Martin G. Carr School), in accordance with plans and specifications by Aaron H. Gould, Architect.

	Including heat Regulation	Excluding heat Regulation
Boston Furnace Co.	$8,086.	$7,535.
Greene & Co.	7,830	7,330
Fuller & Seabury	7,164	6,664
Smith & Anthony Co.	7,140.	6,490.
Lynch & Woodward	6,741.	6,341.
Hague Furnace Co.	6,745.	6,145.
Graham Dow & Co.	6,660.	6,260.
John F. Foster Co.	6,582.	6,082.
Albert P. Franklin	6,398.	5,849.
Evans, Almirall Co.	6,266.	5,937.
Isaac Coffin & Co.	6,275.	5,875.
Huey Brothers	6,097	
Walworth Construction & Supply Co.	5,948.	5,448
A. A. Sanborn	5,525.	

and presented an order.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov 10, 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, if they shall deem it expedient, to make a con-

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tract with A. A. Sanborn, for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the Schoolhouse, Spring Hill District (Martin W. Cass School), in accordance with plans by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, at the price named in the proposal of said Sanborn, submitted in said committee's report this evening, namely $5,535.00, the amount so expended to be charged to School-house, Spring Hill District Account, provided however that said contract shall be satisfactory to said committee and approved in form by the City Solicitor and that the said contractor shall give bond for the faithful performance of said contract in such form as shall be approved by the City Solicitor and in such sum and with such sureties as shall be approved by said committee.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897.

Alderman Pratt offered the following order.— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase furniture and carpet for the office of the Chief of Police, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five dollars ($175.00), the amount so expended to be charged to Police Station Incidentals account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, 1897. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897.

Alderman Ball offered the following order.— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase bulbs for the parks and public grounds of the city, at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars, the amount so expended under said order, to be charged to Public Grounds account.

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Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897

✓ Order

Alderman Pall offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a concrete walk, together with a flight of steps on Central Hill in rear of the City Hall Annex, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, the amount so expended to be charged to Public Grounds account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 10, 1897

✓ Order

Alderman Huntley offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Accounts be, and hereby is, instructed to approve in pay roll of Miscellaneous a bill in favor of Charlotte A. Ricker, in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Roseland street, on February 23rd, 1896.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1897

✓ Order

Alderman Irving offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, requested to make application for and in behalf of the city, to the Metropolitan Water Board, under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 488 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1895, to furnish water to this city from and after the expiration of the current calendar year; this city being the

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owner of its water pipe system.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Nov 10, Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Nov 11, 1897

Received from the Common Council the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Public Grounds be directed to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 5th of the Acts of 1897 so far as it relates to the trees under their care.

In Common Council, Nov 10 Adopted and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Nov 10, Returned to Common Council because of informality in its endorsement, as in the judgment of this board, the order should receive two readings

In Common Council, Nov 10, Received its second reading and first passage and sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Nov 10 Read twice and adopted in concurrence

Approved by the Mayor, Nov 11, 1897

On motion of Alderman Bury, it was voted to take from the table the petition of the Mayor of Cambridge, that permission be granted to the Overseers of the Poor of that city to blast rock at the ledge on the Cambridge Almshouse Farm in the westerly front of Somerville, which petition was laid on the table October 27th. Petition ✓

On motion of the same alderman, it was voted that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Adjourned. Adjournment ✓

Attest,

George F Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, Nov 17 1897 - 8 P.M.

The Pres, Alderman Pratt, and later in the evening his Honor Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

Records approved

√ Appointment — On petition of David Cutter of #40 Bow street, approved by the Chief of Police, his Honor the Mayor appointed said David Cutter a Special Police without compensation; the appointment being subject to confirmation by this Board.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed

√ Appointment — On petition of L. Herbert Huntley, his Honor the Mayor appointed George H. Littlefield, who is the sexton of the Congregational Church, on Franklin street and janitor of Arcanum Hall, East Somerville, a Special Police without compensation; the appointment being subject to confirmation by this Board.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed

√ Appointment — On petition of H. Carleton Abbott, of 34 Chestnut street, approved by the Chief of Police, his Honor the Mayor appointed, subject to confirmation by this Board, the said H. Carleton Abbott, a weigher of coal.

Rules suspended and appointment confirmed

√ 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 18 Read for information

√ Communication — The communication from the Trustees of the Public Library, transmitting a deed of gift from Mrs Harriet Minot Laughlin of One Thousand Dollars for the benefit of the library, on which communi-

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cation action was postponed at the last meeting, was sent to the Common Council for information.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Read for information.

Received petitions, - each signed by a parent or guardian of the proposed licensee, - that licenses for the sale of newspapers be granted to the following - named minors, - James Carney, Vernon A. Knight and William Mill, all approved by the Chief of Police. — Petitions ✓

Licenses granted.

Received a petition from the Somerville High School Foot Ball Association for a license to have an exhibition foot-ball game on the Tufts Oval, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 17th, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk. — Petition ✓

Issuing of license approved.

Received a petition from Clarence G. Reed and Georgiana Jones that the two trees - one a horse chestnut, and the other a willow - standing on Beacon street in front of the premises of said Georgiana Jones numbered 358 on said street, and the willow tree on Beacon street in front of the premises of said Clarence G. Reed, numbered 30 on Forrest street, may be cut down and removed, as the horse chestnut is badly decayed and the willows are unsightly and not suitable for shade trees. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways.

Received a petition from Theodore F. Bassett and others, for a fire-alarm box at the corner of Tufts and Glen streets. — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Electric Lines, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Reference concurred in.

The Committee on Special Building Permits, on the petition of Richard F. Blackwell, for permission to keep sixty horses in — Report ✓

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the stable formerly occupied by the West End Street Railway Company at #77 Summer street, - reported an order

Accepted.

√ Order of Notice

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-

Ordered:-

That Wednesday, November 24th 1897, at eight o'clock P.M. and the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall on Highland avenue, be appointed as the time and place for a hearing for all parties desiring to be heard on the petition of Richard T. Blackwell, for a license to keep sixty horses in a stable formerly occupied by the West End Street Railway Co. at No. 77 Summer street; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cause a copy of this order to be published in the next issue of the Somerville Journal

Read twice and adopted. Adoption reconsidered. Amended by striking out the words "November 24th" and inserting in place thereof the words "December 8th"; also by striking out the word "next", and adding at the end of the order the words, - "of December 3rd" As thus amended adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 18, 1897.

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated Nov 10, submitted the following list of proposals received for the construction in Medford street, from the manhole in Highland avenue northwesterly, about 190 feet of 10-inch pipe sewer, the pipe to be furnished by the city:

Name of Bidder	Laying 10" pipe sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
Maurice Buttimer	$1.20	$228.00
Patrick Burke	1.12	212.80
Daniel A. Doey	0.95	180.50
D. C. Collins	0.70	133.00
Chas. A. Morgan	0.65	123.50
Chas. A. Kelley	0.62	117.80

and presented an order

Accepted

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The order presented with the foregoing report is as follows:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and they hereby are, authorized, if they shall deem it expedient, to make a contract with Charles A. Kelley, for the construction of a common sewer in Bedford street, from the manhole in Highland avenue northwesterly about 190 feet, at the prices named in his proposal submitted in said committee's report this evening.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 18, 1897

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated Nov. 10, submitted the following list of proposals received to construct in Moreland street, from the manhole in Mecham street southwesterly to near Heath street, about 490 feet of 8-inch pipe sewer, with three manholes and about 250 cubic yards of rock excavation, the pipe and manhole frames and covers to be furnished by the city. Report ✓

Name of Bidder	Manholes each	Rock excavation per cubic yard	Laying 8" sewer per lin. foot	Estimated Aggregate
Chas. A. Kelley	$ 35.00	$ 3.25	$ 0.40	$ 1,113.50
D. C. Collins	37.00	3.00	0.45	1,081.50
Chas. A. Mongan	30.00	3.00	0.35	1,011.50
Maurice Buttimer	33.00	2.80	0.35	970.50
Daniel A. Dorey	30.00	2.75	0.35	949.00
Richard Falvey	27.00	2.54	0.29	858.10
Patrick Burke	25.00	2.33-1/3	0.40	854.33

and presented an order.

Accepted

The order presented with the foregoing report is as follows:- Order ✓

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Sewers be, and they hereby are, authorized, if they shall deem it expedient, to make a contract with Patrick Burke, for the construction of a common sewer in Moreland street, from the manhole in Mecham street, southwesterly about 490 feet to near Heath street, at the prices named in his proposal

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submitted in said committee's report this evening

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 18, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Sewers reported that in pursuance of orders dated respectively, May 12, July 21, August 18 and September 15, common sewers have been constructed as follows:—

in Elm Street, from the overflow connection of the Tannery Brook drain in Davis Square to Morrison street, by contract with Daniel A. Dorey, about 733.91 feet of 24 inch pipe sewer with 3 manholes, 36 cubic yards concrete in place and 9.35 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $1806.57;

in Packard and Electric Avenues, in Packard Avenue from the sewer in Broadway northeasterly about 445 feet to Electric Avenue, and in Electric Avenue northwesterly about 645 feet, by contract with Charles A. Morgan, about 441.8 feet of 24" x 16" brick sewer, 225.57 feet of 12 inch, 239.56 feet of 10 inch and 176.32 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer, with 4 manholes and 290.16 cubic yards of rock excavation, at a cost of $2015.61;

in Lowell Terrace, from Lowell Street westerly, by agreement with Maurice Buttimer, about 169.6 feet of 6 inch pipe sewer, at a cost of $73.55; and in Beacon Place from Beacon Street northeasterly, by contract with Charles A. Kelley, about 255.95 feet of 8 inch pipe sewer with 1 manhole, at a cost of $184.16;

and submitted lists of assessments upon estates benefited

Accepted

√ Assessments

The list of assessments accompanying the foregoing report, with warrants and orders for their collection, for common sewers in

Beacon Place

Elm Street

Lowell Terrace and

Packard and Electric avenues,

are recorded respectively, on pages 269 to 272, 273 to 276, 277 to 280 and 281 to 284, inclusive, of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

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Adopted

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on the petition of Charles Linehan for permission to blast rock in his ledge on Osgood street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of S. C. Lund and L. D. Junkins, and the petition of S. H. Davis and others, that the license granted to William Cochlan to blast earth and rock on Nunnery Hill, be revoked, reported that the committee visited the hill and witnessed the blasting, and was assured by the contractor that the blasting shall be carried on in a manner satisfactory to the committee; that the contractor stated that he is now using but one half the quantity of powder at any one time that he formerly used, and that each time a circuit is made around the hill, the location of the work is receding thirty feet from Broadway and from the houses in the neighborhood; and in view of these facts, and the fact that the blasting is so nearly completed, the committee recommended that the contractor be allowed to continue blasting under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets;

on the petition of Franklin A. Poor, for the removal of a white maple tree on Chester street in front of his estate, and the petition of Diedrich Stecker for the removal of a tree in front of the estate numbered sixty-five Newbury street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Florence M. and Lewis B. Hollis, for the removal of trees in front of lots #11 & 12 Medford street, near Magoun square, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Jennie F. Cranston for the removal of a tree in front of her estate #78 Cedar street, reported an order;

on the petition of H. H. Richardson and others, for edgestones and paved gutters in Tower street, reported that the edgestones have been set and the gutters paved, the cost of the edgestones used having been paid by the

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abutters.

Accepted

√ Order of Notice

The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows –

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 in front of the premises No. 78 Bedford 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 24th day of November, 1897, 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, Nov. 19, 1897

√ Report

The Committee on Highways, on the petition of Catherine A. Savage, for the relocation of a driveway and the removal of a tree in front of her estate No. 44 Beacon street, reported that the driveway has been relocated as prayed for, and submitted an order of notice for a hearing on the removal of the tree.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Order of Notice

The order submitted with the foregoing report is as follows, –

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 in front of the estate No. 44 Beacon street, and being the one standing nearest to Concord 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 tree before mentioned,

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that this Board instruct to remove the said tree, and that Wednesday, the 24th day of November, 1897, 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, Nov. 19, 1897.

The Committee on Highways reported that, in pursuance of orders dated, respectively, April 25, November 18, October 20, and Nov. 10, sidewalks have been constructed as follows:— Report ✓

Dill street, both sides, from Tufts street to Elm street, edgestones and gravel.
Summer street from School street westerly, in front of the estate of the West End Street Railway Co., edgestones and bricks;
Summer street, northwesterly side, in front of the estate of J. A. P. Fiske corner of Summer and Cherry streets, edgestones and gravel,
Tower street, westerly side, from Highland avenue southwesterly about seventy-two (72) feet, edgestones and gravel
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 sidewalks in Assessments ✓

Dill street,
Summer street, northwesterly side from School street, westerly,
Summer street, northwesterly side, in front of estate of J. A. P. Fiske, at the N.E. corner of Summer and Cherry streets,

and

Tower street,

as recorded, respectively, on pages 133 to 136, 137 to 140, 141 to 144, 145 to 148, of volume 6 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments of the

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Adopted

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways,—

√ on the petition of T. E. Conner, for edgestones in Dresden Circle, reported leave to withdraw;

√ on the petition of Susan S. and Edward L. Metson for the relaying of the sidewalks at #38 Harvard street and #1 & #3 Harvard place, reported that the sidewalks referred to have been repaired and put in good condition;

√ on the petition of John E. Dougherty and others for a street crossing from the southerly side of Concord avenue to the easterly side of Prospect street, reported that a crossing has been laid as prayed for;

√ on the protest of James J. O'Brien and others against the action of the Fitchburg R. R. Company in obstructing the passageway on Kent street, reported no action necessary, as a subway is now being constructed at Kent street under the Fitchburg Railroad;

√ on an order dated July 14 instructing said committee, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, to confer with the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners in regard to the grade of Middlesex avenue as recommended by said Board in its communication of July 12 addressed to his Honor, the Mayor, reported that a conference was held with said Commissioners, and the grade of said avenue has been changed to a grade of 16 feet above mean low tide;

√ on the petition of Thomas F. McNamara and others for the improvement of the condition of Dane street, reported that the said street has been repaired as prayed for;

√ on an order dated March 11, to have the Harrisburg Steam Road Roller repaired at a cost not to exceed $300, reported that said roller has been repaired by Messrs. Miller and Shaw, at a cost of $333.35;

√ on the petition of Richard T. Clarke and others that Pitman Street be

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graded, and the sidewalks put in proper condition, reported leave to withdraw, the street in question being a private way.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Highways, on petitions of Andrew B. Spring and others for the laying out of Ibbetson street, and Frank C. Marshall and others, for the laying out of Jay street, submitted favorable reports, as recorded respectively, on pages 25 and 33 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville. — Reports ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

The orders of notice, submitted with the foregoing reports, of hearings on the laying out of — Orders of Notice ✓

Ibbetson street

and

Jay street

are recorded respectively, on pages 26 and 34 of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 19, 1897.

The Committee on Ordinances, on an order dated September 15, to report a draft of an ordinance to amend Section One of Chapter Fifteen, of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, entitled "Highways", by adding after the words "forty feet", the words "except such streets or highways not less than 30 feet in width, as were used as Highways previous to the year 1872," reported an ordinance. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

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✓ Ordinance	The ordinance submitted with the foregoing report, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Section One of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, In Regard to Highways," was Read twice and passed to be enrolled, and sent down for concurrence.
✓ Report	The Committee on Ordinances, on the communication from the Superintendent of Electric Lines, suggesting amendments to the ordinance relating to the inspection and construction of telegraph and other electric lines, reported an ordinance. Accepted and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, Apr. , Accepted in concurrence.
✓ Ordinance	The Ordinance submitted with the foregoing report, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to Electric Lines in Public and Private Buildings," was Read once and laid on the table
✓ Report	The Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred an ordinance in relation to the appointment of janitors of the City Hall and Public Library Building and of the Police Building, reported a new draft of an ordinance. Accepted and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, Apr. 18, Accepted in concurrence
✓ Ordinance	The Ordinance accompanying the foregoing report, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to Janitors," was Read twice and passed to be enrolled, and sent down for concurrence
✓ Report	The Committee on Ordinances, on an order dated August 4th, to report an ordinance in relation to the laying of plank walks outside of such portions of the sidewalks as may be fenced off temporarily for building purposes, reported an ordinance. Accepted and sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, Apr. 18, Accepted in concurrence.

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The ordinance presented with the foregoing report, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Obstruction of Sidewalks", was Read twice, and passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence

Ordinance ✓

Alderman Pratt, for the Committee on Ordinance, presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings"

Read once, and referred to Committee on Ordinance for such corrections as may be deemed advisable. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov 15. Read once, and referred to Committee on Ordinance in concurrence

Ordinance ✓

Alderman Kimball offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the sum of One thousand dollars, donated to the city by Mrs Harriet Hoyt Loughlin for the use of the Somerville Public Library and to be known as the Isaac Pitman Library Fund, said sum being now in the hands of the City Treasurer, be and the same hereby is accepted, on the conditions specified in the deed of gift accompanying the donation and received by the city council with a communication from the trustees of the public library on the 10th inst, and the city council would hereby, in behalf of the people of Somerville, express the grateful thanks of the city to the donor, for her generous gift;

and it hereby is further

Ordered:—

That the said deed of gift be placed in the custody of the City Treasurer; that the City Treasurer transmit to Mrs Harriet Hoyt Loughlin, the donor of said gift, a formal receipt therefor; that the City Treasurer open and keep an account to be called the Isaac Pitman Library Fund Account, and credit therein the amount of said gift, and the interest or income which shall be derived therefrom; that the City Treasurer invest said fund in the name of the city, in accordance with the conditions of said deed of gift; that the interest or income derived from said fund be placed, as it shall ac-

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cure, at the disposal of the trustees of the public library of the City of Somerville to be expended by them in the purchase of books of poetry for said library, and that the same so expended be charged to the said Isaac Pitman Library Fund Account,
and it is further

Ordered:—

That attested copies of these orders be transmitted by the City Clerk, as follows:— one to Mr. Harriet Mint Laughlin, one to the City Treasurer and one to the trustees of the public library of the City of Somerville.

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 19, 1897

Adjournment

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, November 19, 1897 -
5 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Andrews, and Berry present.

Records approved.

Received a venire for the choosing and appointing of six good and lawful men to serve as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of the United States, now holden at Boston, there to appear on Monday November 22nd inst at two o'clock P.M. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the Mayor the City Messenger passed the jury box to Alderman Irving who drew therefrom, and read aloud the names of

Christopher Martin,
Fred J. Pilsbury,
John F. Martin,
Josiah E. Kelsea,
Ebenezer L. Atwood,
and
Leonard C. Spinney

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

Received the resignation of J. Edwin Bradshaw as Deputy — Resignation ✓

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Clerk of Elections for Ward 4 Precinct 1.
Accepted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from the Tufts College Athletic Association for a license for an exhibition foot ball game, November 20, approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from James H. Maguire, and others, for the removal of the two trees standing in Bedford street, in front of the premises Nos. 480, 480 A, 482 and 482 A, on said street, as one of them is dead and the other is unsightly, and they will interfere with the convenient use of the stores on said premises.
Referred to Committee on Highways.

Adjournment — Adjourned.

Attest,

George S. Vincent — Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall Somerville, Nov. 24, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews and Perry present.
Records approved.

In pursuance of orders approved November 19th hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of trees as follows,- Hearings ✓
1. a tree standing in front of the estate No. 44 Beacon street, and being the tree nearest to Concord avenue;
2. a tree standing in front of the premises No. 75 Cedar street.
due notice of such hearings having been given, as required by said orders.
No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard the hearings were closed.

Aldermen Perry 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 on the laying out of Princeton street and Alpine street; orders of notice for such hearings having been approved October 22, 1897.
Adopted, and Alderman Perry appointed a messenger to convey the request to the Common Council.
In Common Council, Nov. 24, Request granted and Councilman Story appointed to convey the message to the Board of Aldermen.

In Convention of the City Council Convention ✓

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

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Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews and Perry, President Lapham, and Councilmen, Osborne, Kenney, Gracey, Cummings, Carr, Story, Raymond, Wilson and Lowell present.

√ Hearings

In pursuance of orders passed Oct. 20th, and this evening, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the laying out of

Alpine street

and

Princeton street

due notice of such hearings having been given, as appears by the officers' returns recorded, respectively, on pages 11 and 19 of volume 3, of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

No 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 Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, and Perry present.

√ Resignation

Received the resignation of French O. J. Tarbox as deputy inspector of elections for Ward 2 Precinct 5.

Accepted.

√ Petition

Received a petition from the Fitchburg Railroad Co. for the appointment of Sra Francis Legrow as a special police officer (without compensation).

Referred to the Mayor.

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Received a petition, signed by the father of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to Angelo Goto, approved by the Chief of Police License granted	Petition ✓
Received a petition from James Burke, for a license for a social entertainment and cake walk in Bacon Hall, Monday evening Nov. 22nd, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk Granting of license approved	Petition ✓
Received a petition from the Tufts Sophomore and Freshman classes for a license for an exhibition foot-ball game on Tufts Oval, Tuesday afternoon Nov. 23rd, recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk Granting of license approved	Petition ✓
Received petitions for licenses for foot-ball games on the Tufts Oval, from the Medford High School, Thursday morning, Nov. 25th. Somerville High School Foot Ball Assn, Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th & 27th. both recommended by the Chief of Police Licenses granted	Petitions ✓
Received a petition from Julia A. Lynch for a license to keep an intelligence office at No. 536 Medford street Referred to Committee on Licenses	Petition ✓
Received a petition from Nelson B. Archer for the removal of a horse chestnut tree standing in front of No. 8 Prospect street as said tree is an obstruction to public travel, and the throwing of stones into shutters by boys, in their efforts to knock down the chestnuts, is a cause of danger, and has at times resulted in the breaking of mischievous in the house Referred to Committee on Highways	Petition ✓

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✓ Petitions	Received petitions from:-
	David J. Donnelly and others, for a brick sidewalk with edgestone on the easterly side of White street, from Elm street to the Cambridge line;
	Francis H. Raymond for a crosswalk at the easterly corner of Beacon and Park streets;
	Referred to Committee on Highways and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council, Nov. 24, References concurred in.
✓ Notice	Received a notice from Rachel A. Doherty of #95 Albion street, that she was severely injured by stepping in a hole and being thrown against a hydrant on Lowell street, opposite #138, Saturday Nov. 20, 1897, at 5-45 P.M., and that she will hold the city accountable for suffering, medical attendance and loss of time. (Filed with the City Clerk, Nov. 20, 1897.)
	Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.
	In Common Council, Nov. 24, References concurred in.
✓ Order Notice of City Election	Alderman Andrews offered the following order:-
	Agreeably to the provisions of the Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three, it is hereby
	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 for 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 Sanford Hanscom Schoolhouse on Webster Street,
	Precinct 3 - A room in the Dane Schoolhouse on Tufts Street,
	Precinct 4 - A room in the Jackson Schoolhouse on Maple Street, at the corner of Poplar Street,
	Ward Two

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Precinct 1. – A room in the Luther & Bell Schoolhouse on Vinal Avenue,
Precinct 2. – The Hall in the Police Building on Bow Street,
Precinct 3. – Eberle-Lower 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 southerly side of the Edgerly Schoolhouse on Cross Street,
Precinct 2. – A room in the Jacob T. Glines Schoolhouse on Jaques Street,
Precinct 3. – A room in the basement of the Foster Schoolhouse on Sycamore Street,
Precinct 4. – A room in the Bingham Schoolhouse on Lowell Street,

Ward Four

Precinct 1. – A room in the Hare Schoolhouse on Summer 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 seventh day of December 1897, 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 Com-

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mittee 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 once in the Somerville Citizen, newspapers published in this city.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 26, 1897.

√ Order

Alderman Berry 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 Lowell street northwesterly. Stone avenue, and in the evening only, Evergreen avenue:— such permission to terminate at the pleasure of this board.

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 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,—

A tree standing in front of the premises No. 78 Cedar street, and also

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I tree standing in front of the estate No. 44 Beacon street, and being the one standing nearest to Concord avenue.

Read twice and adopted.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 26, 1897

The Committee on Highways, reported that in pursuance of orders dated Nov. 10th, sidewalks have been constructed as follows, — Reports ✓

in Bradley street, northwesterly side from Pearl street to the northeasterly line of the estate of Margaret Driscoll, — gravel with edgestones;

in Bradley street northwesterly side in front of the estates numbered 22 & 24, owned by Frank L. Titcomb, — gravel with edgestones;

and submitted lists of assessments for one half the cost of said sidewalks.

Accepted

The lists of assessments submitted with the foregoing reports, with warrants and orders for their collection, for sidewalks in — Assessments ✓

Bradley street, northwesterly side from Pearl street to the northwesterly boundary line of the estate of Margaret Driscoll, and

Bradley street, northwesterly side, in front of the estate of Frank L. Titcomb, being numbered 22 & 24 on said street,

are recorded, respectively, on pages 149 to 152, and 153 to 156, inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of Sidewalk Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Adopted

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on the petition of T. W. Swimby, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, in front of his estate No. 14 Bradley street, reported that the sidewalk had been constructed, the petitioner having furnished the edgestones;

on the petition of Wilbur F. Mansfield, for a gravel sidewalk, with edgestones, and a grass plat, in front of his estate

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#785 Broadway, reported that the sidewalk had been constructed as prayed for, and the bill sent to the treasurer for collection.

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways,—

√ on an order dated August 23rd, for the setting of edgestones on the westerly side of Bradley street, in front of the estates of Hugh W. Barnes, W. H. Swain, F. H. Bacon, Katherine S. Connell, Samuel C. Lawrence, Frank H. Holmes and N. J. Davis, when they should have deposited with the City Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the edgestones, reported that the edgestones have been set as authorized by said order, and bills forwarded to the Treasurer for collection;

√ on an order dated August 23rd, to construct a brick sidewalk in front of the estate of Aaron H. Gould, on Columbus and Stone avenues, reported that the sidewalk has been constructed as authorized by said order, and a bill for the bricks used forwarded to the Treasurer for collection;

√ on an order dated August 14th, for the construction of a brick sidewalk, with edgestones, in front of the estate of Florence M. and Lewis B. Hollis, on Medford street near Magoun Square, reported that a sidewalk had been constructed as authorized by said order, and a bill for the edgestones and bricks used sent to the Treasurer for collection;

√ on the petition of Thomas A. Orwin and others for a cross-walk across Beacon street, from the westerly corner of Museum street to the westerly corner of Kent street, and the petition of Albert Burgess and others, for a street crossing at the end of Joseph street, at its junction with Newton street, reported the crossings have been laid as prayed for.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 24, Accepted in concurrence.

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Resolves and orders for the laying out of Alpine street, and Princeton street, as recorded respectively, on pages 12 to 16 and 20 to 24, inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were	Resolves and Orders ✓
Read twice, and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council, Nov. 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.	
Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 25, 1897.	
The Committee on Claims, on the petition of Frank Bellew for injuries received by being thrown from his wagon, on Somerville avenue, December 9, 1896, said injuries including a fracture of the leg, reported the order	Report ✓
Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council, Nov. 24, Accepted in concurrence.	
The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:	Order ✓
Ordered: That the Committee on Accounts be, and hereby is, authorized and instructed to approve in payroll of Aldermen the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars in favor of Frank Bellew which sum shall be in full for injuries received by falling from his wagon in front of No. 95 Somerville Avenue on the ninth day of December 1896, thereby receiving a fractured leg, and other personal injuries.	
Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.	
In Common Council, Nov. 24, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.	
Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 26, 1897.	
Alderman Spring offered the following order:	Order ✓
Ordered: That the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to Peter	

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A. B. Dearborn, an extra compensation for professional services rendered in the small pox cases of Arthur Savage and Charles A. Ford, said amount being in full settlement for such services, and to be charged to Health Department Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 24. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Presented to the Mayor, Nov. 26, 1897, and approved by him Nov. 1, 1897.

✓ Order

Alderman Ball offered the following order,—

Whereas, an action is now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, in which the City of Somerville is an interested party, growing out of proceedings taken by officers of this city to enforce payment of the tax on personal property assessed to James F. Hathaway for the year 1896.

Now, Therefore, it is ordered that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby instructed, upon the payment by said James F. Hathaway into the City Treasury of the sum of Five and 16/100 dollars, being the tax due according to his sworn schedule of property taxable, omitted, and Twenty-five dollars, being the full costs in said proceedings, to allow said action to be discontinued, and to take no further steps to enforce the payment of said tax.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Nov. 24. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 27, 1897.

✓ Report

The Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred for correction, the draft of an ordinance, relating to the construction of buildings, reported back said draft of ordinance with corrections, providing that plans of every building hereafter erected, intended for business, manufacturing, or storage purposes, as well as of other buildings named in the original draft of ordinance, shall be delivered to the Inspector of Buildings, and also providing that a copy of the plans of the first and second floors and of one elevation instead of the entire plans, shall be delivered to the Inspector of Buildings to be retained by him.

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Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Nov 24 Accepted in concurrence.

The ordinance accompanying the foregoing report entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings", was Read twice and passed to be enrolled and sent down for concurrence. — Ordinance ✓

The ordinance entitled "An Ordinance In Relation to Electric Lines in Public and Private Buildings" which was read once and laid on the table Nov 17th, was taken from the table and given its second reading and passage to be enrolled, and sent down for concurrence. — Ordinance ✓

Alderman Pratt offered an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance In regard to Sewers in the District West of Curtis Street." Read twice and passed to be enrolled and sent down for concurrence. — Ordinance ✓

Received from the Common Council, ordinances as follows: — Ordinances ✓

No. 70 - "An Ordinance In Relation to Janitors";
No. 71 - "An Ordinance to Amend Section One of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891 In Regard to Highways";
No. 72 - "An Ordinance In Relation to the Obstruction of Sidewalks"; as recorded, respectively, on pages 480, 481 and 482 of the Book of Enrolled Ordinances in the City Clerk's Office; each of said ordinances having been read twice and passed to be enrolled, and sent down for concurrence, Nov 17th, 1897, and each being endorsed as follows, -

In Common Council, Nov 18th 1897, Read twice and passed to be enrolled, in concurrence. Chas S Robertson, Clerk.

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Enrolled. Chas S Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances of the Common Council, Nov 24th, 1897. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.

Arthur W. Perry, Wm E. Robinson, Isaac A. Story, Committee

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In Common Council, Nov. 24, 1897. Passed to be Ordained.
F. De Witt Lapham, President.
Attest, Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.
Further action was taken as follows.-
In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen, Nov. 24, 1897. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports.
W. H. Perry, J. M. Andrews, Committee.
In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 24, 1897. Passed to be ordained.
Albion A. Perry, Mayor.
Attest, George S. Vincent, Clerk.
Nov. 27, 1897. Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Adjournment

Adjourned.
Attest.
George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, December 5, 1887 - 8 P.M.

The President, Alderman Pratt, and later in the evening, His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Sparing, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.

Records approved.

In pursuance of an order approved Nov. 15, a hearing was given for all parties desiring to be heard on the petition of Richard T. Blackwell, for a license to keep sixty horses in a stable formerly occupied by the West End Street Railway Company, at 77 Lowell street; due notice of the hearing having been published, as required by said order. Hearing ✓

Mr. Richard T. Blackwell, the petitioner, appeared, and said the stable referred to was erected by the West End Street Railway Company about the year 1853; that it had a drain connecting with the public sewer, was ventilated by means of a sky-light 9 x 14 feet in size, and had been used by the Railway Company for the keeping of ninety-five horses. He proposed to have twenty-five stalls on the east side and thirty-five on the west side of the stable, but did not expect that all would be occupied at present. The business would be chiefly that of a boarding stable for which he thought there would be a demand in the neighborhood. He thought that it would be preferable from a health standpoint to have one large stable properly kept, rather than a large number of small stables distributed throughout the district. The Board of Health had approved of the sanitary condition of the stable. The principal entrance to the stable would be from Avon street.

Mr. Blackwell introduced Messrs. William H. Prime, Jackson Caldwell and John J. Kelly, all of whom lived at some distance from the stable. They thought a boarding stable in that locality would be convenient, but if the people living in its immediate vicinity objected, these gentlemen did not wish to urge the matter.

Messrs. Frank A. Dickinson and Charles P. Sinclair appeared as attorneys for the remonstrants, and testimony was given

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by Mrs. Abraham A. Elston, living at #25 Preston street; Charles E. Fuller, #17 Avon street; Charles Pierce, #69 School street; Samuel C. Souther, #61 Preston street; Charles H. Singleton, #17 Preston street; Stillman H. Libby representing the heirs of George H. Ireland, who own from thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars worth of property in the immediate vicinity; Edward A. Kingman, #30 Avon street; George E. Hyman, #28 Avon street; H. E. Veazie, #14 Avon street; John Harwood, #31 Avon street; and Charles H. Leighton, #83 School street. Nearly a quite all of these parties own the houses which they occupy, and in some cases neighboring property also.

Mr. Dickerman also read remonstrances which had been presented to the Board of Health, signed by a large number of interested parties.

Mr. Lincoln stated that he represented Mr. Graham, Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Martha P. Lowe, and his own interests, covering in all some sixty thousand dollars worth of taxable property in Somerville near the stable.

The remonstrants objected to the granting of the license because the odors and the noise from so large a stable would be objectionable, as was the case when the stable was occupied by the Railway Company, and the value of property in the neighborhood would, in consequence, be depreciated. When the houses were being erected on Preston street it was given out by the railway company, that the stable would be abandoned when electric motive power should supersede horse power. The erection of the stable was originally allowed in order that the street railway might be extended into that section. The buildings should now be removed, and thereby the value of the property in the vicinity would be very much enhanced. With the exception of a few stores, the neighborhood is wholly residential. Mr. Elston thought that, being a wooden stable, the building would not be serviceable much longer without undergoing thorough repairs.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed.

√ Report

Received the report of the Chief of Police for the month of November.

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Placed on file.	
On the petition received from the Fitchburg Railroad Company, November 24 His Honor, the Mayor, appointed, subject to confirmation, Sir Francis Le Gros, a special police without compensation. Rules suspended and appointment confirmed.	Appointment ✓
Received a request from the City Auditor that all boards and committees having the expenditures of the city's money, forward to him their pay-rolls not later than the 24th inst. Read and sent down for information. In Common Council, Dec 9, Read for information.	Request ✓
Received resignations from election officers as follows:- William H. J. Thompson, Deputy Inspector, Ward Two, Precinct Five; John Keating, Deputy Inspector, Ward Four, Precinct One; Paul J. Smith, Deputy Warden, Ward Four, Precinct Four; Accepted.	Resignations ✓
Received a notice from the City Clerk of Medford that a committee has been appointed by the Board of Aldermen of Medford to perambulate the boundary lines, and that the 16th day of December current, at two-thirty o'clock P.M. has been designated as the time, and the boundary post on Boston Avenue near the Mystic Pumping Station has been selected for meeting a like committee from the City of Somerville for the purpose of perambulating the bounds between the two cities. Placed on file.	Notice ✓
Received petitions for licenses to sell junk from Himan Barnett and Louis Perlman, both approved by the Chief of Police. Licenses granted.	Petitions ✓
Received a petition from Charles H. Weston, for a license	Petition ✓

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to give a charitable concert in Bacon Hall, Friday evening, December 3rd; recommended by the Chief of Police, approved by the Mayor, and license issued by the City Clerk

Issuing of license approved

√ Petition — Received a petition from Fred H. Towle for a license to keep an intelligence office at #363 A Highland avenue;

Referred to Committee on Licenses

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,—

Margaret A. Simpson for a catch-basin in Broadway at the westerly side of Simpson avenue;

Franklin F. Phillips and others, for a catch-basin at the corner of Day and Herbert streets;

Referred to Committee on Sewers

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,—

Patrick Burke for a license to blast rock in excavating for a sewer in Moreland street;

Martha D. Frost that a tree standing on the boundary line between the estate #551 and #553 Somerville avenue and the sidewalk, may be cut down and removed, as it is dead and unsightly, and one of the branches has already decayed and fallen, and the tree is therefor a source of danger to travellers on the street.

Referred to Committee on Highways

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,—

Andrew C. Spring and others, for an electric light on the west side of Craigie street, just below Kimball street;

George J. Goodman and others, for an arc light on the northwest side of Farragut avenue, about 330 feet from Broadway;

Sarah Glaston and others, for an electric light on Heath street at the corner of Mt. Vernon avenue;

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

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In Common Council, Dec. 9, Reference concurred in.

Received notice from Rachel G. Mahony, "98 Albion street, of claim for damage on account of injuries to the spine received on the evening of Nov 20, 1897, while walking upon Lowell street between Summer street and Highland avenue, by tripping upon a piece of pipe projecting some six or eight inches above the ground. (Received by the City Clerk Dec 4.) — Notice ✓

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 9, Reference concurred in.

Received a notice to appear at the Superior Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first Monday of January next, and answer to Margaret G. Swirk of Boston, in an action of tort, to the damage of said Swirk, as she saith, the sum of three thousand dollars. (Received by the City Clerk Dec 4.) — Notice ✓

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

In Common Council, December 9, Placed in hands of City Solicitor in concurrence.

Received a communication from the City Government Publishing Co. of New York, soliciting subscriptions for the publication called City Government. — Communication ✓

Read and sent down for information.

In Common Council, Dec 9, Read for information.

Received a venire for the drawing from the box of two 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, Monday, December 13, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the morning. — Jurors ✓

By direction of the President, the City Messenger passed the box to Aldermen Irving who drew therefrom and read aloud

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the names of Dennis F. Flynn and William E. Wilson. The slips bearing the said names as drawn were passed by the Messenger to the President who verified the said names by reading them aloud from said slips, which were then passed to the City Clerk, by whom the said names were read therefrom aloud, and the said slips, after being duly endorsed, were returned to the proper compartment of the jury-box.

✓ Order — Alderman Ball offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the licenses to sell newspapers granted to Michael Donnelly, and Gladstone Henderson, be, and the same hereby are, revoked; the said licensees having surrendered their badges and licenses.

Adopted.

✓ Order — Alderman Loring offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That the Chairman of the Committee on Highways, the City Engineer, and the Superintendent of Streets be, and they hereby are, appointed, on behalf of this board, a committee to perambulate the boundary line and to examine the bound-marks between this city and the city of Medford;

and it is further

Ordered.—

That, to assist in such perambulation and examination, the said City Engineer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to co-operate with the authorities or agents of the city of Medford in defining said boundary line and erecting suitable monuments or boundary marks, wherever necessary for the purposes of these orders; any expense that may be incurred hereunder to be charged to Miscellaneous account.

Adopted.

✓ Order — Alderman Quincy offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

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That leave to withdraw be, and is hereby, given to Richard T. Blackwell, on his petition to keep sixty horses in a stable owned by the West End Street Railway Company, situated on Summer street, near School street.

Adopted

The Committee on Licenses,— Reports ✓

on the petition of Julia A. Leroux, for a license to keep an intelligence office at #506 Medford street, reported an order;

on the petition of Rebecca Welch, for a license as a common victualler at #23 Washington street, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted

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

Ordered:—

That a license 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Julia A. Leroux	No. 506 Medford Street

Adopted

The Committee on Police, on an order of Jan 18, in relation to the providing of some building other than the Police Station, for the housing of tramps, and the requiring of some service from the tramps in return for the city's assistance, reported that in the judgment of the committee no formal action is necessary as the Chief of Police has discontinued housing tramps, and very little annoyance is now experienced. — Accepted. Report ✓

The Committee on Sewers, on petitions for catch-basins from Hugh H. Barnes and others in Bradley street. Reports ✓

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C. Bowen and others, in Linwood street;
W. W. Calkin and others, in Wellington avenue;
Henry W. P. Colson in Highland avenue near Spring Hill Terrace;
F. B. Horsman and others, in Francesca avenue;
Charles B. Jenkinson and others, in Elston street;
Clifton A. Kennedy and others, at corner of Thorndike and Howard streets;
Timothy A. Kirby and others, at corner of Lawrence and Sumner streets;
Charles J. Simpson and others, in Jay street, and that they be entered into the storm drain in Howard street; — and
Charles J. Simpson and others, that the catch-basins in Gorham street be entered into the storm drain in Howard street;
reported that the catch-basins have been constructed, and catch-basins have been connected with storm drains, as prayed for. — Accepted.

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways:—

on petitions for the removal of trees from Clarence G. Reed and Georgianna Jones, on Beacon street, and James H. McGuire, on Medford street, reported orders of notice for hearings;

on the petition of A. B. Gookin and others, for the removal of a telephone pole on Walnut street, in front of the Union Square Baptist Church, to the opposite corner of Walnut street and Giles Park, and the petition of Lydia J. Church and others, for a brick sidewalk in Robinson street, reported leave to withdraw;

on the petition of Jonathan Brown and others, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones in front of their lots on Browning Road, reported leave to withdraw;

on an order for the construction of a gravel sidewalk with edgestones in front of the estate of Isaac Sexton, #90 Oxford street, reported that such sidewalk has been constructed, a deposit sufficient to cover the cost of the edgestones having first been made by said Sexton with the City Treasurer.

Accepted.

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

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, to wit:— One horse chestnut tree and one willow tree standing on Beacon street in front of the premises of Georgianna Jones numbered 305 on said street,

Also one willow tree on Beacon standing standing in front of the premises of Clarence G Reed, No 30 on Forest street,

it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing one attested copy of said 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 15th day of December, 1897, 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

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the public convenience and necessity require the removal of the trees hereinafter mentioned, to wit:— Two trees standing on Medford street, in front of the premises No. 450, 450 A, 452 and 452 A,

it is hereby Ordered, that public notice be given by the City Clerk, by causing one 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 15th day of December, 1897, 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, December 8, 1897

The Committee on Highways, — Reports ✓

On the petition of Charles J Robertson for the repairing of the sidewalk in front of his premises, 100 Highland avenue, re-

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	footed that the sidewalk has been repaired as prayed for;
On the petition	of Charles H. Sawyer and others, for a street crossing from the brick sidewalk on Main street to the opposite brick sidewalk on Broadway, at the junction of Broadway and Main street, reported that a crossing has been laid, as prayed for;
On an order	dated October 18, for the discontinuance of a driveway in front of the premises #76 Linwood street, owned by Frank Tyche, and the construction of a driveway in front of his premises #74 Linwood street, when he should first have deposited with the City Treasurer a sum sufficient to cover the estimated cost, reported that the required deposit has not been made with the City Treasurer;
On an order	of April 25th for the repairing of the sidewalk on the northerly side of Highland avenue, between the premises of Edward Kline and School street, and to abolish and make safe the driveways there situated, reported that the sidewalks have been repaired and the driveways changed as directed by said order;
On the petition	of Alexander J. Patterson and others, for the improvement of the gutter in Washington street between Morrow street and Charles street, reported that the object of the petitioners has been accomplished by the construction of a catch-basin in said locality;
On an order	of June 9th, for the regrading and repairing of the wall on Tower street in front of the premises of the Somerville Hospital, reported that the work has been done as authorized, at a cost of $49.05;
On an order	dated March 15, for the purchase of three horses, and the disposal of them, reported that three horses have been purchased of R. H. Fleetwood, for the sum of four hundred dollars, and two horses have been sold for the sum of fifty dollars;
On an order	dated Dec 11, for the sale to Edmund Bruce of Strong Road

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Roller No. 1, for the sum of one thousand dollars, reported that the sale has been made as authorized; on an order dated May 12, for the erection and maintenance of guide-posts in the highways of the City at points where they are necessary, or would be convenient for travellers and especially at the intersection of such highways as lead to adjoining towns or cities, reported that guide-posts have been erected at such places as seem suitable for the purpose;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 9. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, on notice of claim for damage from John Ducey, for injuries received by falling on Bedford street, near Lowell street, Jan. 9, 1895, and the notice of injuries and petition for damage on account of same, from Sarah E. Woods, by falling on the sidewalk on Boston street, corner of Walnut street, Jan. 2, 1895, reported an order. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, December 9. Accepted in concurrence.

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

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Accounts be, and hereby is instructed to approve in pay-roll of Miscellaneous a bill in favor of John Ducey in the sum of three hundred dollars for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Bedford street, on January 9, 1895. Also a bill in favor of Sarah E. Woods in the sum of ten hundred twenty-nine and 40/100 dollars for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Boston street, January 2nd, 1895.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 9. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11, 1897.

Alderman Pratt offered the following orders: — Orders ✓

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✓ Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to have the water-tube and smoke-pipe enlarged for the heating apparatus in the Jacob T. Hines schoolhouse at an expense not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00); the amount so expended to be charged to Schoolhouse Incidentals account.

✓ Ordered:-

That the Committee on Public Property be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase outside windows for the City Hall, at an expense not exceeding fifty-five dollars ($55.00); the amount so expended to be charged to Hall account.

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

In Common Council, Dec. 9. Read twice, and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11, 1897.

✓ Order

Alderman Dering offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the Committee on Fuel and Street Lights be, and it hereby is, authorized to locate and maintain such number of incandescent electric lights in the subways at Kent, and Sacramento streets as the committee may deem expedient; the expense of locating said lights, if any, to be charged to Highways, Subway at Kent street, and Highways, Subway at Sacramento street accounts, and the expense of maintenance to be charged to Street Lights account.

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

In Common Council, Dec. 9. Read twice, and adopted, in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11, 1897.

✓ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order,-

Ordered:-

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, directed to transfer the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) from Schoolhouse, Land, Ward Two, account to Schoolhouse, Ward One, account.

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

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In Common Council, Dec 9. Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, Dec 11, 1897

Alderman Berry offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to transfer from Highways Appropriation Account, to Sidewalks Appropriation Account, the sum of eight hundred sixty-six and 30/100 dollars

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 9, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, Dec 11, 1897

Alderman Lamont offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of making a transfer to Sewer Maintenance account of four hundred dollars

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Dec 9, Adopted in concurrence.
Approved by the Mayor, Dec 11, 1897

Alderman Andrews offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Finance be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the expediency of making a transfer to Electrical Department account of the sum of five hundred dollars

Adopted, and sent down for concurrence
In Common Council, Dec 9, Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, Dec 11, 1897

Alderman Pratt offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is, directed to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) from Police Station Incidentals Account to Schoolhouse Incidentals Account

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Adopted and sent down for concurrence
(see subsequent record.)

√ Order

Alderman Lamont offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That in compliance with the requirements of Section three of Chapter one of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the city clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause publication of ordinances to be made as follows:—

of Ordinance No 70, entitled, "An Ordinance in Relation to Jaunting," in one issue of the Louisville Journal,

of Ordinance No 71, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Section One of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, in Regard to Highways," in one issue of the Louisville Citizen,

and of Ordinance No 72, entitled, "An Ordinance in Relation to the Obstruction of Sidewalks," in one issue of the Louisville Journal; the expense incurred to be charged to printing and stationery 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, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Gall offered the following order,—

Ordered.—

That there be, and there is hereby, abated to the Collector of Taxes of the City of Louisville, the sum of "one thousand and ninety-eight and 70/100 dollars of the tax due from James F. Hathaway, assessed as of May 1, 1896, he having been committed to prison after the expiration of a year from the receipt of the tax-list containing said tax by the Collector, and that said Collector of Taxes be, and he hereby is, to the amount of said sum, fully exonerated from said tax and relieved from all liability in connection therewith.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 9, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec 11, 1897

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Adjourned | Adjournment

Attest,

George S. Vincent Clerk

Copy of Bond from Standard Oil Company of New York, referred to on page 438. | Filed Dec 5, 1897

Know All Men By These Presents, that The Standard Oil Company of New York, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York and having a usual place of business in Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is holden and stands firmly bound unto the City of Somerville, a municipal corporation in said Commonwealth in the sum of five thousand dollars, to the payment of which to the said City of Somerville and its assigns said Standard Oil Company of New York hereby binds itself and its assigns.

The condition of the obligation is such that whereas said Standard Oil Company of New York has heretofore laid or caused to be laid certain pipes for the transmission of oil under and across sidewalks in various places in said City of Somerville and is desirous of obtaining from time to time permission from said City of Somerville to lay pipes under and across sidewalks in other places therein and whereas it is understood that said Standard Oil Company of New York shall agree, and it does hereby agree, to save harmless and indemnify the said City of Somerville against any and all loss, damage or liability arising in any manner whatsoever in connection with said pipes or the laying and maintaining thereof intending hereby to include all pipes whether heretofore or hereafter laid.

Now Therefore, if the said Standard Oil Company of New York shall save harmless and indemnify the said City of Somerville as aforesaid then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

In Witness Whereof the said Standard Oil Company of New York has caused its corporation seal to be affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by its Vice President this 27th day of October, 1897.

(Corporate Seal) Standard Oil Co. of New York, By Jno. D. Archbold, Vice President
Attest: M. L. Crainard, Asst. Secretary.
Approved S. E. T. D. Form of bond approved, Frank H. Kaan, City Solicitor
Approved, J. L. Perry, Chairman for Committee on Highways, Nov. 4, 1897

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen called by the Mayor to act on a statement requiring a recount of the votes cast Dec 7, 1897, in Ward Four for Common Councilmen, and to transact any other business that might come before the Board, — all the members having been duly notified in writing. —
City Hall, Somerville, December 14, 1897. 7.45 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Statement
Solomon S. Higgins & others errors in returns of votes cast for Common Councilmen in Ward 4

Received a statement, signed by Solomon S. Higgins and eleven other qualified voters of Ward Four, to the effect that they 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 7, 1897, are erroneous in that the ballots cast at said election in each and all of said precincts for Edwin F. Cushing were not, by the election officers, correctly counted or computed, and that the number of ballots cast in said precincts for the several candidates for common councilmen was not correctly stated in the records or copies of records made by the election officers of the several precincts aforesaid. (filed with the city clerk Dec 11)

Placed on file

√ Order
for recount of ballots cast in Ward 4 for Common Councilmen

Alderman Andrews offered the following order, —
Upon the statement filed with the city clerk, December 11, 1897, signed by Solomon S. Higgins and eleven 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 7th, 1897,

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are erroneous in that the number of ballots cast in said precincts for the several candidates for common councilmen was not correctly stated in the records or copies of records or returns made by the election officers of the several precincts aforesaid, — it hereby is

Ordered: —

That the board of registrars of voters be and hereby is instructed to open the envelopes or boxes containing the ballots cast in each of the said several precincts of 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.

Adjourned.

Attest,

George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, Dec 15, 1897 – 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

✓ Hearings

In pursuance of orders approved Dec 8th, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the removal of trees, as follows, – in Beacon street, a horse-chestnut and a willow tree in front of the premises of Georgianna Jones numbered 338 on said street, and a willow tree in Beacon street in front of the premises of Clarence G. Reed, numbered 30 on Forest St; in Medford street, two trees in front of the premises nos 480 – 480A – 482 and 482A.
due notice of said hearings having been published as required by said order.

Messrs James E. Fitzgerald and James H. Maguire appeared and famed the removal of the trees mentioned in Medford street.

No other persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.

✓ Recommendation

Received a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department recommending appointments as permanent men and to the positions named until transferred to other positions, suspended or discharged as follows, –
Henry J. Turner, driver of hose wagon run with Engine No. 1;
Wilfred Young, hose-man of chemical engine A.
the said persons having been certified to the Chief Engineer by the Civil Service Examiner.

Appointments as recommended made by the Mayor, for the probationary term of six months and under a suspension of the rules, confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

✓ Recommendation

Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the

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Fire Department that the following-named persons be appointed call-members of the department to fill vacancies.—
Le Baron Emery, ladderman in Ladder Company No. 2;
William J. Kennedy, ladderman in Ladder Company No. 2;
Henry L. Dunkles, hoseman in Hose Company No. 5;
Otty T. Teakles, hoseman in Hose Company No. 5;

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

The order adopted by this board, December 8th, as follows,— Order ✓

Ordered:— That the Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) from Police Station Incidentals Account to School-house Incidentals Account,—
was received back from the Common Council with the following action endorsed thereon:—

In Common Council, Dec 9, 1897, Adoption of order refused.

In Common Council, Dec 9, 1897, Vote whereby adoption of order was refused, reconsidered.

In Common Council, Dec 9, 1897, Amended by substituting for the words "the sum of five hundred dollars" and the figures "$500.00" the words "such sum as is available." As amended, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Action by the board was taken as follows,—

In Board of Aldermen, Dec 15, 1897, Adhered to former action. Sent down for information.

In Common Council, Dec 17, 1897, Receded from former action. Order adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec 18, 1897

Received petitions from,— Petitions ✓

William Treble and others, for a sewer in Endicott avenue from Broadway to the Cambridge line;

John Flynn, that the assessment of $25.36 upon his estate in Beacon place for a sewer in said place may be abated, as he had already laid, at his own expense, a drain

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from the premises, so, assessed to the sewer in Beacon street;

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

√ Petition — Received a petition from John Kneeland, for permission to blast rock in excavating for four cellars on land of Ada E. Blackwell, on Cameron avenue.

Referred to Committee on Highways.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from,—

Andrew B. Hubbard, and others, for an arc light in Banks street;

L. B. Wilkins, and others, for an arc light in Dickinson street, opposite Hammond street;

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

In Common Council, Dec. 17. References concurred in.

√ Report result of City Election — Received the following report from the Committee on Elections and Returns:—

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 7th inst., together with the certificate of the registrars of voters of the recount of the votes cast for common councilmen in each of the several voting precincts of ward no. four, at said election, and having compared said returns and certificate with the city clerk's record thereof on pages 176 to 185 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 recount, 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:—

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	Aldermen from Ward One	
L. Hubert Huntley	F. De Witt Lapham	
	Aldermen from Ward Two	
James F. Darlin	French O. J. Talbot	
	Aldermen from Ward Three	
Andrew A. Lawrence	Frederick M. Kilmer	
	Aldermen from Ward Four	
John H. Ball	Silas L. Cummings	
	Common Councilmen from Ward One	
Frank B. Burrows	Robert Burns	
Orice M. Gravey	Willard P. P. Thomson	
	Common Councilmen from Ward Two	
James W. Kenney	David D. Lord	
Arthur D. Osborne	Arthur P. Kinal	
	Common Councilmen from Ward Three	
Arthur W. Berry	William H. Cushman	
Francis M. Wilson	Charles A. Grimmons	
	Common Councilmen from Ward Four	
Isaac M. Story	John F. Foster	
David W. Crocker	Paul J. Smith	
	Members of School Committee for three years	
from Ward 1	S. Newton Cutler	
from Ward 2	Noah B. Dearborn	
from Ward 3	Frank H. Hardison	
from Ward 4	George A. Miles	
	J. M. Andrews, Ann M. Irving, J. H. Ball, } Committee on Elections	
Accepted		

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,— Order ✓ declaring result of City Election

Ordered:—

That the result of the election held in this city December 7th inst. be and it hereby is declared to be as shown on pages 176 to 185 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

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and returns made this day

Adopted

✓ Report — The Committee on Public Property, reported that in pursuance of orders dated September 5th and October 27th, polling places for democratic and republican caucuses had been provided and suitably prepared for the purpose of such caucuses

Accepted

✓ Order — Alderman Andrews offered the following order, —

Ordered, —

That his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such arrangements as he may deem proper for the organization of the city government for the year 1898, any expense incurred hereunder to be charged to the account to which it may appropriately belong.

Read twice and adopted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 17. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec 18, 1897

✓ Report — The Committee on Licenses, on the petition of Fred H Towle for a license to keep an intelligence office at 363 A Highland avenue, reported an order

Accepted

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

Ordered, —

That a license 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May, 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Fred H Towle	363 A Highland avenue

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Adopted

Alderman Lamont offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered: —

That permits be issued by the City Engineer for the drainage into the Broadway sewer, of those portions lying within the limits of the city of Medford, of any of the estates situated on the northerly side of Broadway, between Alfred street and Albion street, where there shall have been paid into the city treasury, for the privilege of such drainage, an sum equal to the amount which would have been assessed upon said portions of said estates respectively, had they been situated within the limits of this city.

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, —

One horse chestnut tree and one willow tree standing on Beacon street in front of the premises of Georgiana Jones, numbered 308 on said street; also one willow tree on Beacon street standing in front of the premises of Clarence G. Bird, No. 30 Forest street.

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, —

Six trees standing on Medford street, in front of the premises Nos 478, 480 & 480 A, 482 & 482 A

Read twice and adopted

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✓ Reports — The Committee on Highways.—

on the petition of Patrick Burke, for permission to blast rock in excavating for a sewer in Moreland street, reported an order;

on the petitions 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, and of A. A. Ferris, for a brick sidewalk with edgestones in front of his estate No. 29 Vernon street, reported leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

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

Ordered:—

That permission be and hereby is granted to Patrick Burke to blast rock in excavating for a sewer in Moreland street.

Adopted.

✓ Reports — The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of—

✓ The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., for permission to lay and maintain under-ground conduits, with manholes, under the surface of sundry streets;

✓ Elizabeth Galletly, for the removal of the tree in front of her residence #75 Washington street;

✓ Martha D. Frost, for the removal of a tree, in front of Nos 551 and 553 Somerville avenue;

recommended reference to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

✓ Reports — The Committee on Highways, on petitions for sidewalks, from

✓ Maurice Buttimer and others, gravel with edgestones, westerly side of Trull street, from Medford street to Vernon street;

✓ A. M. Greene and others, gravel with edgestones, southerly side of Robinson street, from Ames street to Bartlett street;

✓ George A. Sewall and others, gravel with edgestones, both sides of Grant Ste.

✓ Lucy B. Douglas and others, gravel with edgestones, southwesterly side of Albion street, from Central street to Lowell street;

✓ A. B. Hubbard and others, gravel with edgestones, both sides of Banks street.

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from Elm street to Summer street;

Alvin Goodspeed and others, gravel with edgestones, both sides of Jenny Lind avenue, from Broadway to Medford street;

William H. Johnston and others, gravel with edgestones, northwesterly side of Crescent street;

Edgar H. Evans and others, gravel with edgestones, northerly side of Claremont street, from Holland street to Mead street;

Howard Lowell and others, brick, westerly side of Gilman street from Aldrich street to Walnut street;

A. Reynolds and others, brick, on Morrison street, from Elm street to Grove St.

Osman D. Baker and others, brick, northerly side of Day street, from Davis square to the Cambridge line;

Cutler C. Crowell and others, brick, both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Lowell street;

Cutler C. Crowell and others, brick, one or both sides of Hudson street, from Central street to Lowell street;

Estate of Sarah J. Bradbury and others, brick, both sides of Ames street, from Central street to Bartlett street;

Robert G. Jones and others, brick, northerly side of Montrose street, from School street to Sycamore street;

Bertha F. D'Arcy and others, brick, with edgestones, in Campbell Park;

Catherine Summers and others, brick, with edgestones, both sides of Higglesworth street, from Pearl street to Bonaire street;

Daniel J. Donnelly and others, brick, with edgestones, easterly side of White street, from Elm street to White Street Place, near the Cambridge line;

recommended reference to the next Board of Aldermen;

Accepted.

Alderman Berry offered the following order:— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the Committee on Highways be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase a wagon for the use of the department, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars, also two sets of double harnesses at a cost not to exceed one hundred and ten dollars, and a set of wheels and axles costing not over one hundred and eighteen dollars, the expense so incurred by said purchases

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to be charged to Highways Account.

Read twice and adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 17, Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 15, 1897

✓ Reports

The Committee on Highways,—

on an order of July 14, granting permission to Henry A. P. Colson, to lay a granolithic sidewalk on Highland avenue in front of his apartment building at the northwest corner of Sixth avenue, the city to allow him one-half the estimated cost of a brick sidewalk where such granolithic walk was to be laid, reported that a granolithic sidewalk has been laid as authorized, and a bill has been approved in favor of Mr Colson for the sum of $45.50, being one-half the estimated cost of a brick sidewalk, as stated;

on an order of July 14, granting permission to Frederick H. Higgins to lay a granolithic sidewalk in front of his premises No. 75 Hudson street, the committee to allow him one-half the estimated cost of a brick sidewalk in that location, reported that as Mr Higgins has not constructed the granolithic sidewalk, no action has been taken under said order;

on an order of July 25, for the construction of a brick sidewalk with edgestones, and a driveway on Chester street in front of the block owned by George H. Taylor, at the easterly corner of Elm street, when the City Treasurer should first have received a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the brick and stone used. Also for the relaying of that portion of the brick sidewalk on Elm street in front of said block, which was disturbed during the erection of the building, when the City Treasurer should first have received a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the work, reported that the sidewalk and driveway had been constructed

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in Chester street, a deposit having first been made with the Treasurer as required, but the sidewalk in Elm street had not been relayed, as a deposit to cover the cost had not been made with the Treasurer;

on the petition of Howard D. Ross and others for street crossings across Kenwood street, Summit street and William street at their junctions with Elm street, reported that a crossing had been laid at Kenwood street, and recommended leave to withdraw on so much of the petition as relates to crossings at Summit and William streets;

on the petition of Francis H. Raymond, for a street crossing across Beacon street, from the easterly side of Park street, reported that a crossing had been laid as prayed for;

on orders dated respectively June 23rd, August 18th, October 13th, and November 10th, as follows:—

for the making of a street opening on Linden avenue at Gilson Park, and the discontinuance of a driveway in front of the estate of Delia S. Gilson in Linden avenue;

for the lowering of the edgestones in front of the estate of J. A. Rush at nos. 34 and 36 Lake street;

for the construction of a driveway in front of the estate #176 Walnut street, owned by Charles A. Kennison, and for the increasing of the width of the driveway in front of the estate of Charles D. Ross Jr., #159 Pearl street, six feet,—reported that the work has been done as authorized by said orders, the parties interested having first deposited with the City Treasurer sums sufficient to cover the cost.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 17, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Highways on the petitions of G. H. Hills, for the removal of obstructions in Hillside Park, and George W. Taylor and others, for the relaying of the sidewalk at

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nos. 246 to 254 Elm street, — reported leave to withdraw.

Part of report relating to petition of George H. Taylor and others accepted. Part relating to petition of George H. Hills not accepted, and said petition recommitted to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 17, Acceptance of part of report on petition of Taylor and others, and recommittal of petition of George H. Hills, concurred in.

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways, on petitions for the laying-out or acceptance of streets, from—

Augustus F. Dickson and others, of Wesley street, from Pearl street to Otis street;

Martin W. Carr and others, of Thorndike street;

Edward D. Morgan, of Lesley avenue, from Highland avenue to Lexington avenue;

Carl G. Rosengren and others, of Highland Road, from Highland avenue to Crown street;

Joseph F. Wilson and others, of Alpine street, from Lowell street to Cedar St.;

Joseph F. Wilson and others, of Alpine street, from Cedar street to New Alpine street;

Joseph K. Manning and others, of Lowell street, from Albion street to Princeton street;

Recommended reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 17, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of—

Henry W. P. Colson, for street crossings on the southwesterly side of Highland avenue, across the end of Spring Hill Terrace and across Highland avenue at Spring Hill Terrace;

Charles G. Aurbank and others, for a street crossing across Highland avenue, at the westerly side of Hamlet street;

E. L. Weeks and others, for a street crossing on Bedford street, at the corner of Tennyson street;

W. J. Lamb and others, for street crossings on Elm street, across the end of

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	St James avenue and Willow avenue, and across Elm street at the easterly side of Willow avenue and at the westerly side of Beech street, Cambridge;	
G. A. Southworth	for a street crossing across Boston street at Greenville street;	
William T. Henderson	and others, for a street crossing on Elm street opposite Linden avenue;	
E. S. Sparrow	and others and the West Somerville Board of Trade, that Davis Square and portions of the streets leading into it be paved or covered with asphalt;	
William H. Tule	and others, for the re-establishment of the lines of Broadway and Curtis street at their intersection;	
Warren A. Smith	and others, that Lowell street from Highland avenue to Albion street be graded and macadamized;	
William Wilkens	and others, that Yates and South streets be put in condition for travel;	
Joseph A. White	and others and William P. Hogg and others, that Hudson street from Lowell street to Cedar street, be graded and macadamized;	
J. A. Durell	and others, that the grade of Partridge avenue between Bedford street and Broadway, be changed to conform to plan submitted;	
George A. Catch	and others, that Partridge avenue from Bedford street to Broadway be graded;	
on an order dated	Nov. 10th, authorizing the purchase from Colman Bros. of crushed stone to the value of six hundred dollars;	
recommended	reference to the next City Council	
	Accepted and sent down for concurrence	
	In Common Council, Dec. 17. Accepted in concurrence	
	The Committee on Public Property, -	Reports ✓
on an order dated	July 14th, for the purchase of land of Sarah H. Hayden on Beech street, and of Abbie E. Taylor on Elm place, and for the use of the same together with the Beech-street school lot, as the site for a twelve-room brick schoolhouse, reported that the lands have been acquired	

and used, as authorized by said order.

✓ on an order dated Aug. 18th, for the payment to Sarah H. Hayden, in addition to the price of 25¢ per foot, authorized by a previous order, of the amount of the taxes for the present year, on her land on Beach street, reported that the amount of said taxes had been paid as authorized.

✓ on an order dated Aug. 4th, for the making of a contract with H. L. Clarke & Co., for the erection of a three-story brick school house on Beach street, in accordance with plans by Amos H. Goodell, Architect, for $41,530.00, reported that a contract had been made as authorized.

✓ on an order dated April 14th, to provide suitable school accommodations for such children residing in the vicinity of the Rice and Foster schools, as are at present unprovided for, reported that by placing certain grades of pupils on shorter time more children have been accommodated.

✓ on an order dated July 21st, for repairs and improvements at the Eaton and the Jacob Tileston schools, reported that repairs and improvements have been made upon said buildings as authorized by said order.

✓ on a communication from the school board, dated March 29th, recommending sundry changes and improvements in certain school buildings, reported that such of the changes and improvements mentioned in said communication have been made as, to this committee, seemed expedient.

✓ on an order dated Sept. 22nd, for the placing of wire guards at the basement windows of the Sanford Hanson school house, reported that such guards have been provided at a cost of $79.70.

✓ on an order dated April 21st, for the fitting up of the abandoned fire station at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, since designated by the City Council as "The City Hall Annex," the first floor for the use of Supt. of Schools and the Overseers of the Poor, and the second floor for public purposes, reported that the building had been accom-

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structed as authorized by said order, at a cost of $11599.93;

on an order dated Oct 6, to let to Willard C. Kinsley Post, No. 139 G. A. R., at an annual rental of one dollar, the apartments lately fitted up for public purposes in the City Hall Annex, at the corner of Highland avenue and Walnut street, reported that the said apartments have been let as authorized by said order;

on an order dated July 14 to purchase window and door screens and awnings for the City Hall, reported that the same have been provided at a cost of $262.50;

on an order dated Nov. 10th, to purchase furniture and a carpet for the office of the Chief of Police, reported that the same have been provided at a cost of $169.63.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 17, Accepted in concurrence

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on a recommendation from the school committee for the purchase of land and the erection of a twelve-room schoolhouse at or in the vicinity of the corner of Central and Willoughby streets;

on an order dated June 12, 1895, to consider the matter of purchasing a lot of land in the vicinity of Washington and Calvin streets for a four-room schoolhouse to take the place of the present Harvard school, and

on an order dated June 9 1897 to consider the advisability of placing wire gates at the entrance of all public buildings under the charge of said committee,

reported recommending reference to the next City Council

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 17, Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Fire Department, on orders dated respectively, Feb 10th and July 14th, authorizing the purchase of five horses and the sale of four other horses, reported that five horses have been purchased at a cost of $746.00, and two have been sold for Report ✓

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the sum of $111.00, making a net refund to the city of $635.00.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 17. Accepted in concurrence

✓ Report — The Committee on Finance, on an order, dated Dec 5, to consider the expediency of making a transfer of $400.00 to Sewer Maintenance Account, reported an order.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 17. Accepted in concurrence

✓ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:-
Ordered:-
That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized and instructed to transfer from Contract Account the sum of four thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars, and to place the same to the credit of accounts as follows:-

Health Department Account,	the sum of	$1,500.00
Indigent Lodging and Jailors	"	50.00
Miscellaneous Account	"	400.00
School Contingent Account	"	700.00
Police Account	"	1800.00
Sewer Maintenance Account	"	400.00
Public Grounds Account	"	20.00
amounting in the aggregate to		$4870.00

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 17. Adopted in concurrence
Approved by the Mayor, Dec 15, 1897

✓ Report — The Committee on Water,-
on an order dated April 5th, authorizing contracts with sundry parties, for the watering of the streets of the city for the season of 1897, at the price of $75.00 for a team of horses with a driver, reported that contracts have been made as authorized by said order;
on an order dated April 5th, to water such of the private streets of the city, as the abutters may request to have watered

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as far as the committee may deem advisable, when the abutters shall have first paid to the city treasurer, the sums required therefor, being at the same rate per foot, as for watering public streets, reported that Chestnut avenue, Glover Circle, Lester Terrace and Mason avenue have been watered, as authorized by said order;

on an order dated Feb 10th, authorizing the purchase of two street watering carts, reported that one cart had been purchased, at a cost of $350.00;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 17, Accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned, Adjournment

Attest,

George S. Vincent Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Somerville, Dec 22, 1897 - 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.
Aldermen Saving Ball Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Perry present.
Records approved.

√ Recommendation — Received a recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that Fred H. Merrill, a member of Ladder Company No. 2, be discharged from the Department, at his own request.
Discharge as recommended made by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Appointments — The appointments of call-members (four in number) of the Fire Department, made by the Mayor at the last meeting were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

√ Petition — Received a petition, signed by the father of the proposed licensee, that a license to sell newspapers be granted to Frank A. Kean; approved by the Chief of Police.
License granted.

√ Petitions — Received petitions from —
Austin H. Goldthwait for a license as a common victualler, at #683 Somerville avenue;
Mr Lucy A. Bellows for a license as an inn-holder at #73 Perkins street;
Arthur L. Hayden, for a license to keep an intelligence office at #18 Union Square;
Referred to Committee on Licenses.

√ Petition — Received a petition from Harriet Jordan and others, for a sewer in Jenny Lind avenue to take the place of the old sewer now in said avenue; the old sewer being inadequate as the water backs into the cellars in times of heavy rains.

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Referred to Committee on Sewers

Received a petition from A. B. Gookin and others that the electric wire post at the upper corner of Walnut street and Giles Park, be moved across Giles Park to the opposite corner — Petition ✓

Referred to Committee on Highways

Received the report of the committee from the City of Medford and the City of Somerville upon the perambulation of the boundary line between the two cities, as recorded on pages 16 and 17 of volume 1, of the Record of the Perambulation of Boundary Lines, of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Somerville — Report ✓

Accepted

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 on the laying out of Albiston street and Jay street, orders of notice for such hearings having been approved November 19, 1897

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

In Common Council, Dec. 22, Request granted and Councilman Wilson appointed to convey the information to the Board of Aldermen

In Convention of the City Council — Convention

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham, and Councilmen Kinney, Berry, Geary, Burrows, Cummings, Robinson, Story, Raymond, Wilson and Timson present

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✓ Hearings		In pursuance of order passed November 17, 1897 and this evening, hearings were given for all persons desiring to object to the laying out of
		Abbott street
		and
		Jay street,
		all parties interested having been duly notified, as appears by the officer's returns recorded respectively on pages 27 and 35 of volume 3, of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville.
		No persons interested appearing and desiring to be heard, the hearings were closed.
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
		His Honor, Mayor Curry, presiding Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lemont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
✓ Order		Alderman Ball offered the following order — Ordered. — That the license to collect junk granted by this board May 12, 1897, to Frank Fine, be and the same hereby is revoked; the said Fine having been convicted of using a false balance or beam while pursuing his business under said license. Adopted.
✓ Report		The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following report, — To the Board of Aldermen of Somerville: — The committee on elections and

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returns reports that the result of the voting by the people in the several precincts of the city, December 7, 1897, upon the question, "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?" as appears by the returns of the election officers and the city clerk's record thereof on pages 182 and 183 of volume 1 of the Record of Elections of the City of Somerville, is as follows,—

Whole number of "Yes" votes 1626

Whole number of "No" votes 3815

J. H. Andrews
Wm. H. Irving
J. F. Ball
} Committee on Elections and Returns

Accepted

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the result of the voting by the people in the several precincts of the city, December 7, 1897, 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 by the committee on elections and returns in its report of this date and as shown on pages 182 and 183 of volume 1 of the Records of Elections of the City of Somerville.

Adopted

Alderman Andrews offered the following order,— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the City Clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to notify the mayor-elect and the members-elect of the City Council for the year 1898, to assemble in Union Hall, Connor Building, Bow Street, Monday, January 3, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of inaugurating the City Government for the ensuing municipal year.

Adopted

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated Nov. 10th, reported the construction in Medford street, from Report ✓

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Highland avenue northwesterly, of about 187.5 feet of 10-inch pipe sewer, by contract with Charles A. Kelley, at a cost of $160.80, and submitted a list of assessments upon estates benefited.

Accepted.

√ Assessments

The list of assessments submitted with the foregoing report, with a warrant and order for the collection of the same, for a common sewer in Medford street from Highland avenue northwesterly, as recorded on pages 285 to 288 of volume 2 of the Records of Sewer Assessments, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, was

Adopted.

√ Order

transfer of wires of Atlantic Telegraph Co. to poles of N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. - Beacon street

Alderman Irving offered the following order, -

Whereas, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts is willing to carry upon each of its poles located on Beacon Street, from the Cambridge line to Moseland Street, one cross arm of the same length as those now maintained thereon by said Company for its own purposes, and to allow said cross arm to be used for holding wires to be placed thereon by the Atlantic Telegraph Company, and whereas it is desired that there shall be removed from said Beacon Street between said limits, the poles belonging to said Atlantic Telegraph Company on which are maintained four wires used by the Western Union Telegraph Company, said poles being on locations granted August 20, 1884 to John J. Donovan, and the Bankers & Merchants Telegraph Company, and January 3, 1885, to the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company, and a hearing having been given on the matter October 27, 1897, by this Board, now therefore, it is

Ordered, that said New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized to allow said cross arm and wires to be carried on its poles as above stated, and that said Atlantic Telegraph Company, John J. Donovan, Bankers & Merchants Telegraph Company and Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company be and they are hereby required, with the consent of said New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to transfer within thirty days from the passage of this order said four wires to the cross arm above mentioned, and to remove said poles belonging

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to the Atlantic Telegraph Company on or before March 1, 1898; but nothing in this order, nor any acts herein required to be done, shall be construed as impairing the rights of persons and corporations, existing by virtue of the locations granted as aforesaid, on August 20, 1884, and January 3, 1885.

Adopted.

Resolves and orders for the laying out of Abbotson street and Jay street — Resolves and Orders ✓

as recorded, respectively, on pages 28 to 32 and 36 to 40, both inclusive, of volume 3 of the Records of the Laying Out of Streets, of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Somerville, were

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

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

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23, 1897.

The Committee on Electric Lines — Reports ✓

on sec. order dated April 14th, for the extension of the Police Signal System by the addition of six signal boxes and two new office instruments, with all necessary wires and appliances, the boxes to be located as follows:- one in the first circuit in Campbell Park, one in the second circuit at Wellington Bridge, one in the third circuit at the corner of Poplar and Linwood streets, and another in the same circuit at the corner of Linden street and Somerville avenue; one in the fourth circuit on Columbia street and another in the same circuit at the corner of Beacon street and Concord avenue; reported that boxes and office instruments with necessary wires and appliances have been provided as authorized by said order, at a cost of $697.50.

on the petition of Theodore F. Basset and others, for a fire-alarm

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		box at the corner of Tufts and Kline streets, reported reference to the next City Council.
	Upon an order, dated July 14th, to dispose of old coffins, pipe, etc. not needed in the department, reported that such materials have been sold to Henry Joseph, for the sum of $54.50.	
	Upon an order, dated July 14th, authorizing the purchase of a storage battery to take the place of the gravity battery then in use and located at the Central Fire Station, reported that a storage battery has been purchased of the New England Gramwell Company, for the sum of $1600.00.	
		Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
		In Common Council, Dec. 22, Accepted in concurrence.
✓ Report		Received from the Common Council, a report of the Committee on Electric Lines, upon an order, dated March 11th, to consider the expediency of placing a fire-alarm box on or near the premises of the Tuck Pond Ice Company on Washington street, near the Fitchburg Railroad Bridge, to the effect that, in the judgment of the committee, it is inexpedient to place a box in that location as the territory has been covered by re-locating box 29.
		In Common Council Dec. 22, Accepted and sent up for concurrence.
		In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 22, Accepted in concurrence.
✓ Ordinances		Received from the Common Council, ordinances as follows,-
	No. 73, entitled	"An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings."
	No. 74, entitled	"An Ordinance in Regard to Sewers in the District West of Beaver street."
	No. 75, entitled	"An Ordinance in Relation to Electric Wires in Public and Private Buildings,"
	as recorded, respectively, on pages 453 & 456-457 & 490 & 491 of the Book of Enrolled Ordinances in the City Clerk's Office, - each of said	

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ordinances being endorsed as follows,-

In Common Council, Nov. 24, 1897, Read twice and passed to be enrolled. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

Somerville, Dec. 9, 1897. Enrolled. Chas. S. Robertson, Clerk.

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Common Council, December 22, 1897. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports. Arthur W. Perry, Wm. E. Robinson, Isaac M. Story, Committee.

In Common Council, December 22, 1897. Passed to be ordained. F. De Witt Lapham, President.

Attest, William P. Mitchell, Clerk pro tem.

Further action was taken as follows,-

In Committee on Enrolled Ordinances, of the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 22, 1897. The said committee, having examined the within ordinance, finds that it is truly and correctly enrolled, and so reports. L. Herbert Huntley, W. H. Perry, J. M. Andrews, Committee.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 22, 1897. Passed to be ordained. Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

Attest, George S. Vincent, Clerk.

Action by the Mayor was taken and endorsed on said ordinances as follows,-

On ordinance No. 73 - Dec. 23, 1897. Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor, and on ordinances Nos. 74 and 75, Dec. 24, 1897. Approved, Albion A. Perry, Mayor.

On motion of Alderman Huntley it was voted that when the board adjourns, it adjourn until Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, at 8 o'clock. — Adjournment

Received from the Common Council the following order,- — Order ✓

Ordered:-

That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, requesting a convention of the two branches of the City Council in the Common Council Chamber, this evening, for the purpose

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of hearing the report of the joint special committee, appointed to consider the expediency of the exercise by the city of the authority conferred in Section 1 of Chapter 570 of the Acts of 1891.

In Common Council, Dec 22,

Order adopted and Councilman Raymond appointed to convey the request to the Board of Aldermen.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec 22, Request granted and Alderman Irving appointed to convey the information to the Common Council.

Convention

In Convention of the City Council

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry, President Lapham and Councilmen Osborne, Kenney, Berry, Gracey, Burrows, Cummings, Story, Raymond, Wilson and Tiamson present.

Informal Consideration Report of Committee on Municipal Ownership of lighting plant.

The convention listened to the reading of the report of the joint special committee referred to in the order requesting the convention, and considered informally the recommendations therein contained. It was voted as the sense of the convention that the consideration of the matter be continued at an early date.

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

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding.

Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.

Adjourned.

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Attest,

George S. Vincent Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Somerville, Dec 29, 1897 – 8 P.M.

His Honor, Mayor Perry, presiding
Aldermen Irving, Ball, Lamont, Pratt, Whitaker, Andrews, Huntley and Berry present.
Records approved.

√ Annual Report — Received the annual report of the inspector of milk and vinegar for the year 1897.
Referred to next city council to be printed in the annual report. Sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council, Dec 29, Reference concurred in.

√ Report — Received the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the month of November.
Read and sent down for information.
In Common Council, Dec 29, Read for information.

√ Petitions — Received petitions for licenses to collect junk from Israel Lipkind and Israel Trachtenberg,
both approved by the Chief of Police.
Licenses granted.

√ Petition — Received a petition from L. F. Almeder and others, that the northeast side of Broadway, between Cross and Marshall streets, be set apart for a speedway between the hours of three and five P.M. daily, Sundays excepted, during the sleighing season.
Placed on file.

√ Reports — The Committee on Licenses –
on the petition of Arthur L. Hayden, for a license to keep an intelligence office at #18 Union Sq. reported an order;
on the petition of Austin H. Goldthwait, for a license as a common victualler at #683 Somerville avenue, reported an order;
on the petition of Mrs Lucy A. Bellows, for a license as an innholder at #73

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Perkins street, reported an order,

Accepted

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

Ordered: —

That a license 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 license, which license shall expire on the first day of May 1898, unless sooner revoked.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Arthur L. Hayden	17 Union Square

Adopted

Ordered: —

That a license 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 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Austin H. Goldthwait	673 Somerville Ave

Adopted

Ordered: —

That a license as an Innholder, under the laws of the Commonwealth, be and is hereby granted to the following-named party, 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.

Name of Party	Place of Business
Mrs. Lucy A. Billings	73 Osborne street

Adopted

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✓ Reports

The Committee on Sewers,—

✓ on the petition of John Flynn, for the abatement of an assessment of $25.26, upon his estate in Beacon Place, for a common sewer in said place he having previously laid, at his own expense, a drain from the premises so assessed to the sewer in Beacon street, reported leave to withdraw;

✓ on orders dated respectively, June 23, August 23 and September 15, reported the construction in Mystic avenue between Winthrop avenue and Wheatland street, of 726 feet of storm water drain, by contract with Charles G. McGraw and Company, as follows,—

a circular structure fifty inches in diameter, composed of a Portland cement bottom, lined with a four-inch Portland cement brick invert, the arch being of four-inch Portland cement brick work, and the foundation being a timber platform and supported by piles, and the drain having three manholes, all at a cost of $7590.17, the city receiving a credit, as per agreement, of $2000.00 from the Metropolitan Park Commission for the privilege of drainage for the boulevard which terminates at Mystic avenue;

✓ on the petition of Daniel B. Spaulding and others, for improved sewerage facilities in Concord avenue and Springfield street and other streets in their immediate vicinity, and the petition of Charles Pierce and others, for a storm drain to relieve the sewers in and near School street, reported that plans and estimates have been prepared for storm drains for the relief of the districts named, and recommended that an appropriation be made for the same at as early a date as possible;

✓ on the petition of Rainford H. Belding and others, for the extension of the sewer in Gordonia Road, reported leave to withdraw, as the matter has been so arranged as to make the extention of said sewer unnecessary;

✓ on the petitions of H. J. Lamb and others, for a catch-basin at the southeast corner of Elm street and St. James avenue,

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and Thomas Guanham and others for catch-basins in Hancock street, reported that the setting of edgestones and paving of gutters in the localities named have rendered the construction of catch-basins unnecessary;

on the petitions of Sears Condit and others for a catch-basin in Berkeley street at the corner of Hersey street and J. A. McCarthy and others for a catch-basin in Hanson street between Washington street and Durham street, reported that catch-basins have been constructed as prayed for;

on an order dated March 10th, directing said committee to co-operate with the City of Cambridge in removing the sewage deposits at and near the outlet of the Bridge street sewer in Cambridge, reported that such deposits have been removed, at a cost to this city of $1997.73;

Accepted

The Committee on Sewers, in pursuance of an order dated October 27, to consider the matter of providing an adequate system of sewers for surface water and house drainage in those sections of the city not adequately provided for, and authorizing a conference with the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to ascertain in what manner and to what extent said company is willing to co-operate with the city in constructing and contributing to the cost of such system of sewers in so far as said company might be specially affected and benefited thereby, reported that plans and estimates have been prepared and conferences have been held with the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company and the matter is still pending awaiting some definite reply from them; and the committee recommended that the matter be referred to the next board of aldermen. — Report ✓

Accepted

The Committee on Sewers, on the petitions of John Fenton and others, for a sewer in Endicott avenue, William Treble and others for a sewer in Endicott avenue, — Reports ✓

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John C. DeMelle and others for a sewer in Hearn and Curtis streets,
Summer Robinson and others for a sewer in Raymond avenue, and
Arthur A. Gould and others for a sewer in Raymond avenue,
reported recommending that the several petitions be referred to the next Board of Aldermen, as there is no system of sewers in the district covered by said petitions and nothing can be done on the lateral sewers until a storm drain is constructed.

Accepted.

✓ Report. The Committee on Sewers, on the petition of Harriet Jordan and others, for a sewer in Jenny Lind avenue in place of the old sewer, reported that repairs are to be made for temporary relief, and recommended that the petition be referred to the next Board of Aldermen and that a new sewer be built at an early date.

Accepted.

✓ Report. The Committee on Sewers, on the petitions of -

petitions and orders referred to next Board of Aldermen

William Armstrong and others for improvement of sewer system between Spring and Belmont streets,
T. C. Connor, for a catch-basin on Cottage avenue opposite Cottage Circle,
J. G. Hayward and others for catch-basins in Windom street,
Patrick McNamara and others for catch-basins on Dane street,
Alex Kernese and others for a catch-basin on the southeasterly side of Newton street,
Franklin F. Phillips and others for a catch-basin at the corner of Day and Herbert streets,
Margaret A. Simpson for a catch-basin on Broadway at the westerly side of Simpson avenue,
D. C. Stillson and others for a catch-basin at the westerly corner of Tennyson and Forster streets,
John Stofflet and others for a catch-basin on Tyler street at the foot of Tyler court,

and on orders as follows, namely -

Order, dated April 28, 1897, in relation to suit and other matters pending between the A. H. Bryne Construction Company and

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the city.

Order, dated July 14, 1897, for the construction of a storm water drain and sewer in Winthrop avenue, from Bystin avenue to Broadway.

Order, dated July 14, 1897, authorizing the Committee on Sewers to make a contract with Daniel A. Dorey & Co. for the construction of a storm water drain and sewer in Winthrop avenue.

Order, dated Nov. 10, 1897, for the construction of a common sewer in Moreland street, from Meacham street to near Heath street, and

Order, dated Nov. 17, 1897, authorizing the Committee on Sewers to make a contract with Patrick Burke for the construction of a common sewer in Moreland street,

recommended that the several petitions and orders be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Accepted.

Alderman Lamont offered the following order:— Order ✓

Ordered:—

That the sum of seventy-four dollars, assessed to the Lest Somerville Baptist Church as a benefit accruing to its estate by the construction of a common sewer in Elm street, be, and the said sum is hereby abated.

Adopted.

The Committee on Highways:— Reports ✓

on the petition of Melvin B. Ricker, for the removal of a horse chestnut tree standing in front of #7 Prospect street, reported that the tree has been removed;

on the petition of John Kneeland, for permission to blast rock in excavating for four cellars on land of Ada E. Blackwell, on Cameron avenue, reported an order;

on the petition of A. B. Gookin and others, that the electric wire post situated at the upper corner of Walnut street and Giles Park be moved across Giles Park to the opposite corner, recommended that the petition be referred to the next Board of Aldermen;

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Accepted

√ Order — The order accompanying the foregoing report is as follows:

Ordered:-

That permission be and hereby is granted to John Kneeland to blast rock in excavating for four cellars on land of Ada E. Blackwell, situated on Cameron avenue.

Adopted

√ Reports — The Committee on Highways:-

√ on orders dated respectively May 26 and October 20, for the construction of three driveways in front of the carriage factory owned by James A. Kirby, on Linwood street, and one driveway in front of the estate owned by William Keatley at Nos. 441 to 445 Somerville avenue, when the persons named should have deposited with the City Treasurer sums sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed driveways in front of their respective estates, reported that neither party has made such deposit and consequently the driveways have not been constructed;

√ on an order dated January 22nd, for the purchase of field and ledge stone, sand and gravel for the purposes of the department during the year, reported that field and ledge stone have been purchased to the value of $3693.83, sand to the value of $263.50, and gravel to the value of $121.40;

√ on an order dated Dec 15, authorizing the purchase of a wagon, 2 sets of double harnesses and a set of wheels and axles, reported the purchase of a wagon from W. H. Rand and Company for $125.00, two sets of double harnesses from John C. Williams of $110.00 and a set of wheels and axles from Jones, Parker and Co., for the sum of $118.58;

√ on an order dated Nov 10th for the taking of such action as might be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 516

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of the Acts of 1897, so far as they relate to the exterminating of the brown tail moth from the trees in the highways, reported that the matter has received and is still receiving the attention necessary at the hands of the Highway Department.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Highways, on the petitions of — Reports ✓

G. H. Hills, for the removal of obstructions on Hillside Park near his premises (recommitted Dec. 15 and 17),

Silas L. Cummings and others for a street crossing on Holland street at its junction with Irving and Thorndike streets, and

Hattie H. Hurlbert and others for a street crossing across Medford street at the westerly side of Bartlett street,

recommended reference to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

Alderman Huntley offered the following order, — Order ✓

Ordered:— portion of Broadway be set apart for a speedway.

That under the provisions of Chapter thirty-one of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, that portion of the roadway of Broadway which lies on the northeasterly side of the street railway and extends from Cross street to Marshall street, be and hereby is designated as a section of street in which the provisions of said ordinance prohibiting the driving or riding or permitting a horse or other beast of burden to go at a greater rate of speed than ten miles an hour, shall not be operative, in so far as it relates to riding or driving or to a horse or other beast of burden travelling in a northwesterly direction, during the following periods of time, namely:— between the hours of one and five o'clock in the afternoon of every day except Sundays, during the period beginning January 1, 1898 and ending April 1, 1898.

Referred to next city council, and the city solicitor requested to report to the next city council at its first meeting upon the

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legality of the order. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Referred to the next City Council and the City Solicitor in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Public Property,—

on an order dated Dec. 8th, to have the up-take and smoke pipe enlarged for the heating apparatus in the Jacob T. Gliner school-house, reported that the work, as authorized, has been commenced;

on an order dated Nov. 10th, to make a contract with A. A. Sanborn for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the Martin W. Carr schoolhouse in accordance with plans by Aaron H. Gould, Architect, for the sum of $5525.00, reported that a contract has been made as authorized;

on an order dated Dec. 8th, to purchase outside windows for the City Hall, reported that such windows have been purchased and put on at a cost of $50.02;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 29. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

The Committee on Public Property, on orders dated October 28, 1896 and May 12, 1897, to dispose of the old buggy formerly used by the City Messenger, recommended reference to the next city council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council Dec. 29. Accepted in concurrence.

√ Reports

The Committee on Public Grounds,—

on an order dated Nov. 10, to construct a concrete walk with a flight of steps on Central Hill in rear of the City Hall Annex, reported that a walk and steps have been constructed, as authorized, at a cost of $89.02;

on an order dated October 14, for the purchase of plants and shrubs for the parks and public grounds of the city, reported that plants and shrubs have been purchased, as authorized, at a cost of $567.50;

on an order dated Nov. 10th, to purchase bulbs for the parks and public

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grounds of the city, reported that bulbs have been purchased, as authorized, at a cost of $100.00,

on an order dated October 27th, for the purchase of fertilizer for the parks and public grounds of the city, reported that fertilizer has been purchased, as authorized, at a cost of $144.00,

on an order dated January 13, to flood the pond in Broadway Park when deemed advisable for the purpose of skating, reported that the pond has been flooded as authorized;

on an order dated Nov 10th, for the taking of such action as might be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1897 so far as it relates to the extermination of the brown tail moth on the trees in the care of said committee, reported that the trees and shrubs on the parks and public grounds have been examined and the moths removed and destroyed at a cost of $10.00.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Public Grounds, on that portion of the Mayor's Inaugural Address, referring to the improvement of the banks of the Mystic River lying in Somerville and Medford, reported as follows: Report ✓

Your Committee has been working jointly with the Park Commission of Medford; we have had three conferences with the Committee of Medford; at the first conference Ex-Alderman Cushing of Medford and Councilman Burrows of Somerville were chosen a Sub Committee to confer with the Metropolitan Park Commission in relation to said improvement. Your Committee would report that in conference with the Commission they expressed a desire that the work should be carried out, and informed the committee that in their report to the Governor and in their request for appropriations, this improvement would receive proper consideration.

The commission, while expressing some doubt about the work being taken up the coming year, say they believe it will be in the near future.

Your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to

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the next City Government"

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence

✓ Reports

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights –

✓ on an order dated December 8th, for the placing of incandescent electric lights in the subways at Kent and Sacramento streets, reported that four such lights are located and burning in the Kent street subway, and four will be placed in the subway at Sacramento street as soon as the wiring is completed;

✓ on the petition of J. H. Davis for the removal of the gas-post in front of #64 Myrtle street, reported that the post has been removed as prayed for;

✓ on an order dated May 12, to remove and dispose of such abandoned street gas lamp-posts as were then standing in any of the streets or ways of the city, reported that several of the posts have been removed during the year, but none have been sold.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence

✓ Reports, petitions referred to next City Council

The Committee on Fuel and Street Lights, on petitions for electric lights from –

Cosmo Accetta and others, on Elmwood street near the Cambridge line;

Augustus B. Byam and others, on Melvin street;

John Byrnes and others, on Lowell street, near to and south of Summer street;

Homer S. Clark and others, that light on Central street at the head of Berkeley street be changed;

Sarah Claxton and others, on Heath street corner McKernon avenue;

Henry & P. Colson (arc) on Spring Hill Terrace;

John B. Curtis and others (arc) on Broadway midway between Magoun square and Cedar street;

Levi A. Dame and others, on Bucham street at the corner of Ash avenue;

S. & Gammons and others (arc) on Oliver street;

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E. H. Gooding and others (arc) on the westerly side of Boston street;
G. A. Gunter and others (arc) on Gilman Terrace;
Frank E. Hodgkins and others (arc) corner of Sycamore street and Broadway;
F. H. Holmes and others (arc) corner Bradley and Leagie streets;
Andrew B. Hubbard and others (arc) on Banks street;
M. Frank Kenny (2 petitions and a communication) - arc - on Loring street;
Francis A. Lewis and others (arc) on the southwest side of Avon street;
A. H. Moore and others on Trull street, midway between Medford and Vernon streets;
Ira L. Roberts and others on Abbotson street;
J. E. H. Snow and others (arc) on Pearl Terrace;
Andrew B. Spring and others on the west side of Craigie street, just below Kimball street;
George S. Stevens and others (arc) on Moreland street;
Harris A. Tibbetts and others (arc) at the corner of Bradley and Leagie streets;
James A. Towle and others (arc) corner of Cutter avenue and Hawthorne street;
Francis Tufts and others (arc) corner of Willow avenue and Fosket street;
Francis Tufts and others (arc) midway on Mansfield street;
H. B. Wilkins and others (arc) on Dickinson street opposite Hammond street;
Joseph F. Wilson and others on Clarendon avenue;
F. B. Wolfe and others (arc) at the junction of Francis and Cornwell streets;
George J. Woodman and others (arc) on the northwest side of Tremont avenue; and
T. Sylvester Woods, corner Stone avenue and Stone Court;
recommended reference to the next city council;
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
In Common Council Dec 29, Accepted in concurrence.

Received from the Common Council the following order - Order ✓
Ordered:

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		That the Committee on Public Grounds be, and it hereby is, requested to consider the advisability of flooding Sanborn Field for skating purposes
		(signed) James H Kenney
		In Common Council, Dec 29, Adopted, and sent up for concurrence
		In Board of Aldermen, Dec 29, Adopted in concurrence
		Approved by the Mayor, Dec 29, 1897
√ Report		Received from the Common Council, a report of the Committee on Public Grounds, on an order of this date, to consider the advisability of flooding Sanborn Field for skating purposes, submitting an order
		In Common Council, Dec 29 Accepted and sent up for concurrence
		In Board of Aldermen, Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence
√ Order		Received from the Common Council the following order, –
	Ordered :–	
		That the City Engineer be, and he hereby is, instructed to cause Sanborn Field to be flooded for skating; the expense so incurred to be charged to Public Grounds account (signed) Frank R Burrows
		In Common Council, Dec 29 Read twice and adopted
Sent up for concurrence		
		In Board of Aldermen, Dec 29 Read once and referred to next city council Sent down for concurrence
		In Common Council, Dec 29 Common Council adhered to former action Sent up for information
		In Board of Aldermen, Dec 29 Receded from former action
Received its second reading, and final passage in concurrence		
		Approved by the Mayor, Dec 29, 1897
√ Report		The Committee on Printing –
		to an order of Jan 13, referring to said committee so much of the Mayor's Inaugural Address as relates to the printing in the annual report of all messages from the Mayor which relate to subjects of general and permanent in-

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street, reported inexpedient to take any action under said order;

On our order dated March 16th, to have printed five hundred copies of all the ordinances of the city that are not contained in the municipal manual of 1892, reported that the copy for such printing is now in the hands of the Somerville Journal Company;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Printing, on an order dated Jan 25th, to ascertain and report to the City Council the cost of printing and binding five hundred copies of the address delivered by the Honorable George A. Bruce at the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Somerville as an independent municipality, together with such other addresses and proceedings of that occasion as may be obtainable, recommended reference to the next city council — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Ordinances, on the petition of A. G. Bowles and other janitors in the employ of the city, that they may receive their pay at the same time when the teachers receive theirs, reported leave to withdraw — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Ordinances, on the communication from The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts requesting consideration of an ordinance concerning the placing of wires underground, recommended reference to the next City Council — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 29 Accepted in concurrence

The Committee on Finance on an order dated Dec 8th; — Report ✓

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requesting the committee to consider the expediency of making a transfer of $500.00 to the credit of Electrical Department Account, reported that the matter has received attention in the preparation by the City Treasurer of a general order for transfers where needed.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 29. Accepted in concurrence

√ Reports

The Committee on Accounts, on orders dated respectively Nov 10, Nov 24 and December 8, for the approval of bills in Miscellaneous payroll for the settlement of claims as follows, namely,-

Charlotte A. Aicher for $250.00, injuries by falling on Rowland street, Feb 23, 1896.

Frank Emblom for $675.00, injuries by falling from wagon in front of #95 Somerville Avenue, Dec 9, 1896.

John Dewey, for $300.00, injuries by falling on Medford street, Jan 9, 1895 and

Sarah E. Hoode for $1029.40, for injuries by falling on Boston street, Jan 2, 1895,

reported that bills have been approved in accordance with said orders.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec 29. Accepted in concurrence

√ Report

papers referred to next City Council

The Committee on Claims,-

on the petition of Isaac L. Aich for compensation for damage to his estate #50 Rush street, by the erection of the Sanford Lawrence schoolhouse on land adjoining,

and on notices of claims for personal injuries, etc., as follows,-

Louis Edgcomb, by being thrown from wagon on Washington street, Nov 5, 1894,

Esther B. Bailey, by falling on Mt Vernon street, December 29, 1894;

Mitchell E. Doherty, by being thrown from carriage on Washington street, Nov 5, 1895; carriage also damaged;

S. K. Gage, by falling on Chester street, Dec 11, 1895;

Bridget Conway, by falling on Drane St, Feb 6, 1896;

Harry B. Wiley, injuries to wife Ida M., by being thrown from wagon and damage to wagon, on Flint street, May 15, 1896;

Ida M. Wiley, by being thrown from wagon on Flint street, May 15, 1896;

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Rose Anna Morrison, by falling on Cameron avenue, March 9, 1896;
Mary H. Knowles, by falling on Franklin street, July 28, 1896;
Samantha A. Keef, by falling on Bow Street, Oct. 16, 1896;
Charles E. Davis, by falling on Beacon street, Nov. 10, 1896;
Albert Wilkinson, by falling on Russell street, Nov. 17, 1896;
H. E. Nelson, injuries to horse and wagon by being run into by watering-cart team on Somerville Ave., May 6, 1897;
Sidney C. Shea and Charles L. Kyle, injury to horse on Medford street, June 13, 1897;
Patrick Flynn, by caving of bank of water trench on Concord Ave., May 28, 1897;
Margaret E. Quirk, by falling on Broadway, July 25, 1897;
H. F. Atwell, damage by frightening of horse by steam road-roller, Aug. 4, 1897;
Mrs. J. McPlace, by falling into excavation for subway, Sacramento street, Dec. 16, 1897;
Rachel E. Mahoney, by falling on Lowell St., Nov. 20, 1897;
recommended reference to the next city council;

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Soldiers' Relief, reported that in pursuance of an order dated Oct. 27, turkeys for thanksgiving had been distributed to needy soldiers and sailors of the late war and families of such, residing in this city, at a cost of $606.47. — Report ✓

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

The joint special committee, under an order dated April 5, 1897, to consider the expediency of constructing a boulevard from Broadway, near the Nathan Tufts Park, to the Medford line, for the purpose of connecting with the boulevard already constructed on the easterly shore of Mystic Lake, reported as follows, — Report ✓

"From the joint special committee appointed by the City Council, Alderman Ball and Councilman Carr were appointed a sub-committee to carry out as far as possible the instructions contained in said order.

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On looking over the proposed route the committee felt fully convinced that the proper plan would be to adopt the route as surveyed by Engineer Elliott some two years ago (a map of which is now in the office of City Engineer Bailey), as far as shown on map, from Nathan Tufts Park to Metropolitan sewer near Alewife Brook.

Your Committee would then recommend leaving course as mapped out, at this point, and running northerly following said sewer to the Medford line, at or near the present bridge, over the Mystic River near Pumping Station.

Your Committee has conferred with all property owners along said proposed route, and with the exception of two, all have consented freely to release their land for the purpose of said Boulevard. Two of the abutters as aforesaid express themselves that they should to some extent be remunerated; although your committee feel confident that if the Boulevard is built all parties will readily sign release.

This part of the duties of your committee completed, we next asked a conference with the Medford City Committee on Parks, relative to the construction of the joining link, or that part between Somerville line and the present terminus of the Mystic Lake Boulevard at High St., such portion lying on the north shore of the Mystic River in the City of Medford.

The members of Committee from Medford expressed themselves ready to do all they could to help Somerville in the matter of the Powder House Boulevard, but did not think the City of Medford would approve of the necessary expense, simply to construct the short strip from Somerville line to Mystic Lake, as they did not consider that it would benefit Medford to any extent; but if the Mystic River improvement and the Powder House Boulevard could be considered jointly, they would heartily cooperate with us. It is on that line that the committee from Somerville has of late been working.

While your committee regrets they have not made greater progress, they feel they have done all that could be done under present circumstances.

Your committee earnestly recommend that the matter be referred to the next City Council.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Accepted in concurrence.

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Report ✓

The joint special committee which were appointed by an order dated March 10, to confer with a committee of the City Council of Cambridge, upon the matter of the boundary line between Cambridge and Somerville, with a view towards the re-adjustment of said line, if deemed desirable, and to report the result of such conference to this city council, reported as follows, –

"That a conference was held in Cambridge on April 15, and it was then voted "That the city engineers of the two cities each draw a plan showing every house and lot with the valuation of the same, said plan to show the present boundary line and valuation of the several estates within 300 feet; lots bounding on the line to be given in full; the printer of the combined plans to be furnished to the Committee." Your committee on the part of Somerville beg leave to state that the city engineer of Somerville prepared a plan, under an order of the city council, dated May 12, 1897, and as instructed by said vote, and sent a copy of such plan to the City of Cambridge some two months ago, but to the present time none has been received from them, it being understood that the Cambridge plan is not yet completed.

A letter had been sent to the City of Cambridge from this city, notifying them that our plan has been forwarded to them, and requesting an early interview, but by their reply it appears that they are not inclined to unite with us in the matter at present, and that they desire that the matter shall go over to the next year, inasmuch as they have petitioned the General Court for legislation in the matter.

A copy of the petition is as follows. –

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled.

The City of Cambridge, by the undersigned, its Mayor, who acts upon the request and by the authority of the City Council, respectfully prays for such legislation as will change and establish the boundary line between the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

(signed) City of Cambridge
By Alvin F. Sortwell, Mayor.

Your committee therefore recommends that the said order be referred to the next City Council."

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Accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted, in concurrence.

√ Report

Received from the Common Council the report of the joint special committee, appointed under an order dated Aug. 23, to confer with the Police Commissioners of Boston and to appear before said commissioners, the granting of a hotel license to one O. K. Cole, or to any other person, on Cambridge street near Perkins street, in the Charlestown district in close proximity to the Somerville line, stating that an interview had been held with the police commissioners, and the committee had been assured by a letter from said commissioners, dated August 25, 1897, that before granting such license, notice would be sent to the committee, and an opportunity be given to appear, and protest against the granting thereof, and that in future when an application is received by said commissioners for a liquor license in the district lying between the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Somerville line, notice will be sent to the City Council of Somerville, in order that its representatives may be given an opportunity to confer in the matter with said commissioners.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Report

Received from the Common Council the following report,—

To the City Council
of Somerville

The joint special committee appointed by an order dated July 14, 1897, to consider and report upon the expediency of the exercise by the city of the authority conferred in section 1 of chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, so far as the same relates to the construction, purchase, lease, or establishment and maintenance of one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of electricity, having carefully investigated the subject, respectfully report as follows:—

Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1891 provided that "Any city or town may ... construct, purchase, lease, or establish and maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity," but the provisions of this law were found

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to be so onerous and ambiguous that it was amended by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1890, which extended the field of operation into adjacent cities and towns where there were no private companies furnishing such lights and also provided for the purchase of the property of private electric light companies on the basis of its fair market value instead of its earning capacity, as in the law of 1891. This act also provides that "no city shall exercise the authority conferred in section one of said chapter (Chap. 370 of the Acts of 1891) until a vote that it is expedient to exercise such authority shall have passed each branch of its city council by a two-thirds vote in each of two consecutive municipal years and thereafter have been ratified by a majority of the votes present and voting thereon at an annual municipal election."

It will be readily seen that the question before this city council is much simpler than that which would come before the next city council if we should pass the first vote referred to in the Act of 1893.

As your committee understand it the immediate questions for us to determine are

1st. Is it probable that the next city government will desire to further investigate this subject of Municipal Ownership?

2nd. Would we as representatives of the people of Somerville be warranted in involving the city in the expense of procuring such a detailed statement of the property of the Somerville Electric Light Company as is provided for in Section 3 of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1893?

3rd. Is it probable that the people of Somerville will desire to cast their votes at the next city election upon the question of the expediency of establishing a municipal electric light plant?

As an answer to these questions involves a study of the principles of municipal ownership, your committee have made an investigation of the subject and while we do not favor the engagement by municipalities in private business so called, in competition with that of private citizens, yet we are convinced that there are some works which from their peculiar nature should be directly operated by the city government.

Under this head may be classed the highways, water works and sewers, and it is the unanimous opinion of your committee

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that street lights should be included in the list, for the following reason: they are a public necessity, they should be constantly under municipal control, their operation does not enter the field of competition, and the entire expense of their maintenance must be met from the public treasury.

While it is true that the domestic and commercial electric light service is purely a private business yet it is, no more so than is the similar service of the water department and its operation in connection with the public service is recognized to be for the interest of the customer fully as much as for that of the department.

Recognizing then the Street Light Department as a branch of the public service the question arises – How can it be most efficiently and economically operated?

As the maintenance of a liberal number of street lights will not only be a great convenience to our citizens but is a necessity to the police in the proper protection of our persons and homes, it is important that service be not only efficient but constant. Experience has proved that the only way to get a satisfactory and constant street light service is by having a careful and constant supervision by a night patrol. In this case it is certainly true that "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety." The present service would undoubtedly be more efficient if the repairs of defective lights were to be made directly to the central electric light station where linemen could be immediately dispatched and the trouble rectified. It is obvious that greater harmony would prevail if the patrol and lamps were in the employ of the same corporation, as would be the case under municipal ownership.

The question of placing the wires underground which is agitating so many of the large cities of this country will no doubt ere long be forced upon our attention, as even now the poles and wires upon some of our most important thoroughfares have become an eye-sore and an inconvenience if not a public nuisance. When the time comes for the change it will probably be found to be for the benefit of this city to have the underground conduits built by the city and rented to the various companies operating overhead wires. The extra expense of constructing additional tubes for the use of the electric light and other wires of the city will be but nominal and thus a great saving will be made to our tax-payers. Even when it is found unnecessary to lay the

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wires for years to come, public interest demands that the number of poles and wires upon our streets be reduced to a minimum, and that the West End Street Railway Company and the various telegraph and telephone companies be required to carry the electric light wires, as well as the other city wires upon their poles free of charge. This would not only relieve our streets but would make a material reduction in the expense of maintaining the electric light wires.

Not only would there be a great saving due to the reduction in the number of poles needed under municipal ownership but there would be a saving in the case of pole lines by combining this work with that of the other city lines both of the police and fire departments. A considerable saving would also be effected in the coal bill as the city could purchase this coal in conjunction with that for her public buildings and pumping station. Another saving would be due to having to pay only 3½ to 4% interest on first cost instead of 6% dividends as now. This item alone would amount to more than $4,000.00 per annum or enough to operate from 50 to 60 additional arc lights upon our streets.

Not only would the ownership and operation of a municipal plant enable us to have a more efficient and constant service but the cost of that service would be considerably less than at present. Under the old contract we have been paying for the past five years at the rate of $45,595 per annum for the present number of street lights. This amount would be reduced under the lowest price offered by the Somerville Electric Light Company to $45,165 per annum. Even this reduced price is $5,506 more than the average price in this state and $17,430 more than the cost to the town of Peabody.

Your committee can see no reason why the City of Somerville cannot operate its street lights at a less cost per light than that paid by the town of Peabody. We operate far more lights, can buy our coal cheaper and maintain more lights per mile of wire.

In view of these facts and the important saving that would probably be made by our city under municipal ownership, we are of the unanimous opinion that it is more than probable that the next city government will desire to further investigate this question and that the expense of making an inventory of the property of the Som-

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ville Electric Light Company would be warranted.

We therefore recommend that the city council vote that it is expedient to exercise the authority conferred by Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1891 and by other acts amendatory thereto.

We also recommend that this committee be instructed to continue their investigations and report to the next city government.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew A. Lamont
John A. Ball
Isaac A. Stoy
Francis A. Wilson
Arthur D. Osborne
} Joint Special Committee

In Common Council, Dec. 28, Laid on the table.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Taken from the table. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 29, Accepted in concurrence.

√ Resolution

Alderman Lamont offered the following resolution:—

Resolved:—

That it is expedient that the City of Somerville shall exercise the authority conferred in section one of chapter 370 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts of the year 1891, entitled "An Act to enable Cities and Towns to Manufacture and Distribute Gas and Electricity" by the construction, purchase, lease or establishment, and maintenance of one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of electricity, as therein set forth.

Read once, second reading refused by a yea and nay vote, Alderman Ball, Lamont, Whitaker, Andrews and Huntley — 5, voting in favor of such second reading (less than two thirds), and Aldermen Irving, Pratt and Berry — 3, voting against the same.

√ Order

Alderman Pratt offered the following order:—

Ordered:—

That in compliance with the requirements of Section three of Chapter one of the Revised Ordinances of 1891, the city clerk be and he hereby is instructed to cause publication of ordinances to be

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made as follows:-

of ordinance No. 73, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to the Construction of Buildings," - in one issue of the Somerville Citizen;

of ordinance No. 74, entitled "An Ordinance in Regard to Sewers in the District West of Curtis Street," - in one issue of the Somerville Journal;

of ordinance No. 75, entitled "An Ordinance in Relation to Electric Wires in Public and Private Buildings," - in one issue of the Somerville Citizen;

the expense incurred to be charged to printing and stationery account

Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1897

Received from the Common Council the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered:-

That His Honor, the Mayor, be instructed to confer with the proper officials of the West End Street Railroad Company to ascertain if the tracks of said Company from Spring Hill to Wesley Sq. on Summer St. cannot be put into proper condition.

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Adopted and sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 29. Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 7, 1898

Alderman Whitaker offered the following order, - Order ✓

Ordered:-

That for the purpose of closing the appropriation accounts for the year 1897, the city treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to carry all balances, except those pertaining to uncompleted public improvements, to the debit or credit of Excess and Deficiency account as the case may be.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 29. Adopted in concurrence.

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Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 30, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Perry offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That those committees of the City Government, which usually prepare annual reports for publication, be and they hereby are authorized to file such reports for the current year with the city clerk, for presentation to the next city council.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec 30, 1897

√ Order

Alderman Spring offered the following order,—

Ordered:—

That all unfinished business of the present City Government be, and the same hereby is referred to the next City Government.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence

In Common Council, Dec. 29, Adopted in concurrence.

Approved by the Mayor.

√ Resolutions complimentary to Mayor

Alderman Hunter offered the following resolutions,—

— City of Somerville —

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen

December 29, 1897.

Resolved:—

That the thanks of this board be extended to His Honor, Allen L. Perry, Mayor of the city, for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided at our meetings during the past year.

Resolved —

That in the judgment of this board the marked ability and energy which he has brought to the performance of his duties merit the commendation of all our citizens and have contributed materially to the prosperity of our city.

Resolved:—

That we beg to assure him of our official respect and personal esteem and our best wishes for his continued welfare.

Wednesday, December 29, 1897

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Alderman Whitaker offered the following resolution,— Resolutions complimentary to several members of board of aldermen.

— City of Somerville —

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen
December 29, 1897

Resolved:—

That the thanks of this board be extended to Alderman Pratt for the faithful services he has rendered as a member of the Somerville Board of Aldermen, and that we place on record an expression of the pleasure which we have derived from our official intercourse with him during the past year.

We extend to him our best wishes for prosperity and happiness in all the future years.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

A similar resolution was offered with reference to each of the remaining members of the Board and all of such resolutions were adopted unanimously by rising votes.

Votes of thanks for faithful and courteous service were passed with reference to the city clerk, city treasurer, city solicitor, city messenger, city engineer, and clerk of committees, and other officials and to the members of the press, all of which were adopted unanimously by rising votes. Votes of Thanks to City Officers

Adjourned.

Attest,

George S. Vincent
Clerk