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The city's intentions for the immediate future of The Armory was discussed at a recent meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville City Council Housing and Community Development Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, October 19.

Prior to this meeting, 55 voters submitted a petition calling for a public hearing regarding the Arts at the Armory building. During the public hearing portion of the meeting, three speakers were invited to address the Committee. Jess White spoke and clarified that the actual name of the building is The Armory.

Parama Chatopadhyay talked about the treatment of Armory tenants by the city. She stated that there has been a pattern of intimidation and hopes that tenants are notified of future meetings regarding the future of the building. She also

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SomerStreets: Monster Mash on Somerville Avenue, October 30

SomerStreets: Monster Mash, the final SomerStreets festival of the year, takes over Somerville Avenue on Sunday, October 30, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (rain date: November 6). Join the family-friendly festivities for tricks and treats aplenty between School Street and Warren Avenue, including:

The annual costume parade, led by School of HONK. Meet at 3 p.m. at the Somerville Avenue / Warren Avenue intersection to join.

All-day live music on two stages: At 389 Somerville Ave. with Mass Ave. Music, and at 12 Warren Ave. featuring an array of local bands.

Ghosts of Milk Row Cemetery tours, presented by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and the Somerville Museum. Head to the 19th-century burial grounds at 400 Somerville Ave. between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

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SomerStreets: Monster Mash will be hitting the street on Sunday, October 30.

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the Somerville Commission for Women, and RESPOND, Inc. are honored to invite residents to join them for the annual Domestic Violence Vigil on Wednesday, October 26, to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2022. The vigil is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at Statue Park in Davis Square. In the event of inclement weather, the vigil will move to the West Branch Library, Atrium, located at 40 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144.








The City Hall Community Meetings for Ward 7 will take place on Thursday, October 27, at West Somerville Neighborhood School. The Ward 6 Community Meeting has been postponed until Thursday, November 3, and will be held at Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave. Join in person or online via Zoom from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Ask questions and get updates from city staff on subjects like rodent control, affordable housing, public safety, and much more. Interpretation and additional accommodations are available upon request. Learn more and join in online at somervillema.gov/communitymeetings.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a great guy, Clifton Verdieu, who also grew up in East Somerville. He works for Century 21 NorthEast. Happy birthday to a former alderman and great guy, Dennis Sullivan. A nice guy who served Somerville for many years. We wish him a very

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 26 – November 1 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday October 26	Rain	65°/59°	86%	77%	NE 7 mph
 Thursday October 27	Sunny	67°/41°	9%	7%	NW 13 mph
 Friday October 28	Partly Cloudy	54°/39°	5%	3%	NNE 11 mph
 Saturday October 29	Sunny	60°/37°	7%	5%	NE 5 mph
 Sunday October 30	Sunny	66°/58°	2%	1%	ENE 8 mph
 Monday October 31	Rain	65°/56°	34%	26%	SE 10 mph
 Tuesday November 1	Rain	66°/56°	50%	43%	SE 9 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: In our parents’ words

Mike says:

Boy oh Boy, I heard that all the time, used it on my kids and now they’re saying those same things to their kids. Isn’t that funny

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Somerville invites kids of all ages to ‘Truck O’ Treat’ at City Hall



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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Halloween memories



Before fun size and bite-size candy bars we used to take a pillowcase and go out trick-or-treating for full-size candy bars. I can still see the Halloween aisle at Woolworths. I asked our readers to share some of the memories of Halloween back then.

“Getting a goldfish every year from the pet shop on lower Broadway. Loved that.



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our run. We kids brought so much candy home, my mom emptied shoe boxes and filled at least a dozen of them according to the type of candy. My favorite boxes were the Milky Way Bars and Milk Duds.”

“Triple deckers on Cedar St. Three times the candy while staying in one house.”

“Using a pillowcase and having it filled quite a bit. The amount of kids out trick or treating and the sense of community, everyone knowing each other and talking in

between stops along the way and the overall “fun” feeling in the air!”

One of the downsides of trick or treating was when our mothers made us wear a winter jacket over our costumes!

We hated getting granola bars and once a guy gave out handfuls of loose popcorn.

There’s nothing like an apple being dropped in your bag crushing a Three Musketeers bar! My favorites are Kit Kat and Reese’s Cups ... full size.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Store employee their own best customer

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Ralph Lauren store at Assembly Row last week on reports of a past larceny.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the store manager and the regional manager, who stated that one of their employees, Kyanna Halliday, of Dorchester, came to

them and admitted to making fraudulent returns at the store.

Halliday reportedly told them that she has been making fraudulent returns since May 12 of this year. She reportedly admitted that she would reprint the receipt and scan it to the return. Once the return would pop

up on the computer, Halliday would select products for the returns and enter a reason for the return in the computer.

Halliday would then change the customer card on file for the return and put the money on her debit cards, Apple Pay, and Cash cards. She would then transfer

the money to her bank account.

Halliday further admitted that her first transaction was on May 12, and her final transaction was on October 12.

The store managers told the officers that Halliday had made 54 fraudulent return transactions totaling \$24,299.16. Halli-

day wrote a voluntary statement, per Ralph Lauren, going into detail about what she did and provided the statement to the store managers.

Halliday was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge of larceny over \$1200 and taken to the police station for booking.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

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City's future plans for The Armory clarified for the public, tenants

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mentioned that some of the tenants are worried about an exhibit at the Armory that deals with eviction and she hopes that sub patterns of intimidation cease and that there is a fair process going forward. Chatopadhyay closed by saying that she just wants open discussions and clarity.

Jason Berube commented that the city has not been forthcoming about its plans and he stated, for the record, that it is in poor taste to have an exhibit about eviction on display in a building where some tenants may be facing eviction. He noted that the arts are already in the building and that what the city is doing seems to be a strange way to erase the work of many of the organizations there. Berube would like the facility to remain, in part, as a venue for un-

known artists.

There being no other speakers, Committee Chair, Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo, closed the public hearing and the regular meeting of the Committee commenced. Councilor At-Large Willie Burnley Jr., Councilor At-Large Charlotte Kelly, Ward 7 Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld and Ward 5 Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad put forward an order that the Director of Economic Development update the City Council on the efforts to hire a consultant regarding the Armory.

Director Galligani reminded the Committee that the city purchased the building one and a half years ago and said that it has taken time to get things going and that now the city is in the middle of developing a pro-

cess to determine the future of the building.

The planning schedule will continue to mid-2023 and focus groups are beginning to be held. A plan is expected to be introduced during the first quarter of 2023 and will, hopefully, be approved by spring.

Councilor Strezo and Councilor Gomez Mouakad then put forward an order that the Director of Economic Development discuss the city's maintenance plan for tenants and occupants of the Arts at the Armory.

Director Galligani explained that since the building was taken by eminent domain, the transition of ownership process has been unfriendly, e.g., the city did not have keys to the building and had no knowledge of the building's operation. City staff were

not prepared, at that time, to take control of the building.

Since then, the DPW has added staff and one of those new employees brought with him extensive knowledge in building operation and maintenance. Director Galligani told the Committee members that the DPW is fully engaged and committed to the building and stands ready to respond to its needs.

Additionally, the Infrastructure and Asset Management Department has been included to work on the long-range plan. Tenants were informed that a strategic master plan would be developed that would keep the building as a space for the arts. Therefore, those tenants who were not in the arts were told that they might not be included in the building's future plans. When the city took

control of the building there were ten tenants. Since then, two have moved out and of the remaining eight tenants, most are involved in the arts.

City staff has had regular conversations with the remaining tenants to keep them informed of what is going on and explain the relocation process, as well as informing them of their rights. Leases have been extended to this December and might be extended until June of 2023 or later. By law, the city would have to offer relocation assistance and a relocation consultant has been hired by the city to develop a plan and prepare an estimated cost of the relocations.

No new tenants are being brought in at this time but the vacant spaces are being activated to be used by artists.

SomerStreets: Monster Mash on Somerville Avenue, October 30

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- Pumpkin carving with Somerville Recreation.
- A Día de los Muertos celebration activity with Estela Calzada.
- Handstands, juggling, acrobatics, and comedy for all ages with Cate the Great.
- Magic tricks with Just Felice.
- Vintage vendors with Blue

Bandana Relics.

- Parkour, mini golf, the Roaming Railroad, and more games galore.

To ensure public safety at the event, Somerville Avenue will close to motor vehicles between School Street and Warren Avenue from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

with parking restrictions starting at 10:00 a.m. Bow Street, Quincy Street, and Church Street will support two-way traffic to allow access for abutters. MBTA buses will be rerouted between 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. For bus detour information, visit mbta.com.

SomerStreets is Somerville's annual series of street festivals that close busy streets to cars and open them to the community. Through SomerStreets, the city and its community partners aim to promote and encourage physical activity, access to fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighbor-

hoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

For more information, go to somerstreets.org or contact Iaritz Menjivar, Special Events Manager, at imenjivar@somerville-ma.gov.

COMMENTARY

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This Election Day Vote YES on Question 4 for Safer Roads

We scored an important win for road safety and immigrant rights in Massachusetts by voting the Work and Family Mobility Act into law this past June. The law allows all Massachusetts residents to apply for a driver's license, regardless of their immigration status. Years in the making and backed by law enforcement, immigrant advocates, and labor unions, the law passed overwhelmingly with support of more than three-quarters of the Massachusetts House and Senate. This new law will ensure that all drivers on our roads are licensed and insured.

Unfortunately, this law is now in jeopardy; an opposition group has gathered enough signatures to attempt to repeal the law on this November's ballot. Now it's up to the voters to decide its fate. As the state delegation for Somerville and Medford, we strongly support voting YES on Question 4 this Election Day to preserve the Work and Family Mobility Act and improve road safety for all Massachusetts drivers.

Endorsed by the Massachusetts Major Cities Chiefs of Police and the majority of Massachusetts Sheriffs and District Attorneys, Yes on 4 has overwhelming support from law enforcement, including Somerville and Medford Chiefs of Police, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. They understand our roads are safer with more licensed drivers. Allowing all residents to apply for a driver's license means ensuring that every Massachusetts driver has fulfilled our state's testing, training, and insurance requirements.

We are in good company: 16 other

states, including our neighbors in Connecticut, New York and Vermont, have passed similar laws and have seen marked increases in road safety. We've seen impressive results, including a 9% decrease in hit and run accidents in Connecticut, and an 80% decrease in the rate of uninsured drivers in Utah. With more insured drivers on the road, the cost of auto insurance drops for all drivers.

Along with safer roads, voting Yes on 4 will promote economic growth. From the costs of obtaining a driver's license, vehicle registration, and inspections, the new law is estimated to bring in approximately \$11 million in taxes and fees in its first three years.

The attack on this law affects everyone. Yes on 4 enables all state residents to safely get to work, drive their kids to school, and go to the doctor. Yes on 4 improves public safety and well-being in the Commonwealth by ensuring more drivers on the roads are properly trained, tested, and insured.

If you are in favor of safer roads, we urge you to vote Yes on 4 this Election Day.

State Representative Christine Barber, 34th Middlesex District
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Suggested donation of \$5 for those over 12 years. Proceeds support the preservation and educational activities of the Somerville Museum.

Questions? Email bwilson@somervillema.gov
<https://www.somervillemuseum.org>
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Community Center planning is overdue

Nearly ten years ago Somerville launched Union Square's redevelopment. City leaders promised [1] community-driven development "in the public interest" that would create the "mix of uses the community wants over time." Ever since, community forums have identified a community center as critical to that "mix," making Union Square not just a commercial district, but a neighborhood center that brings people together.

Today, towers rise around the first new Green Line stop, and planning for the last remaining large developments moves forward. It is essential to the neighborhood's wellbeing that a community center be planned for now, or the opportunity to create this vital element of community-building infrastructure will be lost.

Neighbors have shared their visions for a community center in dozens of meetings throughout the redevelopment process. In a June meeting conducted by the Union Square Neighborhood Council and Somerville Community Corporation, diverse attendees again articulated their needs for indoor recreation, accommodations for the arts, meeting

spaces, flexible programming, and most important, a place where the rich array of people who make the neighborhood and city so special can come together as a community.

Creating such a place is a complex undertaking. It requires a feasibility plan to guide the process and transform these rich ideas into a practicable design and operating plan. Such a process needs to answer three questions:

What are the functions and programs that the center would host, and what design would best support and enhance them? This will also involve identifying potential partnerships and creating an operating plan.

Where is a site that can accommodate programs with unique space requirements (such as a pool)? In our dense urban environment, the center may be located on the ground floor(s) of a larger building, so this will also involve working with a developer to plan such a space.

How can we pay for it? City zoning requirements and Community Benefits Agreements negotiated by the Union Square Neighborhood Council have produced financial com-

mitments from developers. A feasibility plan will establish a cost estimate and budget, and identify additional funding needs. These needs could be met through City funding, a capital campaign, and/or additional developer commitments.

We call on the City to put in place a process that will answer these questions. There are many ways such a process could be structured. Here are three:

1. Feasibility plan as part of a development master plan - Several developers are currently seeking Master Plan Special Permits for large multi-parcel developments around Union Square. In some cases current zoning requires that these developers allocate space that could be used for a community center. As part of their master plan, a developer could fund a community center feasibility study that would evaluate locations – either within their master-plan area or elsewhere. The latter would require a partnership with another developer. Those doing the planning would be hired by the developer(s), but their output would be subject to review by the City and community groups.

2. Feasibility plan as part of a

Neighborhood Plan Update – Created in 2016, Union Square's Neighborhood Plan was supposed to be updated every five years. The plan could be updated now with a specific focus on evaluating the programming, size, design and location of a community center. In this case the City would hire the planning firm(s), who would be responsible for working with developers and community groups.

3. Stand-alone feasibility plan - Initiated and funded by the City or local nonprofit groups.

Regardless of how it is done, it is critical to start now. And it is critical that those doing this work engage with, and are responsive to, the community. In March the City Council passed a resolution [2] calling for the creation of a community center advisory group in Union Square. No action has been taken thus far. We look forward to the opportunity to work with all stakeholders to help guide this process.

Evidence that this is possible exists only a mile away. The Volpe Center site in Cambridge is smaller than Boynton Yards or Union Square. But the master planning process [3] for its redevelopment has produced a com-

mitment to build a 25,000 sq. ft. community center in the development's first phase. It will be in the ground and second floors of a new high-rise building adjacent to a new "community center park." The developer has committed \$25 million to build the center and \$10 million to fund ongoing operations.

Billions of dollars in investments are paying for millions of square feet of new development in and around Union Square. Those who live here also deserve investment in the community infrastructure that a state-of-the-art, multi-generational community center represents. It is past time to deliver on the original promise of development "in the public interest."

[1] <https://patch.com/massachusetts/somerville/mayor-on-union-square-redevelopment-eminent-domain-is-a-last-resort>

[2] http://sommervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegislativeFile.aspx?ID=28386&highlightTerms=community%20center

[3] <https://volpe.mit.edu/>

— Union Square Neighborhood Council Board of Directors

Senator Patricia Jehlen endorses Yes on Question 3

Sen. Patricia Jehlen, who represents the 2nd Middlesex District, has announced her support for the approval of Question 3 on November's ballot. The question will update Massachusetts' liquor laws to enhance consumer convenience while protecting small businesses.

A yes vote on Question 3 would modernize state laws to allow for the safe expansion of alcohol licenses, allow valid out of state IDs to be relied upon by a retailer of alcohol beverages, and provide best practice fixes to the current system to prevent illegal sales.

"We thank Senator Jehlen for voicing her support for Question 3," said Rob Mellion, of the 21st Century Alcohol Retail Reform Committee. "A yes vote on Question 3 provides for the changes that family-owned alcohol retail stores need to fairly compete with large corporations that are mostly headquartered outside of Massachusetts, while also benefitting adult consumers."

Question 3 calls for the state to progressively double the number of allowed beer and wine licenses a company or individual is allowed to hold, going from nine to 18. Most states allow three to five full liquor licenses per merchant and MA's number would be set at seven. This would significantly increase consumer convenience when shopping.

Additionally, the ballot question also will allow valid out of state IDs to be relied upon by a retailer of alcohol beverages, as they are allowed in every other state in the country and already are permitted in Massachusetts for the sale of cannabis.

Question 3 will appear on the ballot with the title "Changes to Alcohol Retail Licensing Initiative." For additional information visit: yeson3mass.com.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy Halloween, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



For some of us it feels like forever since we’ve shaken off the cares and concerns that seem to be bearing down so heavily as we observe the divisions and discord that has been so prevalent in our society over the past few years.

Another election is just around the corner, and the national election is coming up next year. The balance of power in Washington will be in play, and more than ever

it seems as though so much will be at stake in that particular election cycle, no matter which side we align with.

So, in less than two weeks we will be facing the results of a very contentious and consequential election. Many feel that a lot of important aspects of our live will be affected.

But first comes an old friendly tradition: the celebration of Halloween. We are treated to the sights and sounds of kids

dressing up and role playing, going door-to-door gather their sweets, and just plain having fun in the doing.

Grown-ups have their celebration traditions too. Maybe it would be smart to cut loose a little bit this time around – safely, of course. Let out a little steam and spend at least one day when we don’t quite take the world as seriously as we normally do. Somehow it seems like this just might be

what we all need.

So, take this advice and join in with the kids a little. Wear a silly costume. Cut loose at a festive party. Be a kid again yourself, if only for this one day.

We often spend too much time at odds with each other. Let’s consider uniting for once, in the name of good clean fun. It couldn’t hurt, and it just might ease a few unwanted tensions.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

happy birthday. Happy birthday to poet and writer **Timothy Gager**, a very talented guy. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to our own **Mike Rais**, who celebrated last week. You see him out delivering the papers each week for us. We wish him a great year to come. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Diana Riel**, **Dorothy O’Malley**, **Jeffery Varney**, **Russell Chiary**, **Erin DiBenedetto**, **Gene Beraldi**, **Joe Bear**, **Candy Feldt** and **John Blute** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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The **Massachusetts general election** is being held on **Tuesday, November 8**. This election will determine Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State

Auditor, Representative in Congress, Governor’s Council, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, and Sheriff. There are also four ballot questions. Sample ballots are available at somervillema.gov/sample-ballots. Somerville voters can vote early, by mail, or on Election Day. For all information about voting in Somerville, go to somervillema.gov/elections.

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Which state in the U.S.A. produces the most pumpkins?

2. Who did Ray Bolger play in *The Wizard of Oz*?

3. Which 1993 Disney film starred Bette Midler as a witch?

4. Who wrote *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*?

5. What 1962 hit did Somerville native Bobby "Boris" Pickett co-write?

6. Besides Orange, what other colors are pumpkins?

7. Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable?

8. What actor played Dr. Frank-n-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?

9. What was The Munsters' address?

10. Ringo Starr narrates which children's TV series?

11. What is the name of the Vampire Muppet on *Sesame Street*?

12. What are the only mammals that can fly and the only ones that survive on blood?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. You spray 2.5 drops of saliva per word.

2. The tallest bamboo sculpture is more than 164-feet high.

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1. Tart spicy quality

5. Senators each represent an area on it

8. Jamaican rub

12. Succulent medicinal plant

13. Tiny piece

14. Home to Burj Khalifa

15. Sail support

16. Sensory input

17. Bedazzle, e.g.

18. One making SCOTUS nominations

20. Grape holder

21. Japanese cartoon

22. Drunkard's sound?

23. First Lady, acr.

26. Singer, songwriter, musician Jon ____

30. Stumblebum

31. Kind of monkey

34. In a little while, to Shakespeare

35. Speedily

37. M in rpm, abbr.

38. North face, e.g.

39. Toy brick

40. Typical revolver

42. "The One I Love" group

43. The ____ Man, internet meme

45. Table linens

47. Wow!

48. Instruct

50. Delhi draping dress

52. #18 Across' branch of government

56. Shipping weights

57. Three blind ones

58. Field worker

59. Spot for FitBit

60. Defender of skies, acr.

61. Actor Wilson

62. Bookie's number

63. Wilbur's home

64. Back of the neck

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1. Pack down

2. Resembling wings

3. Rudolph's beacon

4. Reaches (2 words)

5. Computer accessory

6. Do penitence

7. Chipper

8. SCOTUS' branch of government

9. Jet black

10. Steak option

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- Solution in the next edition of *The Somerville Times*.

Soultion to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Somerville native receives 40 under 40 award



The Boston Business Journal recently announced the area’s young professionals who are achieving the most in their careers and giving the most to the community. One of the top 40 under 40 awarded is Somerville’s own Josu’e Velney. The founder and CEO of Velney Development, LLC, he served five years in the Marines. During that time, he was deployed three times. After returning home, Velney served his community as a firefighter and lieutenant for twelve years with the Somerville Fire Dept. He has taken his leadership skills, honed in the military and as a Fire Lieutenant, and has applied them to real estate. Today, Velney is a full-time real estate developer. Velney holds a Bachelor’s degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Construction Management. Pictured here, Velney being presented a citation from the Governor by the CEO of the Somerville YMCA at their board meeting on October 18, 2022.

The Somerville Times
Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #265

Somerville’s Shadows

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

You don’t have to look very far to find mysterious, frightening, supernatural, spine-chilling, spooky and ghostly tales, stories, and legends that are grounded in Somerville.



The sixtieth anniversary is known as the Diamond Anniversary. If there ever was a diamond-studded song to come out of our city sixty years ago, it was *The Monster Mash* by Bobby Boris Pickett. Bobby was born on February 11, 1938, in Somerville and grew up in Winter Hill. He attended Somerville High School, was Captain of its basketball team and served in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea. The *Monster Mash* has delighted those who have enjoyed celebrating Halloween for the last six decades. It has become legendary, forever securing a spot in American pop culture.



Elizabeth Peabody was a remarkable woman, brilliant, daring and ahead of her time. She opened a bookstore that became a lightning rod to the literary elite. She dated and enhanced the career of novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author of *The House of Seven Gables* and other famous works. He would later wed her sister Sophia. After her passing, Elizabeth was buried in Concord’s historic Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Funds for a large burial memorial were collected by friends and residents in and out of Boston but were diverted instead to establish in her memory, The Elizabeth Peabody House, *Continued on page 16*

Cambria Boston Somerville hotel opening



Cambria Boston Somerville has opened its doors and celebrated its opening with its neighbors on October 12. Local residents, business owners, and officials, such as Somerville Mayor Katjana Balantyne, attended the festive opening day event. Situated on the Somerville-Cambridge line, the hotel converges with a unique moment in time for Somerville as it experiences a modern-day renaissance, and it adds to the exciting transformation that Somerville’s historic Union Square is undergoing. The Cambria Boston Somerville is located at 515 Somerville Ave, Somerville, MA 02143, 617-341-9040, <https://cambriasomerville.com>, info@cambriasomerville.com. For more photos, go to our website: www.thesomervilletimes.com

LEGAL NOTICE



STATE ELECTION
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

WARD ONE
Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street;
Precinct 4. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street;
Precinct 4A. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street;

WARD TWO
Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
Precinct 1A. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;
Precinct 3. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;
Precinct 4. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;

WARD THREE
Precinct 1. A room in PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 Warren Avenue;
Precinct 2. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;
Precinct 3. Gym at St. Catherine’s Church; 179 Summer Street;
Precinct 4. Gym at St. Catherine’s Church; 179 Summer Street;

WARD FOUR
Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
Precinct 2A. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
Precinct 4. A room in the HEALEY SCHOOL, 5 Meacham Street;

WARD FIVE
Precinct 1. A room in the ARMORY, 191 Highland Avenue;
Precinct 2. A room in the ARMORY, 191 Highland Avenue;
Precinct 3. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;
Precinct 4. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;

WARD SIX
Precinct 1. A Room in the GEORGE DILBOY POST, 351 Summer St;
Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;
Precinct 3. A room in the WEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 40 College Avenue;
Precinct 3A. A room in the WEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 40 College Avenue;
Precinct 4. A Room in the GEORGE DILBOY POST, 351 Summer St;

WARD SEVEN
Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd entrance
Precinct 3. A room in the VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;
Precinct 4. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd entrance

ON TUESDAY, November 8, 2022

AT SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O’CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:
A Candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth,
A Candidate for Attorney General for the Commonwealth
A Candidate for Secretary of State for the Commonwealth
A Candidate for Treasurer of the Commonwealth
A Candidate for Auditor of the Commonwealth
A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District,
A Candidate for Governor’s Council for the Sixth Councillor District,
A Candidate for Senator in General Court for the Second Middlesex District,
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted in Ward One Precincts One Through Four and in Ward Two Precinct 1A)
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted for in Ward One Precinct 4A, Ward Two Precincts One through Four, Ward Three Precincts One through Four, Ward Four Precinct 2A, Ward Five Precincts One through Four and Ward Six Precincts One through Four)
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (Ward Four Precincts One through Four, Ward Six Precinct 3A and Ward Seven Precincts One through Four)
A Candidate for District Attorney for the Northern District
A Candidate for Sheriff for the Middlesex County

QUESTION 1: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on June 12, 2019 (yeas 147 – nays 48); and again on June 9, 2021 (yeas 159 – nays 41)?

SUMMARY

This proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
A YES VOTE would amend the state Constitution to impose an additional 4% tax on that portion of incomes over one million dollars to be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, on education and transportation.
A NO VOTE would make no change in the state Constitution relative to income tax.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members’ dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier’s annual aggregate medical loss ratio is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier.
The proposed law would apply to dental benefit plans regardless of whether they are issued directly by a carrier, through the connector, or through an intermediary. The proposed law would not apply to dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed to a self-insured group or where the carrier is acting as a third-party administrator.
The proposed law would require the carriers offering dental benefit plans to submit information about their current and projected medical loss ratio, administrative expenses, and other financial information to the Commissioner. Each carrier would be required to submit an annual comprehensive financial statement to the Division of Insurance, itemized by market group size and line of business. A carrier that also provides administrative services to one or more self-insured groups would also be required to file an appendix to their annual financial statement with information about its self-insured business. The proposed law would impose a late penalty on a carrier that does not file its annual report on or before April 1.
The Division would be required to make the submitted data public, to issue an annual summary to certain legislative committees, and to exchange the data with the Health Policy Commission. The Commissioner would be required to adopt standards requiring the registration of persons or entities not otherwise licensed or registered by the Commissioner and criteria for the standardized reporting and uniform allocation methodologies among carriers.
The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to approve dental benefit policies for the purpose of being offered to individuals or groups. The Commissioner would be required to adopt regulations to determine eligibility criteria.
The proposed law would require carriers to file group product base rates and any changes to group rating factors that are to be effective on January 1 of each year on or before July 1 of the preceding year. The Commissioner would be required to disapprove any proposed changes to base rates that are excessive, inadequate, or unreasonable in relation to the benefits charged. The Commissioner would also be required to disapprove any change to group rating factors that is discriminatory or not actuarially sound.
The proposed law sets forth criteria that, if met, would require the Commissioner to presumptively disapprove a carrier’s rate, including if the aggregate medical loss ratio for all dental benefit plans offered by a carrier is less than 83 percent.
The proposed law would establish procedures to be followed if a proposed rate is presumptively disapproved or if the Commissioner disapproves a rate.
The proposed law would require the Division to hold a hearing if a carrier reports a risk-based capital ratio on a combined entity basis that exceeds 700 percent in its annual report.
The proposed law would require the Commissioner to promulgate regulations consistent with its provisions by October 1, 2023. The proposed law would apply to all dental benefit plans issued, made effective, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.
A YES VOTE would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83% of premiums on member dental expenses and quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations.
A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the regulations that apply to dental insurance companies.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for “all alcoholic beverages” and for “wines and malt beverages”) that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.

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Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of “all alcoholic beverages” licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.

The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.

The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales.

The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person’s identity and age.

A YES VOTE would increase the number of licenses a retailer could have for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises, limit the number of “all-alcoholic beverages” licenses that a retailer could acquire, restrict use of self-checkout, and require retailers to accept customers’ out-of-state identification.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

QUESTION 4: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW
SUMMARY

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022?

This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver’s license or learner’s permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner’s permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner’s permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID.

To prove identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one from each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver’s license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver’s license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. One of the documents presented by an applicant must include a photograph and one must include a date of birth. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth.

The law requires that applicants for a driver’s license or learner’s permit shall attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that their license has not been suspended or revoked in any other state, country, or jurisdiction.

The law specifies that information provided by or relating to any applicant or license-holder will not be a public record and shall not be disclosed, except as required by federal law or as authorized by Attorney General regulations, and except for purposes of motor vehicle insurance.

The law directs the registrar of motor vehicles to make regulations regarding the documents required of United States citizens and others who provide proof of lawful presence with their license application.

The law also requires the registrar and the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish procedures and regulations to ensure that an applicant for a standard driver’s license or learner’s permit who does not provide proof of lawful presence will not be automatically registered to vote.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which would allow Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver’s license or permit if they meet the other requirements for doing so.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

QUESTION 5: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING (for WD4 Pcts1-4; WD 6 Pct 3A; WD 7, Pcts 1-4 only)

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote for legislation to create a single payer system of universal health care that provides all Massachusetts residents with comprehensive health care coverage including the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities, and services, and eliminates the role of insurance companies in health care by creating an insurance trust fund that is publicly administered?

YES
NO

QUESTION 6: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING (for WD4 Pcts1-4; WD 6 Pct 3A; WD 7, Pcts 1-4 only)

Shall the representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of changes to the applicable House of Representative rules to make each Legislator’s vote in that body’s Legislative committees publicly available on the Legislature’s website?

YES
NO

Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman
Anthony J. Alibrandi
Douglas M. Bosley
Louise A. McCarthy
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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10/26/22 The Somerville Times

Support the SCES Second Chances clothing drive

Somerville Cambridge Elder Services is hosting a clothing drive to help local people in need through Second Chances.

Second Chances is a Somerville-based nonprofit that puts donated clothing to work for our community, diverting clothing, shoes, and accessories from local landfills while helping our neighbors in need take their first steps toward brighter futures.

The drive will run from Monday, October 24 to Thursday, November 3. A drop-off box will be set up in the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services lobby at 61 Medford Street in Somerville. Dropoff hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Second Chances’ clients need clothing for all kinds of activities including work, relaxing, dressy events, sports, and more. We are collecting women’s, men’s, and children’s clothing, shoes, and accessories from any season or era, including coats, belts, hats, costume jewelry, purses, bags, and Halloween costumes. Blankets (not comforters), sheets, pillowcases, towels, curtains, placemats, cloth napkins, and tablecloths are okay too.

To donate, place your clothing, shoes, or accessories in a plastic or paper bag (no hangers or large boxes, please). Second Chances recycles all plastic bags and paper packaging from these drives as

well, thanks to the City of Cambridge’s Recycling Program.

Questions? Email Jessica at Second Chances at info@secondchances.org or Deandra Ramirez at SCES at deandra.ramirez@eldercare.org.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older adults in Somerville and Cambridge. For free advice and guidance on questions of aging, caregiving or disability, contact our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601, email info@eldercare.org, or visit our website eldercare.org.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

EFSB 22-03/D.P.U. 22-21
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J, 72, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company"), located at 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed two related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") and the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") in connection with the Company's proposal to construct, operate and maintain: (1) eight new 115-kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission lines that will be housed in a total of five new duct banks, totaling approximately 8.3 miles, in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and the Allston/Brighton area of Boston (the "New Lines"); (2) a new 115/14-kV substation, which will be located in an underground vault on a property between Broadway and Binney Streets in Cambridge (the "New Substation"); and (3) modifications to certain existing substation facilities in Cambridge, Somerville, and Allston/Brighton. This work is collectively referred to as the Greater Cambridge Energy Program, or the "Project." The Company states that the Project is designed to address long-term reliability needs in the Cambridge area, which is experiencing rapid economic development and sustained load growth.

Siting Board staff directed the Company to evaluate a potential hybrid alternative route through Cambridge and Somerville to connect the proposed New Substation with the Company's existing Somerville Substation. This new alternative route is referred to as the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 and it is described further below.

The purpose of this supplemental public notice is to inform abutters to this new Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 that is being proposed by the Company, as well as previously noticed abutters to Proposed Route S1A (and Route Variation S1) and Noticed Alternative Route S11C. The Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing on November 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. Information on accessing the remote public comment hearing is provided below.


The Siting Board will conduct a second remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing on November 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83646572343> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the Webinar ID: [83646572343](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83646572343). **Any additional updates will be posted on the Siting Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/greater-cambridge-energy-project>.**

The Siting Board will accept additional public comments, and additional petitions to intervene or to participate as a limited participant in the Siting Board's review of the Project relating to the new Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 by November 25, 2022.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by **November 10, 2022**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **November 10, 2022**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

The Siting Board will accept written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **November 25, 2022**.

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment, to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to donna.sharkey@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **November 25, 2022**.

Simultaneous English-to-Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese (Mandarin), and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided on Zoom. All attendees should select their preferred language to hear the Interpreter translate into that language. Press the globe icon  and then choose the desired language.

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the Project and the additional proposed route. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the [Department's YouTube](#) channel after the public comment hearing.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings and to appeal a final decision. A limited participant would receive documents in the proceeding and may file a brief as well as file written comments and/or present oral comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer (see Filing Instructions below). A petition to intervene or be a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.00, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Siting Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-1-rules-for-the-conduct-of-adjudicatory-proceedings/download>. To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 980 CMR 1.05 must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the petition to intervene or participate, and comments, must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; and to donna.sharkey@mass.gov no later than the close of business on **November 25, 2022**. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 22-03/D.P.U. 22-21); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Second, the petition or comments must be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, drosen@keeganwerlin.com.

Siting Board Jurisdiction

Under G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H, 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company's filing to determine whether the Project would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

The petition to construct the Project includes the following information: (1) a description of the Project; (2) an analysis of the need for the Project; (3) a description of the alternatives to the Project; and (4) a description of the environmental impacts of the Project. Copies of the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
- Cambridge Public Library, Main Branch, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138
- Cambridge Public Library, O'Connell Branch, 48 Sixth Street, Cambridge, MA 02141
- Cambridge City Clerk, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139
- Boston Public Library, Brighton Branch, 40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton, MA 02135
- Boston City Clerk, 1 City Hall Square, Room 601, Boston, MA 02201
- Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143
- Somerville City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, 1st Floor, Somerville, MA 02143

In addition, the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Energy Facilities Siting Board's website at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB22-03>. The Siting Board has created a special information webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the course of the proceeding. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/greater-cambridge-energy-project>.

The Company's information is also available on the Company's website at the following address:

<https://www.eversource.com/content/general/residential/about/transmission-distribution/projects/massachusetts-projects/greater-cambridge-energy-project>

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Siting Board's ADA coordinator at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov or 617-626-1282.

Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a complete description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill the request. Please send your requests to: Melixza G. Esenyie, ADA and Diversity Manager at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov or call 617- 626-1282 no later than **October 27, 2022**.

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information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, by **October 27, 2022**, if possible. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Presiding Officer (contact information below).

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the proceeding may also contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Donna Sharkey, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
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Somerville Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 (Hybrid of Preferred Route S1A, Noticed Alternative Route S11C, and South Street)

Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 is approximately 1.35-miles long and is located within Cambridge and Somerville. Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 heads west from the New Substation Site in Cambridge onto Broadway for about one block before turning north across the Galileo Galilei Way intersection onto a City-owned parcel of land (Assessors’ Map 30, Parcel 43) abutting the east side of the MassDOT Railroad and Transit Grand Junction Railroad corridor. The route continues north on property parallel and adjacent to both sides of the Grand Junction Railroad corridor passing the Cornelius Way / Michael Way / Wellington Harrington Memorial Way residential neighborhoods and the Cambridge Housing Authority’s Miller River Apartment Complex. The route collocates within the proposed future alignment of the City of Cambridge’s Grand Junction Multi-Use Path from Broadway to Medford Street/Gore Street at the Cambridge/Somerville city line, including switching from City-owned land on the east side of the existing railroad corridor to future City-owned land on the west side of the railroad corridor. These crossovers would occur at the following at-grade street crossings: Binney Street, Cambridge Street and Medford/Gore Street. The Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 exits the Grand Junction Railroad corridor at Medford Street/Gore Street and continues for about 300 feet on Medford Street before heading west on South Street. The route then follows South Street to the end where it intersects with Windsor Street. At this juncture, the route continues in a westerly direction across a private parcel of land (a salvaged auto parts facility) to Columbia Street.

Based on discussions with the City of Somerville, it is possible that, in the near future, South Street will be relocated in a more southerly direction than what is currently contemplated for the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15; however, the Company further understands those design details remain in flux and have not yet been finalized by the City of Somerville and the developer of Boynton Yards. It is also possible that, based on further input from the City of Somerville, the Company may be steered to a variation of the route to the north along Harding Street to Thoroughfare 1 (Archibald Query Way), before connecting along a short segment of Windsor Place. Accordingly, the Company is presenting two noticed variations to the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 in the event such variations are needed or desirable.

The intent of the proposed segment of Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 is to follow the future alignment of South Street up to Columbia Street and collocate with future re-development plans for the area. From Columbia Street, the route turns north before crossing a private commercial parking lot at the corner of Columbia Street and Windsor Place and then a second commercial parking lot north of Windsor Place associated with Royal Hospitality Services. From the Royal Hospitality Services commercial parking lot, the route crosses beneath the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) Fitchburg commuter tracks and new Green Line extension tracks, using a trenchless crossing technique. After crossing the tracks, the route travels in a westerly direction parallel to the MBTA railroad tracks and the new MBTA Union Station platform, before turning north parallel to Prospect Street (and around the approximate limits of a building footprint under construction), and then west across Prospect Street where it enters the Somerville Substation.

The Company’s New Substation

The New Substation will be constructed underground on a parcel of land that is currently occupied by the Kendall Center Blue Garage at #290 Binney Street in East Cambridge. The New Substation site is bordered by Binney Street to the north; the access driveway into the existing garage facility to the east; Broadway to the south; and Galileo Galilei Way to the west.

For the site to be developed for the New Substation, the landowner (Boston Properties, Inc. or “BXP”) will demolish the existing Kendall Center Blue Garage and replace it with underground parking in roughly the same location. Following demolition of the existing parking garage facility, the New Substation will occupy roughly one-third of the parcel, or approximately 35,000 square feet (or 0.8 acres). The balance of the existing site will ultimately be re-developed by BXP as part of the Kendall Square MXD Substation Plan.

The New Substation will be constructed to a depth of approximately 110-feet below grade. Except for vent stacks, a freight elevator headhouse and stair access headhouse, the New Substation will be completely underground. At grade level, above the underground substation, the area will be designed and created as publicly accessible open space, integrated into the larger BXP development project.

As part of the engineering design, the underground New Substation would have the following components: 115-kV gas-insulated switchgear (“GIS”); twenty-two 115-kV circuit breakers; six 115 kV series inductors; control rooms with protective relay and control equipment; communication equipment and control batteries; three 90-MVA, 115/14-kV transformers; distribution switchgear; and six 14-kV, 9.6-MVAR capacitor banks. There will also be space reserved for an additional transformer, switchgear, capacitor bank, and shunt reactor, if and when needed in the future.

The Company’s Proposed Transmission Line Routes

As noted above, the Project includes eight new 115-kV underground transmission lines within five new duct banks (8.3 miles in total, primarily in public roadways in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and the Allston-Brighton area of Boston), each of which would connect to the New Substation in Cambridge. The six Proposed Routes of the Project including the new proposed hybrid route known as ***Somerville Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 (Hybrid of Preferred Route S1A, Noticed Alternative Route S11C, and South Street)*** are summarized below.

Somerville Proposed Route S1A (Hampshire Street/D2 Site) and Route Variation S1

The Proposed Route (designated as “S1A”) is approximately 1.3-miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing Somerville Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway for about one block before turning northwest onto Hampshire Street. From Hampshire Street, the route heads north on Columbia Street. The route follows Columbia Street into Somerville to its intersection with Windsor Place. The route crosses Windsor Place and heads north across a private commercial parking lot towards the MBTA commuter rail tracks (Fitchburg Route Main Line). The railroad tracks would be crossed using a trenchless construction technique. After crossing the tracks, the route travels in a westerly direction across the D-2 Block-Union Square Project development (“D2 Site”), parallel to the MBTA railroad tracks and the MBTA’s new Green Line train station platform, turning north running parallel to Prospect Street (and around the approximate limits of a building that is presently under construction on the D2 Site), and then west across Prospect Street where it enters the Somerville Substation.

Route Variation S1 follows the same alignment described above for the Proposed Route S1A, except that it travels in a northwesterly direction around the eastern edge of the site of the MBTA’s new Union Square train station platform, across the D2 Site, generally following the approximate alignment of two future roadways associated with the development, identified as Milk Alley and Bennett Court. The route then crosses over Prospect Street and accesses the Somerville Substation from the east. This route variation does not add any appreciable length or costs relative to the Proposed Route S1A.

Kendall Proposed Route K5A (Linskey Way)

The Proposed Route (designated as “K5A”) is approximately 0.6 miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing East Cambridge Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway, then turns northeast to the abutting U.S. Department of Transportation John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (“Volpe Center Site”) property and transitions onto Third Street near its intersection with Potter Street. The route crosses the Volpe Center Site to avoid utility congestion in parts of Third Street and specifically the Third Street/Broadway intersection. The route then turns east onto Linskey Way and south onto Second Street, where it connects into the existing East Cambridge Substation.

Putnam Proposed Route P13 (Ames Street)

The Proposed Route (designated as “P13”) is approximately 0.5-mile long, located entirely within Cambridge. This route heads east from the proposed New Substation facility in East Cambridge onto Broadway and south on Ames Street. The route follows Ames Street through the Main Street intersection, and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (“MBTA”) Red Line subway tunnel beneath it, to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route ends in a “T” configuration with the line being spliced into existing Eversource transmission line(s) to the east and west on Memorial Drive.

Brighton Proposed Route B2A East (Magazine Beach HDD) and Route Variation B2AN

The Proposed Route (designated as “B2A”) is approximately 2.9-miles long, heading east from the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning south onto Ames Street. The route follows Ames Street through the Main Street intersection, and the MBTA Red Line subway tunnel beneath it, to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route turns to the west following the east bound lanes to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (“MassDCR”) Magazine Beach property. Magazine Beach and the Memorial Drive segment are located within the Charles River Reservation and are under the care and custody of MassDCR. At the Magazine Beach property, the route crosses beneath the Charles River into Boston via Horizontal Directional Drill (“HDD”), which is preliminarily anticipated to be approximately 1,750 feet in length. After crossing beneath the Charles River, the route follows the general alignment of the anticipated new street, referred to as the Lincoln Street Connector, that is proposed to be constructed as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. From there, the route goes onto Cambridge Street, following Cambridge Street to Empire Street and Lincoln Street where it terminates at the Brighton Substation.

The Company proposed a route variation to Route B2A East across the MassDOT Allston Multimodal Project Site. The Proposed Route B2A East generally follows the future alignment of the Lincoln Street Connector through the multimodal site and Route Variation B2AN East generally runs parallel with the southerly property line of the multimodal site. Route Variation B2AN East provides routing flexibility if MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project does not advance into construction as currently proposed, while also minimizing potential future development constraints by locating the transmission line and manhole infrastructure in areas of the site that will not negatively affect the present landowner’s (Harvard University) ability to develop the property in the future. This route variation does not add any appreciable length or costs relative to the Proposed Route B2A East.

Brighton Proposed Route B29F West (River Street Bridge)

The Proposed Route (designated as “B29F”) is approximately 3.0-miles long, heading west from New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning south onto Galileo Galilei Way to Vassar Street. The route follows Vassar Street before crossing northwest through a parking lot, a portion of which is owned by MIT and the MBTA. From the parking lot, the route crosses the Grand Junction Railroad using a pipe jacking or other similar trenchless crossing technique to reach a parking lot on a second parcel of land owned by MIT (referred to as #634 Memorial Drive). The route then follows Waverly Street to Brookline Street through the Reid Rotary at the Boston University Bridge, continuing west on Memorial Drive to the River Street Bridge. At this location, the route turns to the west across the (Continued on next page)

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River Street Bridge, over the Charles River, and onto Cambridge Street in Boston. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the transmission cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route would cross over the I-90 ramps following the approximate location of Cambridge Street if it is reconstructed at-grade as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. After passing through a short stretch of wooded, undeveloped land (~500-feet) adjacent to the roadway shoulder(s), the route transitions back onto Cambridge Street until it reaches Lincoln Street. The route follows Lincoln Street to the Brighton Substation.

The Company’s Noticed Alternative Transmission Line Routes

The six Noticed Alternative routes are as follows:

Somerville Noticed Alternative Route S11C (Grand Junction RR Multi-Use Pathway)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “S11C”) is approximately 1.6-miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing Somerville Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway for about one block before turning north onto a parcel of land owned by the City of Cambridge abutting the east side of the MBTA Grand Junction Railroad corridor. The route continues north on the City of Cambridge owned properties parallel to the east side of the MBTA Grand Junction Railroad corridor. From Broadway to Medford Street in Somerville, the route collocates with the potential future alignment of Cambridge’s Grand Junction Multi-Use Path, which requires crossing from City of Cambridge-owned land on the east side of the existing railroad corridor to City of Cambridge-owned land on the west side of the railroad corridor. These crossovers would occur at the following at-grade street crossings: Binney Street, Cambridge Street and Medford Street. The Cambridge/Somerville municipal boundary is located just south of Medford Street. After crossing Medford Street, Route S11C continues north along the western edge of the MBTA ROW up to the intersection of the Grand Junction railroad tracks and the MBTA commuter rail tracks (Fitchburg Route Main Line). The route would then cross beneath the MBTA commuter rail tracks and McGrath Highway (Route 28) using a trenchless construction technique, to reach an Eversource- owned parcel of land on Linwood Street. The transmission line would then transition back to conventional open-trench construction as it turns northwest onto Linwood Street, Washington Street and Prospect Street where it connects with the Somerville Substation.

Somerville Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 (Hybrid of Preferred Route S1A, Noticed Alternative Route S11C, and South Street)

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Based on discussions with the City of Somerville, it is possible that, in the near future, South Street will be relocated in a more southerly direction than what is currently contemplated for the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15; however, the Company further understands those design details remain in flux and have not yet been finalized by the City of Somerville and the developer of Boynton Yards. It is also possible that, based on further input from the City of Somerville, the Company may be steered to a variation of the route to the north along Harding Street to Thoroughfare 1 (Archibald Query Way), before connecting along a short segment of Windsor Place. Accordingly, the Company is presenting two noticed variations to the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 in the event such variations are needed or desirable.

The intent of the proposed segment of Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 is to follow the future alignment of South Street up to Columbia Street and collocate with future re-development plans for the area. From Columbia Street, the route turns north before crossing a private commercial parking lot at the corner of Columbia Street and Windsor Place and then a second commercial parking lot north of Windsor Place associated with Royal Hospitality Services. From the Royal Hospitality Services commercial parking lot, the route crosses beneath the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) Fitchburg commuter tracks and new Green Line extension tracks, using a trenchless crossing technique. After crossing the tracks, the route travels in a westerly direction parallel to the MBTA railroad tracks and the new MBTA Union Station platform, before turning north parallel to Prospect Street (and around the approximate limits of a building footprint under construction), and then west across Prospect Street where it enters the Somerville Substation.

Kendall Noticed Alternative Route K11 (Fifth Street)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “K11”) is approximately 0.6-miles long connecting the New Substation to the existing East Cambridge Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning north across the abutting Volpe Center Site to Potter Street. From Potter Street, the route heads north onto 5th Street and west onto Munroe Street before crossing over Third Street onto Linskey Way. Potter Street, 5th Street, and Munroe Street are private roads. The route follows Linskey Way in an easterly direction before turning south onto Second Street to its interconnection point within the East Cambridge Substation.

Putnam Noticed Alternative Route P11 (Massachusetts Avenue)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “P11”) is approximately 0.9-miles long, located entirely within Cambridge. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway and then south onto Ames Street to the intersection with Main Street. The route heads west on Main Street parallel to the MBTA Red Line subway tunnel before crossing over the tunnel onto Vassar Street. The route heads south on Vassar Street to Massachusetts Avenue, where it then turns towards the southeast on Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route ends in a “T” configuration with the line being spliced into existing Eversource transmission line(s) to the east and west on Memorial Drive.

Brighton Noticed Alternative Route B31 East (River Street Bridge)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated a “B31”) is approximately 3.3-miles long, heading east to connect the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. The route follows Ames Street to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route turns to the west (following the east bound lanes of Memorial Drive) to the Reid Rotary at the Boston University Bridge, continuing west on Memorial Drive to the River Street Bridge. At this location, the route turns to the west across the River Street Bridge, over the Charles River, and onto Cambridge Street in Boston. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route would cross over the I-90 ramps following the approximate location of Cambridge Street if it is reconstructed at-grade as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. After passing through a short stretch of wooded, undeveloped land (~500-feet) adjacent to the roadway shoulder(s), the route transitions back onto Cambridge Street until it reaches Lincoln Street. The route follows Lincoln Street to the Brighton Substation.

Brighton Noticed Alternative Route B30 West (Anderson Street Bridge)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “B30”) is approximately 3.4-miles long, heading west from the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. The route follows Green Street to Putnam Avenue where it turns north and then west onto Mt. Auburn Street. The route follows Mt. Auburn Street to John F. Kennedy Street. The route then heads south along John F. Kennedy Street to the Anderson Memorial Bridge over the Charles River. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route follows North Harvard Street to Franklin Street and Lincoln Street before terminating at the Brighton Substation.

Ancillary Project Work

The Project includes work at five existing substations to accommodate new transmission lines: Somerville Substation #402, Putnam Bulk Substation #831, East Cambridge Substation #875, Brighton Substation #329, and North Cambridge Substation #509. All work to be done at these existing stations will be performed within the existing station fence lines.

Somerville Substation #402 Improvements

Project-related work at Station #402 will consist of installing new below-grade duct banks, above- grade cable terminations (in the location of the existing terminators), cable pulling/termination, and control and protection changes.

East Cambridge Substation #875 Improvements

The 115-kV bus at the East Cambridge Substation #875 is the terminal for the output cable of the adjacent Vicinity Energy Generating Unit and two supply cables that connect to the existing transmission system. To integrate the New Substation into the transmission system, the output cable of the Vicinity Energy Generating Unit will be disconnected from the 115-kV bus and connected to a proposed new line connecting directly to the New Substation. A new 115-kV line proposed from the New Substation will be connected to the switching position formerly utilized by the Vicinity Energy Generating Unit. Work will consist of reconfiguring duct banks in the station yard, cable pulling/ termination and control and protection changes.

Putnam Bulk Substation #831 Improvements

The 115-kV lines supplying the Putnam Bulk Substation #831 are proposed to be reconfigured at a location outside of the station footprint on Memorial Drive. Work at this substation facility will consist of protection and control changes. All work will be confined to the interior of the 115-kV relay room.

Brighton Substation #329 Improvements

Project-related work at the Brighton Substation #329 will consist of installing new below-grade duct banks, above-grade cable terminations (in the location of the existing terminators), cable pulling/termination, and control and protection changes.

North Cambridge #509 Substation Improvements

The 115-kV bus at North Cambridge Substation #509 is the source of the two 115-kV supply lines to Putnam Bulk Substation #831. To balance flows on the transmission system, air-core current limiting reactors (“CLRs”) will be installed at Station #509 near the location of the existing line terminations towards the center of the site. In addition to the installation of the CLRs and their associated foundations, a small section of air-insulated bus will be replaced with gas-insulated bus to achieve required electrical clearances. There will also be work associated with required modifications to protection and control equipment. The substation is bordered on all sides by developed areas including the MBTA railroad tracks to the north; Alewife Brook Parkway to the east; a shopping center and medical offices to the south; and residential apartments to the west.

Miscellaneous Distribution System Upgrades

The Company will also be installing a set of 36 distribution feeders and associated duct banks and other equipment that connects the New Substation to the existing distribution network in public ways immediately adjacent to the New Substation. While distribution lines are not jurisdictional to the Siting Board’s review under G.L. c. 164, §69J or §72, as part of the Project, the Company has nevertheless provided information about its build-out of the electric distribution system to identify the full scope of facilities that will be constructed in concert with the Project.

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2022.60 – 394 Broadway

Applicant: Capital Construction Contracting, Inc.
Owner: Alex Candelas
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of wood clapboard.

Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2022.41 – 37 Elmwood Street

Applicant: Jeremy Stivaletta
Owner: SSD 37 Elmwood, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.42 – 19 Hanson Street

Applicant: Jeremy Stivaletta
Owner: 19 Hanson SSD, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2022.29 – 76 Curtis Street

Applicant: Anthony Seretakis
Owner: Same as Applicant
The Applicant seeks to demolish both a principal and accessory structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.32 – 17 Hudson Street

Applicant: Nicole Black & Michael Pettit
Owner: Same as Applicant
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.37 – 63 Putnam Street

Applicant: FL Development, LLC
Owner: James F Saraiva & Philip G Saraiva Sr., representatives of the Estate of Joseph Saraiva
The Applicant seeks to demolish an accessory structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.

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Somerville High School to seek accreditation from New England Association of Schools and Colleges

The Somerville High School (SHS) leadership team and the Somerville Public Schools district are pleased to announce that SHS plans to seek formal accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Public schools have the option of seeking accreditation once every ten years. According to the NEASC website, accreditation is an ongoing, voluntary cycle of both internal and external assessments, planning, and reporting that allows schools to meet their unique goals while maintaining alignment with research-based standards that define characteristics of high quality, effective learning communities.

SHS announced its intent to enter the formal accreditation process this fall, however the full process will occur over three years, with a final decision by NEASC expected to be delivered in late 2025.

Co-principal Sebastian LaGambina stated that, "We are very excited to be starting the NEASC accreditation process. We are very proud of our recent work in developing the Highlander Habits as a profile for our graduates, our revamped community model, our extensive systems of support, our CTE program and workforce development initiatives, along with integrating equity work into our practices. We are confident and excited to highlight these strengths through the Self-Study reflection and we know that we will grow in all areas."

To launch the process, Somerville High School's faculty members met on October 12, 2022 to listen to strategies on preparing for the school's Self-Reflection. The session



was offered by Bill Wehrli, Associate Director for the Association's Commission on Public Schools.

To become a member of NEASC, a school must align with the Standards for Accreditation. The Self-Reflection provides an opportunity for the school's professional staff to review its educational programs, processes, systems, and practices to determine the degree to which SHS school aligns with those rigorous Standards. The Standards were established to ensure that the necessary components for effective education exist within the school. Mr. Wehrli noted that, "While Accreditation by the Association does not imply perfection, it does ensure that the school has the resources, leadership, and organization necessary to support the ongoing improvement required of all schools."

Following an extensive Self-Reflection, an assessment will be conducted by visiting teams of professional educators, sent by the Commission, who review all materials prepared by the faculty in the

Self-Reflection, visit classes, and talk with students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members during their four-day visit to the school. Somerville High School has been scheduled for visits at the conclusion of the Self-Reflection and again in April of 2025.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole agency to award Accreditation to PreK-12 schools, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in New England.

NEASC is a voluntary accrediting agency of more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, approximately 725 schools are accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Schools. The Commission works with individual schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of evaluation and Accreditation.

Notice of Water and Sewer billing issues

The Water and Sewer Department is currently undergoing hardware and software upgrades. If you believe there is an error with your bill, they apologize and ask that you email water@somervillema.gov with your account number, address, a description of the potential error, a copy of your bill, and a photo of the water meter showing the reading (and if possible, the serial number). If you are not able to email, please call 311 at 617-666-3311 for assistance.



Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 9

now in Somerville.

In 1648, Margaret Jones of Charlestown was the first woman in the Massachusetts Bay Colony to be executed for witchcraft. This took place forty-four years before the Salem Witch trials. Some say that the Mystic River's name came from women like Margaret, whose only crime was gathering medicinal and mystical herbs for the sick along its shore.

Many ghost stories have flourished through the years regarding the 4,200 British and Hessian/German prisoners who were held on Somerville's hills during the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Stand and Deliver was his cry and his life became an instant Robin Hood-type narrative. Michael Martin or Captain Lightfoot was the first and last person to suffer his fate on this state's gallows for highway robbery. His last crime totaled only \$12 dollars and a watch stolen on Mystic Avenue at Temple Street from dignitary Major Bray of Boston and his wife. He never robbed ladies, always being chivalrous to the fairer sex. He just shook their hands and galloped away. At his execution, which drew hundreds, his last words were said to be, "Don't let your sons end up like me."

The largest memorial in Somerville honors world-record holding aviatrix Amelia Earhart. She was declared missing over the Pacific Ocean in July of 1937 in her flying attempt to circumnavigate the world. An official sixteen-day search was made with nine vessels, four thousand crewmen, and 66 aircraft to no avail. Today, 85 years later, her mystery still lies submerged.

Washington Irving, was the author of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, a Halloween classic. He also wrote a short story titled The Devil and Tom Walker which took place where Tom lived along the edge of the Mystic River. In this tale, Tom sells his soul to the devil in exchange for Captain Kidd's treasure which is rumored to be buried near Ten Hills. Like Irving's legend of New York's Sleepy Hollow, where he is buried, Somerville has its hollows.

Let's take a look!

- After her passing, Elizabeth Peabody was buried in Concord's historic Sleepy Hollow Cemetery along with her sister Sophia and her husband, Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- There is a female-owned and operated hair styling business on Highland Avenue called Hair at Little Hollow.
- Ball Square Fine Wines offers a fine California unoaked chardonnay called Toad Hollow.
- For years, Teele Square and its fire station were kiddingly referred to as Sleepy Hollow. That was until the Red Line trains came to Davis Square and changed all that. Today, it's not sleepy anymore.
- This fall The Burren in Davis Square has featured the popular Boston band, Autumn Hollow.
- Many houses still standing today were moved in the late 1800's from today's Broadway/Foss Park site to Partridge Avenue and the Magoun Square area. At that time and earlier, this was Somerville's largest park and was called Happy Hollow.

Happy Halloween, Somerville!

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more about Somerville from those who lived in it. **400 Somerville Ave.** Suggested donation of \$5 for those over 12 years. Proceeds support the preservation and educational activities of the **Somerville Museum.**

Due to **upcoming construction on Holland St.**, there will be **no MBTA outbound service on Holland St. through October 26.** The contractor will be installing three raised crossings: One at Paulina St., one at Hodgkins Curtin Park, and one at Winter St. This will require a 24/7 detour: 1. Road closed to Westbound traffic (Davis to Teele Square). Detour College Ave to Broadway 2. One-way Eastbound traffic will remain open on Holland Street (Teele to Davis Square).

Strummerville is back **every fourth Wednesday at Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Ave. Join in on **October 26** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More info on the meetup at: <https://www.meetup.com/bostonuke>.

The **Halloween Block Party and Pet Parade** will be held **Saturday, October 29** (rain date Sunday, October 30) from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on **Cross St. East** and **Chuckie Harris Park**. There will be family activities like story hour with **@allshewrotebooks** and pet training demonstrations by **@zendogtraining**. Take your pet down the red carpet in our pet parade and costume contest. Shop artisan vendors like **@luxandknox** and **@lucid.leathers** and buy yourself a treat from **@petrovachocolates**. Don't forget to treat your pet with

something from **@stinkysgrooming**.

Witchcrafting at West, Wednesdays in October, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. at the **West Somerville Branch Library**. Get into the spooky season spirit each Wednesday in October as they will be crafting together, nibbling on tasty snacks, and watching some of your favorite witchy shows. Check out all of the offerings: (**October 26**): Design your own tarot and oracle cards and **The Curious Creations of Christine McConnell**. Please contact **ShanTil** at syell@somervillema.gov with any questions.

Donate to the **MAMAS free store**. **MAMAS – Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville** is seeking gently used winter clothes of all sizes and ages, especially coats and boots. The free store is on **November 12** (rain date November 13). Call or text 339-545-1315 for drop off locations and times. They are also accepting monetary donations: opencollective.com/mamas (Select Winter Free Clothing Store).

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the **Armory Cafe** presents a live, in-person concert with singer/songwriters **Tim Foley, Doug Kwartler** and **Sam Bayer** on **Saturday, November 5**. The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and there is a suggested donation of \$15. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions.

Registration for **Somerville Youth Hockey Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey** is open. All sessions take place at either Veterans or Founders rinks in Somerville. Beginner classes are geared towards kids 3-9 who have never skated nor played hockey before. There's also a new Advanced option for kids aged 9 and older who are ready for a more fast-paced introduction to the fundamentals of hockey and skating. To learn more and register, visit <https://www.somervilleyouthhockey.org/lts-ltp>. Financial aid (and some equipment) is available.

Somerville Public Schools is hosting **clinics at school sites** in October for children, families, and staff. Registration and more information at: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/vaccineclinics>. Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. **October 26, Wednesday** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **West Somerville Neighborhood School**. Influenza vaccine only. The **City of Somerville** is also hosting weekly vaccine clinics offering the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. Those clinics start on **October 5** and operate **Wednesdays** (except October 26) from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at **City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Ave.

The **SHS Class of 1982 40th Reunion** will be held at **117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA** on **November 15**, 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person, dinner included, cash bar. (\$50 after November 4). Payment methods: include Paypal: mbmbrennan44@gmail.com, Venmo: SHS Class of 1982 **@shsclassof1982**, Check: made out to SHS Class of 1982

mailed to **Marybeth Caturello**, 85 MacArthur Road Stoneham, MA 02180. For any other questions, please email **Marybeth Brennan** at mbmbrennan@comcast.net or call **Marybeth Caturello** at 617-851-2519.

Make your **perceptions of local policing and public safety** known by taking the **Somerville Department of Racial and Social Justice's survey**. Feedback will set the course of future work for the RSJ department. All residents are encouraged to participate. To learn more about the RSJ department, visit somervillema.gov/rsj.

Every Wednesday through November 23, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. visit the **Davis Square Farmers Market**, across from American Flatbread at **44 Day St.** Visit: <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis>.

This weekend is the final weekend for **The Union Square and East Somerville Farmer's Market**. **Saturday, October 29**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the **Union Square Farmers Market** takes place at **66-70 Union Sq.** visit: <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmseason>. East Somerville Farmers Market will be **Sunday, October 30** the **East Somerville Library**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

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SCGC Seasonal Salvage Sale and Makers' Market returns

The Growing Center “Yard Sale” was an annual event pre-pandemic that raised funds for our Annual Fund. After a multi-year hiatus, it returned in 2022 with a twist. Rather than a traditional yard sale, it morphed into a two-part shopping experience: a curated, seasonally-themed secondhand boutique sale where 100% of the proceeds go to the Growing Center, and a new “Makers’ Market” filled with local craft vendors. This year’s event took place on Saturday, October 22, at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Party Under the Harvest Moon raises \$160K to benefit Food For Free

Last week, 200 supporters, donors, and community members gathered for Party Under the Harvest Moon hosted by Food For Free. The annual event raised \$160,000 to support the nonprofit's year-round food rescue and redistribution efforts in over 20 communities across Eastern Massachusetts.

"Hunger is at an all-time high, and our distribution of food has gone from two million pounds pre-pandemic to nearly eight million in 2022," says Marena Burnett, Chief Development Officer at Food For Free. "Food For Free is committed to providing fresh, delicious, and culturally connected foods and to implementing a food access model that is full of dignity. The Party Under the Harvest Moon was a celebration of our volunteers, sponsors, donors, partners, staff and friends who make our critical work possible. We are grateful for this support and community."

After a two-year break, Food For Free was thrilled to welcome event guests back in-person. Each year, Party Under the Harvest Moon raises critical funding in

support of the nonprofit's innovative programs that address nutrition insecurity, rescue roughly 2 million pounds of food annually, and distribute around 7.5 million pounds of food across Eastern Massachusetts.

During Party Under the Harvest Moon, guests enjoyed beverages and heavy appetizers by Something Savory, a silent auction, and live music by The Nephrok! Allstars. Members from across the community were in attendance, from Manolo, a BC High student who has been volunteering regularly at Food For Free for the past two years, and who brought his mom along as his "date," to Maggie, who has served on the Food For Free board for 19 years. The atmosphere at MIT's Morss Hall became electric as The Nephrok! Allstars took the stage with their soulful energy, and party attendees could be seen enthusiastically defending bids on their favorite auction items before winners were confirmed at 9:00 p.m.

Food insecurity increased massively as a result of the pandemic. According to a recent study



From Left to Right: Johnny Long, of East Cambridge Savings Bank; Aghogho Okparavero, of Takeda; Dhruv Desai, of Takeda; Deanne Wherry, of BCBSMA and Food For Free Board; Alanna Mallon, Vice Mayor of Cambridge; Anya Bear, of Government and Community Relations at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Amy Copperman, Food For Free Board; Stephen Pratt, Food For Free Board; Manolo Barroso, a Boston College High School student; Marena Burnett, of Food For Free.

— Photo by Linda Young

published by the Greater Boston Food Bank, one in three adults in Massachusetts is food insecure. Families with young children and Black and Brown communities are disproportionately affected. Further, food prices increased 10.3 percent over the past 12 months, according to the Con-

sumer Price Index, Boston. Today's inflation not only makes it harder for people to afford higher-priced fresh fruits and vegetables, but also increases the costs for hunger relief organizations to make purchases and transport goods to those in need. That's where Food For Free comes in.

Food For Free acquires rescued, donated, and purchased food from a number of sources to meet the increased demand to help ensure that everyone in the community--regardless of age or ability--has consistent access to nutrition. For more information, visit: www.foodforfree.org.

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1825 – The first boat on the Erie Canal leaves Buffalo, N.Y.

1881 – Three Earp brothers and Doc Holliday have a shootout with the Clantons and McLaurys at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona Territory.

1942 – Japanese attack Guadalcanal, sinking two U.S. carriers.

1955 – *The Village Voice* is first published, backed in part by Norman Mailer.

1958 – The first New York – Paris transatlantic jet passenger service is inaugurated by Pan Am

1970 – Gary Trudeau's comic strip *Doonesbury* first appears.

1994 – Israel and Jordan sign a peace treaty.

2001 – The USA PATRIOT Act signed into law by Pres. George W. Bush, greatly expanding intelligence and legal agencies' ability to utilize wiretaps, records searches and surveillance.

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10. Thomas the Tank Engine

11. Count von Count

12. Vampire bats

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo – Tuesday 11, 18 and 25 at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group – 3rd Thursday of each month (October 20) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. For more information, please contact Claudia Ferro at 857-237-1801.

Game Hour – Mondays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) The dates are October 24 and 31. Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. This month the dates are October 17, 24 and 31. Zoom meeting Mondays from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. New and returning members are welcome! To RSVP, please call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofitness10@yahoo.com.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. October 28. The walking group meets in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for this program, contact Debby Higgins at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes—Monday, October 28 in person at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 26 in person at 9:00 a.m. Classes are limited. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for additional information.

Strength and Balance General Exercise Class—Monday, October 28 in person at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 26 in person at 11:00 a.m. Join us for our exercise class focused on increasing our strength and balance, the course incorporates weights and light cardio. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for additional information.

Coffee & Conversation – Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – At the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) October 31 Join us as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at mabastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600,

ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Men's Group – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. This month the date is October 11. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert at ndeamato@hotmail.com

Bowling – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Flatbreads Company / Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. October 26. For more information or to sign up please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov.

Kiwanis Senior Thanksgiving Dinner – Thursday, November 10 at 5:00pm at Somerville High School Culinary Arts. This event is sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Somerville. Please RSVP to Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319, this event has limited seating.

Brown Bag Supplemental Food Program – PICK UP Thursday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) For an application contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Understanding the Food Label and the Fine Print – Wednesdays, October 26 and November 2 at the Holland Street Center - So many of us look at items on shelves, glance at the food label but have no idea what we are looking at. Join us in reading the food label and understanding what you are looking at. Also, what is the fine print under the label that you may or may not need a magnifying glass to read! What is in the package. Understand the grams and percentages. Knowing what is enough and are you getting what you need. Class space is limited. Call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email Mary at Headtofitness10@yahoo.com.

De-cluttering Support Group – Tuesdays through November 1 from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Sometimes it's easier to collect items and harder to get rid of them. De-cluttering can be a difficult process, but you don't have to do it alone. If you are looking for support regarding downsizing, decluttering or discarding items, consider joining the de-cluttering support group. With a supportive group environment, you will learn how to turn your mountain of items into a manageable amount. This group is open to those 60 years or older and who are residents of either Somerville or Cambridge. To RSVP, please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or nnaim@somervillema.gov

Virtual Fit-4-Life Exercise Program – Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Throughout the month of October, our virtual classes will be led by John Pecchia. With 15 years of experience in the fitness industry, John has his B.S. in Applied Exercise Science and a MEd in Kinesiology and Physical Education. Please contact John at jrpecchia@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Follow the Somerville Council on Aging on Instagram – You can find us under the Instagram handle: somervillecouncilonaging If you have any questions or need help following us, contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email her at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Please note that the Council on Aging will be closed on Monday, October 10th in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

The Council on Aging is excited to announce the return of our Senior Transportation Program. The COA will be offering free taxi rides to Somerville residents over the age of 60. Rides are available to go to the grocery store, farmer's market, pharmacy in Somerville and routine medical appointments in the surrounding communities. To best accommodate the needs of everyone in the City and to maximize the use of our funding, we will be capping the number of rides per week. To ensure the health and welfare of every resident of Somerville, exemptions will be made for chemotherapy and radiation appointments. To find out more information or to schedule your ride, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. All rides must be booked two business days in advance. This program is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'In Between Spaces: An Anthology of Disabled Writers'

In Between Spaces: An Anthology of Disabled Writers
Rebecca Burke, ed.
Stillhouse Press. 258pp.

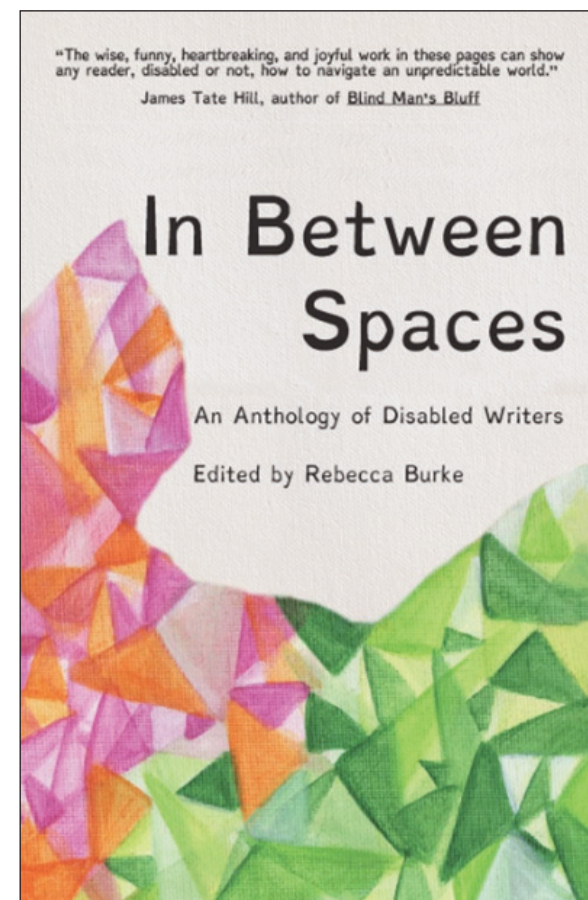
Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Ruth Hoberman

Curb cuts, kneeling buses, closed captions, and audible walk lights were a start. But disability rights activists are now asking for more: representation. This means representation in positions of power as well as representations in the media that they have themselves created. "Growing up, I never read a book with a main character like me written by a disabled author," Rebecca Burke writes at the start of *In Between Spaces*, an anthology of work by thirty-three writers who identify as disabled. In solidarity with other underrepresented populations, Burke insists that publishing – long dominated by its "cisgender, heteronormative, ableist, and white supremacist history" – must make room for more diverse voices. In *In Between Spaces* addresses ableism in particular: the assumption that bodies and minds differing from social norms or notions of health are defined solely by that difference, and that they therefore need "fixing." Look elsewhere, these writers collectively suggest – at infrastructure, attitudes, and institutions – for what needs fixing.

Burke and her fellow editorial board members at Stillhouse Press – a student- and alumni-run press affiliated with George Mason University – have sought out work arising from the spaces "in-between traditional diagnostic criteria and textbook definitions, where lived experience fills the gaps in our understanding." Individual pieces are true to this aim: fiction blurs with nonfiction, poetry with prose; poems push the boundaries of form and genre. There are no straightforward narratives of diagnosis, treatment, and cure. Instead, we get immersion in the minds of interesting, carefully individualized people.

What exactly is "wrong" with the narrator of *Mornings*, a nonfiction piece by Rhea Dhanbhoora, which opens the book? What struck me as I read was how much I wanted to be told and how thoroughly my desire was rebuffed. The narrator has problems with her legs. "But you're not disabled," people tell her. "Disabled is – like really disabled." But her legs "just hang there limp, loose, on fire." My impulse was to impose a narrative on her experience, one where the tension comes from sickness and the happy ending means cure. Her friends tell her, "you're not disabled – everyone has back problems." But that urge to deny or fix someone else's reality is one of the problems this anthology seeks to expose and counteract.

Many pieces point out the limitations of medical



terms. Poems like *Health History*, *Galvanic Skin Test Response*, *Turner syndrome*, and *Bipolar II* undercut and complicate diagnostic labels. Kaleigh O'Keefe's *Diagnostic Laparoscopy* echoes a medical textbook with its headings and bullet points:

I. What will the surgeon find inside me?

- . blood and muscle
- . inflammation
- . scar tissue (to be expected)
- . scar tissue (that wasn't expected)
- . a box of Kleenex

The list mingles likely things ("scar tissue") with unlikely ("maybe that tampon I still don't know if I lost on the dance floor or if it got sucked into the black hole behind my cervix seven years ago when I got too drunk at that lesbian music festival"). There's a hint of rage in some of the imagined findings: "an old stone wall creeping through my guts" or "a bomb." We learn so much about this person through her fantasies that what the surgeon does finally find – endometriosis – feels laughably inadequate.

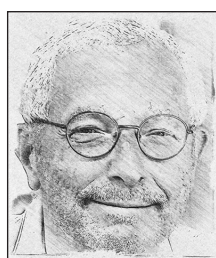
Lili Sarayrah's *pain(t)—by—number*, a wry nonfictional account of back pain, complicates the infamous 1-10 pain scale with a paint-by-number set. Immobilitized by pain and the pandemic, *Continued on page 23*

Lyrical

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Jim De Filippi writes: I am primarily a novelist, having published forty books. I am a Vietnam Era veteran and retired school teacher who has been living in Salem for ten years.



Inspired by J.D.'s Annoying Sonnet:

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The Burren welcomes guitar master Pierre Bensusan

Pierre Bensusan's 2020 North American tour was in full swing when the pandemic shut it down causing him to return home to France. He's making up for lost time with an extensive North American tour that will bring him to the stage of The Burren in Somerville, MA.

Bensusan has, throughout his career and a string of recordings, confirmed his place as an acoustic visionary who combines sensibility with shadings of ethereal jazz, latin, celtic, pop, world music and classical melodies; free and fusion styles. Born in 1957 in French Algeria, Bensusan released his debut album *Près de Paris* in 1975 at the age of 17. It won Le Grand Prix du Disque at the Montreux Festival in Switzerland (1976). More albums and extensive touring followed, as well as a recording contract with Columbia in the US. This artist has earned his stripes: more recently being elected Best Guitarist of World Music by the readers of *Guitar Player Magazine*.

His triple album *Encore* won the Grand Prix of the Independent Music Awards in the cate-

gory Best Live Album. Over the course of his career, he has sold half a million albums and given thousands of concerts around the globe, both solo and through numerous collaborations. Guitarists from Leo Kottke to Larry Coryell, to Tuck Andress, Steve Lukather, and others have sung his praises, and rock guitar icon Steve Vai released three Bensusan albums on his label Favored Nations. And it's not just guitarists who are so inspired by Pierre's music, as a recent studio collaboration with him on Donny Osmond's latest album "Start Again" goes to show.

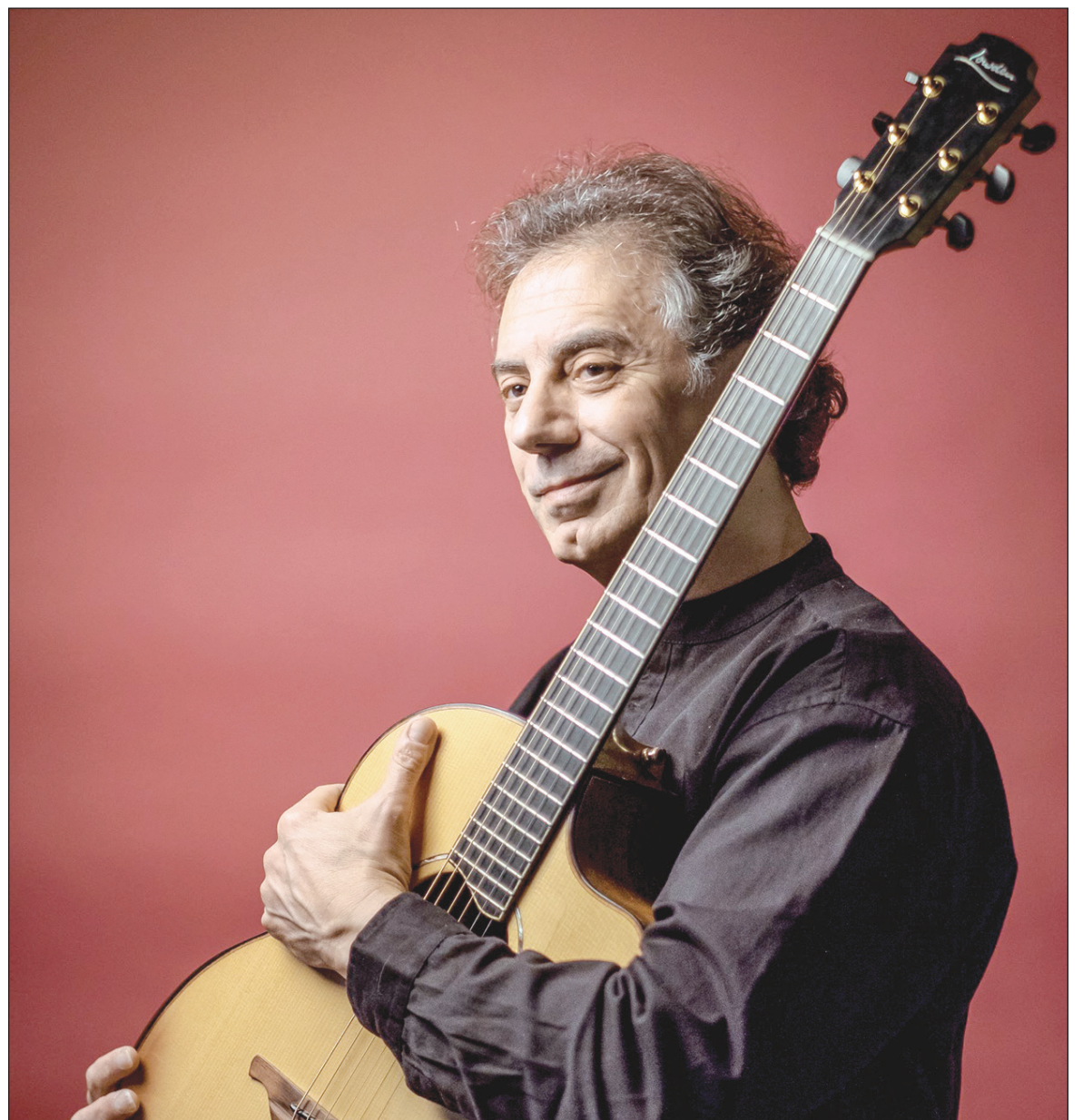
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Sarayrah seeks distraction in her paint set but finds instead just another facet of her bodily condition: "If my pain were a color, it would be like paint No. 19, a shade of orange like those traffic cones marking caution ahead." The pain scale, of course, frustrates with its narrow range of options; so, too, does the world's desire to label who she is: "I feel in-between a lot of the time. Specifically in-between cultures, jobs, and diagnoses." Sarayrah's essay ends tentatively, inconclusively: there is no definitive triumph, only "acceptance of the imperfection." And most important is her own incalculability as a human self: "I put away my pain(t) and when we film my first wobbly steps, no one's counting."

No one's counting because experience isn't reducible to numerical formulae. That lovely ending made me think of Whitman's *When Last I heard the Learn'd Astronomer*, in which the speaker, "unaccountable," gets impatient with the lecture and wanders out alone to look "in perfect silence at the stars." The people in these poems, essays, and stories are all insistently unaccountable: individuals conveying what it feels like to live inside a particular body or mind at a particular time and place.

Resistance to categories means also resistance to conventional endings. Wendy Elizabeth Wallace offers the reader alternative plot options as she narrates *Your Very*

Own Low-Vision Dating Adventure, and Teresa Milbrodt, in *Cyclops Notes*, a fragmented account of visual impairment, writes, "Life means continually revising what is normal, embracing your tenuousness, wondering if the twinge in your elbow is temporary or permanent. Nobody is ever out of the woods. Life is all about the woods."

There are many more writers worth mentioning than I can include here. But I'll conclude with Latif Askia Ba, whose four extraordinary poems depict life inside a body with "crooked glowing limbs." *On Gospel (a Mender)* is particularly innovative and powerful. Aligned on the page's left margin is an account of "this body like an exile,/like a wound dumb luck carved into my neurons,/a wound only words can pass through." Interspersed is an account of listening to "Aretha's gospel/over and over"—an account aligned along the right margin. "Only the gospel can remedy/this confusion," we learn: the confusion of a mind where words from "Plato's Republic/and the Pali Canon collide with verses/of Patwah." The remedy: "She knows/one must bend to testify."

Ba's *Houses*, the book's penultimate piece, epitomizes the anthology's ability to familiarize us with unfamiliar voices even as it defamiliarizes the familiar:

Even houses are strange.

They live in you.

They're shaped of corners and doorways,

parts of apartments and crammed lodgings—

private as a pair of testicles.

I thought of Philip Larkin's *Home is So Sad*, but his houses are tame, "Shaped to the comfort of the last to go." For Ba,

Houses cut you open:

a jagged wood,

a very bad word,

a question.

And when houses die, they leave behind an "inheritance" that captures the incongruities and beauties of this anthology: "a dying washing machine, a garden devoured by winter,/an old CPU, a bird unnamed by man."

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