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SHS graduate, former U.S. Olympian visits Somerville High School

By Jim Clark



SHS alumnus and former Olympian Phil Reavis, Sr. poses with members of the SHS Athletics staff.

The City of Somerville has a rich history of supporting the achievements of its many local athletes and athletics programs of its public and private schools. Some have gone on to excel in professional careers, gaining success and notoriety in their chosen fields of activity.

Former Somerville High School athlete and U.S. Olympian, Phil Reavis Sr., paid a visit to his alma mater on October 27 to tour the new high school field house and gym. Reavis, a graduate of the class of 1954, rose to international acclaim for his skill in track and field as a high jumper.

After winning local and national titles as an SHS student, Reavis was recruited by Villanova University and went on to win collegiate

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'Ghosts of Somerville' at Milk Row Cemetery

By Emilia Wisniewski

On the final SomerStreets event of the year, Milk Row Cemetery held their annual Ghosts of Somerville event on October 30.

People of all ages entered the cemetery for a guided tour and were able to interact with historical actors who told the stories of the people who were buried.

The event started in 2006 as a play, but in partnership with SomerStreets Monster Mash in 2009, Ghosts of Somerville became a tour with volunteers as the reenactors, said Somerville Museum President Barbara Magnum.

"To bring more interest to it, we started doing this," Magnum said. "And we would try to do it around Halloween because there

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Historic reenactors helped to educate visitors about Milk Row Cemetery and its many "residents" during the "SomerStreets Monster Mash" event last Sunday.

— Photos by Emilia Wisniewski

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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 somerville-ma.gov/sampleballots. Somerville voters can vote early, by mail, or on Election Day. For all information about voting in Somerville, go to somervillema.gov/elections.

The **Ward 6 Community Meeting** takes place on **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 **Amanda Fee**. We wish her the very best on her birthday. A special happy birthday to **Diane Suffredini**, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the best and hope she has a great year. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Candy Feldt, John** *Continued on page 7*


Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 19 – October 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>November 2</i>	Sunny	69°/41°	7%	3%	N 10 mph
 Thursday <i>November 3</i>	Sunny	60°/44°	7%	3%	2 6 mph
 Friday <i>November 4</i>	Partly Cloudy	68°/50°	9%	5%	SW 10 mph
 Saturday <i>November 5</i>	Partly Cloudy	74°/55°	6%	4%	S 11 mph
 Sunday <i>November 6</i>	Partly Cloudy	75°/60°	2%	1%	SSW 11 mph
 Monday <i>November 7</i>	Partly Cloudy	73°/55°	22%	17%	WSW 10 mph
 Tuesday <i>November 8</i>	Rain	67°/54°	41%	36%	ESE 8mph

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

Somerville seeks volunteers at The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial



The City of Somerville seeks volunteers to staff The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial during its stay in Somerville, November 10-14, at the Mass General Brigham Great Lawn at Assembly Row (399 Revolution Dr.). The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., that travels across the country to give those who can't get to Washington a chance to experience the power of the memorial. Like the original monument, The Moving Wall displays the names of more than 58,000 American service members who died in the Vietnam War. Next month, it makes its way to Somerville for the first time over Veterans Day weekend. The Moving Wall will be open for public viewing 24 hours a day while it's in Somerville. Volunteers can sign up for a four-hour shift to assemble the wall on November 10, to provide general visitor support throughout its stay, or to clean up the site on November 14. An orientation for all volunteers will take place Monday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mass General Brigham Great Lawn. To sign up, go to somervillema.gov/movingwall or call the Department of Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4710.

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

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Davis Square is in for some drastic changes. We will say goodbye to Martsa on Elm, Tibetan Cuisine, When Pigs Fly, Dragon Pizza, Sligo pub, Kung Fu Tea, and McKinnon's. Obliterated will be 231-249 Elm St and 6-8 Grove St. A science research center with commercial space will rise from the ruins.

I go way back with McKinnons. Jimmy, one of the owners is a great guy. My friends Ross, Phyllis, Bob, and Rose also worked there. Ross made the best and the biggest sub sandwiches. They also had the best fillet mignon around. I'll miss popping into McKinnon's as well many other customers. Sligo was where my dad, me and my sons drank. Dad hung around there when it was Pat Connolly's. I still recall the jar full of hard-boiled eggs on the bar. Places like Sligo were called a "gin mill" in the old days.

"Yeah, it's ridiculous. They're killing the culture of the city"

As usual I asked the readers to weigh in on how they feel about saying goodbye to



these tried-and-true businesses and here they come:

"The last of old Somerville. No more inexpensive meat or alcohol. Tom at Sligo used to tell me how the yuppies would hit Sligo first to get a buzz then hit the upscale places."

"So, when we hear shop local, do business local it's all garbage. If small businesses don't go under due to illness and economy, City Hall will do them under. Money talks."

"All you have to do is grease a few palms in Somerville." Wow!

"These people Suck that are running our city. I'm sorry to sound off harsh but all these changes just suck!" Yikes! (please don't shoot the messenger!)

"Yeah, it's ridiculous. They're killing the culture of the city."

"Why don't they build it where the old Rite Aid building is. That's been empty for quite a long time now. It's awful to put those businesses out."

We're getting used to seeing old busi-

nesses and buildings come down. We are in the midst of the new Somerville so we better get used to it. In the meantime, I have to find another place to buy my fillet mignon. Good luck to the people who are being displaced. Maybe McKinnon's or Sligo will move into one of the commercial spaces.



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titles and compete in the 1956 Olympic Games. Reavis placed seventh in the Olympics that year.

In addition to his athletic skill and awards, Mr. Reavis returned to Somerville and taught at the Western Junior High School, mentored local youth, and ran programs for the Somerville Recreation Commission. Among his many other notable career accomplishments, Mr. Reavis coached and taught in Asia, where he retired and currently lives with his wife. Mr. Reavis is also an accomplished jazz saxophonist.

Recently, the city's Memorialization Committee voted unanimously to name the yet-to-be-built athletic field at SHS in Reavis' honor.



SPS Athletic Director Stanley Vieira and Phil Reavis, Sr. view the new SHS trophy case which features a plaque with Reavis' name, and a recent addition of Reavis' Sports Illustrated cover feature.



SPS Athletic Director Stanley Vieira presents Phil Reavis, Sr. with Somerville Highlander gear, including a Varsity letter.



Phil Reavis, Sr. receives a tour of the new SHS gym from SHS staff.

'Ghosts of Somerville' at Milk Row Cemetery CONT. FROM PG 1

is so much interest in cemeteries at that time."

Magnum and Brandon Wilson, Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Committee, worked on preserving the old cemetery as many of the gravestones had worn down over the years with broken and dirty marble. Through cleaning, re-

patching, and molding the stone, the headstones were successfully restored.

Milk Row Cemetery was founded in 1804 and was originally a private burial ground, but friends and neighbors could also be buried there with permission from the land owners.

One of the most prominent

landmarks in the cemetery is the Civil War monument in the middle of the grounds. Built in 1863, it is the first monument in the United States to commemorate Civil War soldiers.

"I think we have a lot of really exciting historical sites here in Somerville," said reenactor Mehitabel Glenhaber. "It's cool to re-

alize there are so many windows into so many centuries of history right here."

With nine stations of actors dressed in historic attire and several tour guides, dozens of people got to learn more about the small cemetery that had been there for centuries.

Somerville residents like An-

drew Lazara wanted to know the history behind Milk Row through the reenactments.

"I had been interested in learning more about the history because this is a very old cemetery and it's always locked," Lazara said. "It was really interesting and I wanted to check out more."



Public Meeting | Bus Network Redesign

Bus routes are going to change in Somerville (and beyond), and the MBTA shared an updated proposal of what that might look like. Since the initial proposal in May, they made lots of changes based on public input.

But there's still room for your input! Join their online meeting Nov 2. Public Meeting | Bus Network Redesign (Virtual) | Events | MBTA

More details at <https://www.somervillestep.org/new-bus-route-redesign-proposal/>



Somerville Winter Farmers Market opens 13th season this weekend

The Center for Arts at the Armory (CAA) announces that it will host and manage the 13th Annual Somerville Winter Farmers Market (SWFM) every Saturday beginning November 5 through April 8, 2023. This weekly market offers the best locally grown and regionally produced agricultural items, including vegetable produce, cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, and sweets. Each market will feature more than 35 weekly vendors and several rotating guest vendors while welcoming an anticipated 1,000 visitors.

Starting in 2022, Arts at the Armory will add three November markets to their Somerville Winter Farmers Market season. This addition was made after a difficult decision was reached to condense the Union Square Farmers Market season by three markets to 25 weeks as Union Square Main Streets (the producing organization of USFM) works best to support the many elements of their expansive economic empowerment services to 192+ businesses throughout Union Square.

Understanding this could pro-

vide a challenge, especially to SNAP customers who depend on the weekly \$15 SNAP match both markets provide, USMS engaged their partners at the Center for Arts at the Armory and together the two problem-solved to prevent a gap in support. Together with Union Square Farmers Market and their fellow Somerville Farmers Market Coalition members – City of Somerville’s Mobile Market and Mass Farmers Markets’ Davis Square Market – a weekly farmers market will be available to the community for 45 out of 52 weeks in the calendar year.

The mission of the Somerville Winter Farmers Market is to bring healthy, local food and products to all customers regardless of economic status. In addition to cash, credit and debit, SNAP/EBT is also accepted and the market provides a free \$15 match so that SNAP / EBT customers receive \$30 worth of food for only \$15. The market is also participating in the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), which allows qualifying customers to receive between \$40-\$80 worth of free farm-fresh fruits



and vegetables from participating HIP vendors.

“We are proud to offer a weekly market that serves our community during the long, winter months and also provides economic opportunities for local farms and businesses. With food being a way to highlight different cultures, our vendors also reflect the rich diversity of our local community. The market is the

place to be on winter Saturday mornings!” says Stephanie Scherpf, CAA Co-Director / CEO.

“The SWFM fosters a community for our vendors and customers during the cold and potentially isolating months out of the year. We want to continue to provide local, healthy, and affordable food in a time when food insecurity has been on the rise,” says Juliana Soltys, CAA’s Market Manager. “Please join us in cultivating a sustainable food system by supporting local businesses and farmers during this challenging time.”

The market will welcome back much-loved vendors, including Red Fire Farm, Heron Pond Farm, Winter Moon Roots, and Freedom Food Farm, each with a wide array of produce and winter greenhouse greens. Kimball Fruit Farm will be selling apples and other root vegetables, and Mycoterra will provide mushrooms once again this year.

Cheeses will be available from Bell & Goose Cheese and Round Table Farm, while savory meats will be available from specialty vendors like Stillman Quality Meats and Lilac Hedge. Fresh artisanal pastries will return from Mariposa Bakery, while frozen tamales

will again be available from a market favorite, Tex Mex Eats. Delectable desserts and confections will be offered by Blanche’s Ice Cream, Onebitesweet, and Piping Plover Baking Co., with chocolate specialties from Tick Tock Chocolates and Sueños Chocolates. Deano’s Pasta and Valicenti Pasta Farm will offer fresh, homemade pastas, and Fork on a Road and Mother’s Kitchen will offer Indian meal kits and prepared products.

Thus far, generous grant sponsorship support for this season’s SWFM has been provided by The City of Somerville, Sira Naturals, Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation, Holistic Industries and Middlesex Federal.

The Center for Arts at the Armory is located at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. To learn more and for a complete listing of vendors, weekly specials, and live entertainment, please visit www.somwintermarket.org. You can find the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SomervilleWinterFarmersMarket, and on Instagram @SomWinterMarket.

Please note that the Somerville Winter Farmers Market will not be held on November 26, 2022, or December 24 or 31, 2022.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call looks at an important but little-known roll call vote from 2019 related to Question 1 on the November ballot.

BEHIND THE SCENES ON QUESTION 1

The first question on the November ballot asks voters if they favor a proposed constitutional change that would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million annually. Language in the change requires that "subject to appropriation, the revenue will go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation."

Supporters say the change will affect only 18,000 extremely wealthy individuals and will generate up to \$2 billion annually in additional tax revenue. They argue that using the funds for education and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers. They note the hike would help lower income families which are now paying a higher share of their income in taxes.

Opponents argue the new tax will result in the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs, \$405 million annually in personal disposable income and some millionaires moving out of state. They say that the earmarking of the funds for specific projects is a phony sham and argue all the funds will go into the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything.

While considering the measure in 2019, Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading) offered an amendment that was defeated 34-123 by the House and 6-33 by the Senate. The amendment would have required that the revenue generated by the 4 percent tax be in addition, not in lieu of, the amount of funding for education and transportation that the Legislature already spends on those two areas.

Amendment supporters said this will prevent a "bait and switch" scenario in which \$1.9 billion in new revenue from the 4 percent tax is dedicated to transportation and education but then the Legislature takes money out of the money currently spent in those areas and spends it elsewhere. The net result would be that the \$1.9 billion would be essentially spent in other areas rather than the two promised ones.

Amendment opponents said the intent of the amendment is clear and there is no evidence that this is a "bait and switch" amendment. They argued that the proposal is on solid ground and that there is no need to add this language.

"Question 1 supporters claim all of the revenues generated through the proposed surtax on income above \$1 million will go to education and transportation, but the truth is this funding would be 'subject to appropriation,' which means the Legislature can spend it any way it wants," said Jones. "I offered the amending language requiring that any revenues raised be allocated 'in addition to' and not 'in lieu of' funding that is already being spent in these two areas. Voters have an expectation that Question 1 will provide for increased spending on education and transportation, and my amendment would have offered some degree of certainty that that will actually happen. Without this stipulation, I'm afraid voters are being sold a false bill of goods that could result in a 'bait and switch' that provides no net increase in education or transportation spending."

"The Jones amendment, twice proposed and defeated... during the constitutional amendment debates, was intended to codify proponents' alleged intent and assurances and hold them to it," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation which opposed and defeated the last two graduated income tax ballot questions to amend the state constitution in 1976 and 1994. "The amendment would have enshrined in this constitutional amendment what is being blithely asserted by proponents, that all new revenue from the potential surtax on millionaires would supplement rather than supplant existing spending on transportation and education. If anyone needs evidence that this is a 'bait and switch' scam to deceive voters, they need look no further than those two defeats of that one amendment."

"This amendment that was offered and rejected, would have held accountable the proponent's claim that this 80 percent income tax hike would be used for the additional spending on education and transportation," said Paul Craney, spokesperson for the Mass Fiscal Alliance. "It failed because the Legislature cannot be bound by a ballot question for how it spends our tax dollars. If Question 1 is passed, there is absolutely no guarantee this 80 percent income tax hike would be used on additional spending for transportation and education."

Three key players who support Question 1 did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on the Jones' amendment, including Questions 1's co-sponsors Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) and Rep. Michael O'Day (D-West Boylston), as well as Andrew Farnitano, spokesperson for the "Yes on Question 1" campaign.

(Here is how your local legislators voted on the Jones amendment that would require the revenue generated by the 4 percent tax be in addition, not in lieu of, the amount of funding for education and transportation that the Legislature already spends on those two areas.

A "Yes" vote is for the Jones amendment. A "No" vote is against the Jones amendment. Please note that this is not a vote on Question 1 itself, but rather a vote on the Jones amendment).

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Was not yet elected
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

STEP THERAPY (H 4929) – The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that limits the use of health care plan mandated prescription drug "step therapy" protocols and provides more exemptions to the mandate. Step therapy requires the patient to try less expensive options before "stepping up" to drugs that cost more. Conditions which would exempt a patient from trying the less expensive drug first include if the treatment will harm the patient, or if the patient previously tried the required treatment, or similar treatment, and it was ineffective.

Supporters said that insurers that utilize step therapy protocols require medical providers to prescribe lower-cost medications to patients first, and only grant approval for alternative medications when the cheaper options have failed to improve a patient's condition. This results in insurers effectively choosing medications for the patient, even in cases where their providers have recommended an alternative. When patients change insurers, they are often forced to start at the beginning of the step therapy protocol again, which results in wasteful health care expenditures, lost time for patients and potentially devastating health care impacts on the patient.

"Today, we are taking action to ensure that patients with complicated illnesses receive the medications that their doctors know they need—not repeatedly taking medications that are ineffective," said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro), Senate Chair of Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery. "Waiting for treatment to fail first before utilizing a preferred medication often leads to worsening symptoms that cause complications and needless suffering for patients. It is a shortsighted practice that puts patients at unnecessary risk."

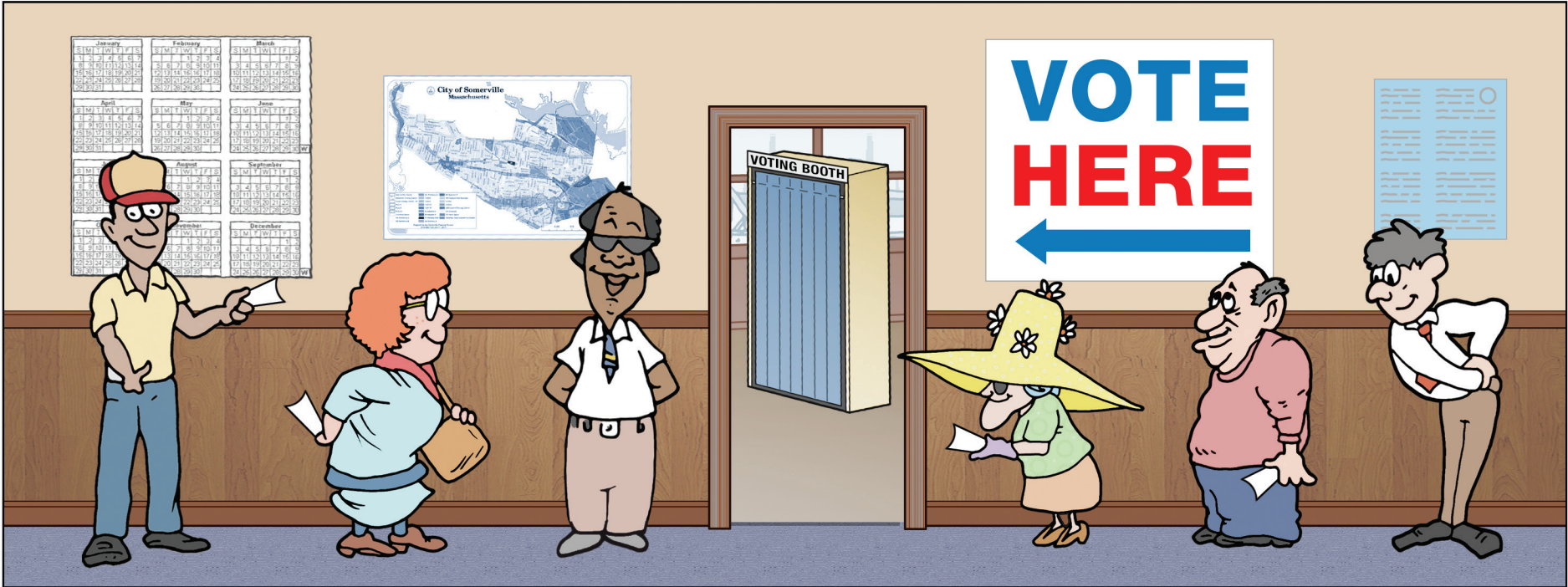
"Providing access to groundbreaking treatments that help improve the quality of life for those fighting cancer, debilitating diseases and a wide range of other medical conditions is a vitally important step we need to take, which is why the Senate acted again today to pass this critically important legislation," said Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let's all get out there and vote on November 8.

Our View Of The Times



After partying and losing ourselves in the festive spirit of Halloween this past weekend, we are now tasked with searching our souls for the right answers to the options presented at the ballot box next week.

For some of us the choices are blessedly clear, while others may have difficulty culling the wheat from the chaff amidst all of the conflicting messages put forward on each side of almost every issue.

Politics as usual, really.

As we are asked to choose our next set of state legislators and leaders, it is an important election day. Every eligible voter should consider it his or her duty to vote and do the thing that makes life in this land such a precious gift: help to decide the course that we are to follow in the immediate future, and play their parts in writing the historical record for what is to follow.

Every single vote does count, be assured of that. Vote by mail ballots can be returned by mail to Somerville Elections Department, or through one of five drop boxes located around the city.

So, don't let a little rain or chilly weather or anything else stop you. From the troops at Valley Forge straight through to our humble present-day letter carriers, service to one's country should not

be hindered or halted due to a bit of inconvenient inclement weather, or almost anything else, actually.

Let it be so for us as well. We are no less important, so let's get out there and make our choices count.

And remember, information on where, when and how you can vote is readily available online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections>.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Blute, Diane Sylvester Ames, Katie Marsh, Edward Robaczewski, Herc Kalos, Mike Campbell and Betsy Almeida Pesce, 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.

The City of Somerville is forming a 12-member Civic Advisory Committee to represent the public in the redevelopment of 90 Washington St., and all residents are encouraged to apply. The Committee will meet regularly starting in January 2023 to advise city staff and consultants in selecting one or more devel-

opment partners for 90 Washington St. Committee members will include eight residents, two local business or non-profit representatives, and two City Councilors. Applications are due Monday, November 14. To learn more and apply, go to somervillema.gov/90washington.

November is Hunger and Homeless Awareness month and to support our most vulnerable clients, the Somerville Homeless Coalition will be holding its first month-long Hunger and Homeless Awareness event. Throughout the month, local groups and supporters will take part in a variety of fundraising activities to

raise awareness for their clients currently experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. In alignment with this event, we are bringing back our Sleep Out event on November 18 where SHC staff will stand in solidarity with our clients by spending the night outdoors. To learn more about our Hunger and Homelessness event, and to get involved, see the link below. Get Involved: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/n1P6DA?vid=uzvws>

Athletics registration starts today for high school and middle grades students interested in playing a winter sport. The high school medical clearance event is Novem-

ber 15 and 16. The middle grades medical clearance event is November 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Visit the Athletics Department website to learn more and register. Somerville has waivers for three SHS winter sports teams (Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Basketball, Coed Swim), meaning middle grades students may try out for these teams. Learn more by visiting the Middle Grades Athletics webpage. Athletics: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/athletics>. Middle Grades Athletics: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/MGathletics>.

A public forum will be held at the Somerville Media Center

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FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Do pumpkins grow in the ground, on vines, or on trees?

2. Which two colors are traditionally associated with Halloween?

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5. What term is used to describe pasta that has been cooked until slightly firm to bite?

6. Tennis star Serena Williams won which major tournament while pregnant?
7. In the *Star Wars* movies, which moon is home to the Ewoks?

8. The Pyrenees mountain range separates which two European countries?

9. In Major League Baseball, who holds the record for the most home runs?

10. Kingston, Zuma and Apollo are the sons of which American female pop star?

11. Which U.S. city is known as the City of Brotherly Love?

12. How many hearts does an octopus have?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Messages from your brain travel along your nerves at up to 200 mph.
2. Finland has the most metal bands per capita.

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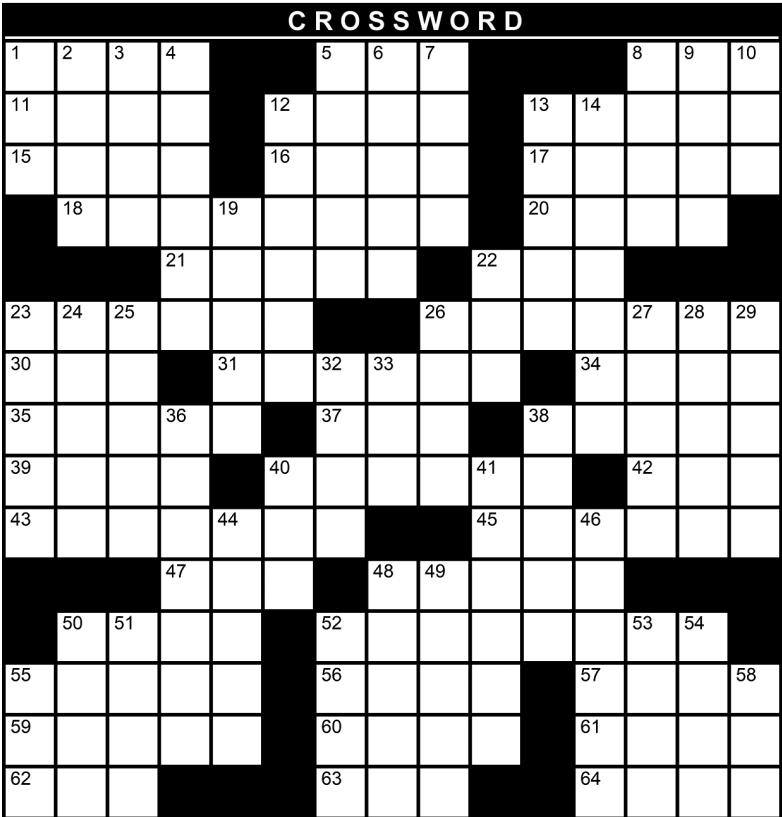
ANIMAL WORLD

ACROSS

1. Canned meat
5. Like low relief
8. First prime number
11. Itty bit
12. Deity, in Sanskrit
13. Adams of "Summer Of '69" fame
15. Wild plum in gin fizz
16. Type of mountain goat
17. Nest for an eagle
18. Plant and animal lover
20. Dapple animal mark
21. Conform, according to Darwin
22. Battleship game success
23. Summer shoe
26. Famous Roman historian
30. Don McLean: "A long, long time ____"
31. Diaphragm spasm
34. Reluctant
35. Whatchamacallit
37. "Days of ____ Lives" soap opera
38. Like Halloween
39. On a deck, perhaps
40. Assembly of all members
42. Card with single pip
43. Hindered
45. Unfortunate outcome
47. Business master
48. Soil for cultivation
50. Highlands hillside
52. Host's unwelcome guest
55. Dough
56. Biblical birthright seller
57. Volcanic rock
59. Rainbow-producing device
60. Badger's den
61. Newspaper piece
62. Hair controller
63. Miner's bounty
64. Deer group

DOWN

1. Sib
2. Horseback rider's ball game
3. Minute bit
4. Dionysus' follower



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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:



5. Yardbird's jazz style

6. Deflect

7. Original home of the Saxons

8. Pro's opposite

9. Hang around

10. Bit of binary code

12. Festival of Lights

13. Fundamental

14. Snake or lizard

19. Montana's neighbor

22. Accident

23. Long stories

24. To take in and feed livestock for payment

25. Like Curious George

26. Zig or zag

27. Synagogue scroll

28. Carthage's ancient neighbor

29. First animal clone
32. ____-blooded, like a snake

33. Prompter's line

36. Orca and elephant, but not crow or fish

38. Gives of

40. Princess tester?

41. Two dots above a letter

44. Letter-shaped girder

46. Civil War battle

48. Policeman's shocker

49. About to explode

50. Not the life of the party

51. Agitate

52. 100 centavos in Mexico

53. Measuring roll

54. "Happily ____ after"

55. Frugal driver's acronym

58. Put together
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

COMMENTARY

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Might Be Time to Rewrite the Ward Six Community Meeting Script for Nov. 3



By Jack Connolly
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If you take a look at the previous Ward community meetings over the past several weeks on the city of Somerville website, you see that each one has a significant repeat-

ing ‘boilerplate’ theme for these Ward community get-togethers. Mayor Ballantyne and her team open up with similar prepared remarks and questions for each ward that could easily be covered in one or two-page hand-out with appropriate names and contacts for all the city departments presenting in the community meeting. I hope that Mayor Ballantyne and her team of Somerville staffers will emphasize who in her 60 + Economic Development and Planning Dept. are working on improving the empty storefronts in Davis Square? Perhaps they could also explain

the two major projects being developed by Asana and Scape that are now permitted in Davis Square, and what the construction timetable is and will be? Will somebody from the Somerville Transportation and Mobility Division be on hand to answer why it was so necessary to remove so much Parking from College Ave. and Holland Street? Also, who will be there to answer what programs (if any) are in place to offset the business lost by those small businesses? Will somebody from DPW or from the Community Development Dept. be on hand to detail when the rest of the sidewalks

and crosswalks in Davis Square Will be repaired or replaced? By the way, who on the Mayor’s team is in charge of the Davis Sq. planning effort? Will someone from the Public Health Dept. be on here to explain how the City is planning on handling the homeless folks, and other “urban campers” that are frequenting in Davis Square? While they are at it, maybe they can also tell us what to do about the discarded needles that are found throughout Davis Sq? Will acting Somerville Police Chief Femino be on hand to explain why the Community Policing program has fallen out of fa-

vor? Anybody seen an officer on a foot patrol these days? Don’t be surprised if there are a decent number of concerned and disgruntled Ward Six folks attending who are dismayed about the lack of attention being paid to Davis Sq. No doubt you’ll hear from more than a few on Thursday evening at the Community Baptist Church. Be ready. Jack Connolly is a native Somerville, a Davis Sq. resident and insurance agent. He is also a former Somerville Ward Six and At Large Alderman (known now as City Councilor).

Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



White Bean & Kale Bruschetta

There are many variations of bruschetta, but this, in my opinion, is a hearty and delicious combination that will make you feel guilt free eating this delicious snack. It can also be served as a pre dinner appetizer or as a side to go with a steaming bowl of soup.

- 1 Ciabatta Loaf
- 1 Bunch Lacinato (Tuscan) Kale, rinsed, stem removed and chopped
- 4 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1/4 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes
- 1 Rosemary Stem
- 3 Garlic Cloves Sliced, plus 1 Whole
- 1 Can Cannellini Beans, drained and rinsed
- Salt to taste
- Parmesan Cheese, 6 Tablespoons grated

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice the ciabatta into 6 slices about 3/4" in

thickness each, cutting from the center of the loaf. Reserve the leftover bread for another use, like homemade bread-crumbs or croutons. Place the bread slices on a lined baking sheet using parchment or foil for easy cleanup. Place the sliced bread into the oven and toast on the first side for 6 minutes. Flip the bread and toast it for another 6 minutes. At this point you don't want to over toast the bread. It should still be pale in color and slightly dried out. If it is over toasted, the bread will be too hard and break apart when you bite into it. Once the bread comes out of the oven, rub the whole clove of garlic on all 6 pieces of the bread. In a 12" skillet, add 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil over medium heat. Heat for 1 minute, then add the pepper flakes, the sliced garlic and rosemary stem. Lower the heat to medium low and let the flavors infuse into the olive oil for about 4



minutes, or until the garlic is slightly browned. Add the beans, kale and a healthy pinch of salt and cook until the kale is wilted but tender, about 7 minutes. Remove the rosemary stem and discard. Evenly distribute the mixture onto the bread slices, add the grated cheese over each slice. Place back into the oven for another 5 minutes. Once done, remove from oven, drizzle with a fruity olive oil, cut in half and serve. Serves 4-6 people. Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.

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“This bill is a major step forward in ensuring patients and doctors have access to the right medication at the right time,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. “We are finally joining over half the states in the nation in reforming step therapy practices, putting the focus back on health care providers working with patients to offer the best treatment possible.”

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS (H 5094) – The Senate approved a bill that would allow fully licensed speech pathologists to be granted a provisional license to practice in Massachusetts during their 36-month fellowship. Currently, Massachusetts is one of only eight states that does not provide a provisional license that allows their students to begin practicing during their fellowship.

Supporters said that by forbidding their right to practice during their 36-month fellowship, the state runs the risk of losing professionals educated in the Bay State to other states where they become valuable members of their community and welcomed additions to the economy.

“The commonwealth has faced a shortage of the vital services our speech language pathologists provide our public-school children—an issue we should not have in a state that is home to eight graduate programs in the field,” said sponsor Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham). “This legislation will assure we do not lose these talented professionals to other states during their 36-month fellowship by providing them with provisional licensure to practice during that time.” The House has already approved the measure and only final approval in each branch is needed for the bill to go to Gov. Baker.

ROSA PARKS DAY (H 3189) – The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would designate February 4th as Rosa Parks Day, in recognition of the historic civil rights leader. Parks famously refused to give her bus seat up to a white man On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama.

Co-sponsor Rep. Mike Kushmerek (D-Fitchburg) said he co-sponsored the measure in order to bring awareness and representation to the heroic actions of Rosa Parks during the Civil Rights Movement. “February 4th is the birthday of Rosa Parks, so it will be a great reminder to all those within the commonwealth to reflect on the role she played in raising international awareness of the struggles for civil rights...I am ecstatic that the house has acknowledged the importance of honoring Rosa Parks.” “Rosa Parks was a hero of the civil rights movement whose small but courageous act to challenge segregation kindled and continues to inspire the fight for justice and equality of all peoples,” said co-sponsor Rep. Kip Diggs (D-Barnstable).

SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELORS (H 5363) – The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal that would create a task force on sexual assault counselors to make recommendations on establishing statewide certification and updating training standards for sexual assault counselors.

“The standards for training and certification haven’t been updated in decades and sexual violence survivor serving organizations are interested in creating a consensus around updating those standards through this task force before filing new legislation,” said co-sponsor Rep. Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster) ... “I worked and volunteered as a sexual violence counselor for nearly a decade across two different organizations in two counties and support the efforts to reconsider the minimum standards of training.”

“While we are proud to have systems in place to provide services to victims of sexual assault here in Massachusetts, we must make sure that those who victims turn to at their most vulnerable moments are properly trained and qualified for the sensitive work they do,” said co-sponsor Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury). “This legislation will ensure that all rape crisis centers and sexual assault counselors will meet the same strict standards, regardless of how their service is provided.”

SIKH MONTH (H 4569) – The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation making the month of April Sikh Appreciation Month in recognition of the significant contributions Sikhs have made to the Bay State and to the United States. “Designating Sikh Appreciation Month is a way to honor the Sikh community for sharing the importance of equality, service to others, freedom of religion, inclusiveness and cultivating a space where everyone is welcome,” said co-sponsor Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville).

“April marks important celebrations for Sikhs, especially Vaisakhi, the spring festival celebrating the birth of Sikhism as a collective faith,” said co-sponsor Rep. Patricia Duffy (D-Holyoke). “It is a time to honor the Sikh values of truth, compassion, generosity, service and spirituality.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“These facilities will provide a wonderful opportunity for our Massachusetts students and workers to get the hands-on skills training they need to enter into cybersecurity careers. At the same time, these new centers will offer cost-effective security monitoring to support small towns, businesses and nonprofits, protection that is becoming increasingly important for these institutions.” — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announcing \$3.7 million in state grants to promote the development of a diverse cybersecurity workforce and improve local cyber resiliency in the state.

“Climate change is a defining crisis of our time. The current generation of students is going to lead our way forward. At Framingham State, students in our Department of Environmental Science and Policy and Department of Environment, Society and Sustainability are gaining the skills, techniques and knowledge to solve the major social-environmental problems of our planet. — Framingham State University President Dr. Nancy Niemi on the university being recognized as one of the nation’s most environmentally responsible colleges for the 11th time by The Princeton Review.

“Our ability to provide the kind of care that residents need in order to live healthy and productive lives is directly impacted by the policies and funding provided by our federal government. Norfolk County, like other counties, is often the first line of defense when dealing with mental and behavioral health issues. I am calling on Congress to do what is necessary and right to help us do our jobs better on behalf of the people we serve.” — Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott urging the federal government to help support behavioral and mental health treatment by better directing resources to community-based treatment and services in order to help support residents with behavioral health conditions and reduce the reliance on criminal legal services, including jails and prisons.

“Today in Massachusetts, too many students graduate high school unprepared for college and careers while at the same time good-paying jobs go unfilled. Our coalition believes that Massachusetts can address some of our most pressing challenges by creating stronger connections between what students are learning in high school and the economic opportunities our employers are creating.” — Edward Lambert, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of October 24-28, the House met for a total of three hours and 21 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 38 minutes.

Mon. Oct. 24	House 11:04 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 12:28 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 25	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Oct. 26	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Oct. 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 1:01 p.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 28	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Scrapheap Showdown: Good Vibrations!

By Erica Dakin Voolich

On October 23, 21 high school students on seven teams gathered in the Gantcher Gym at Tufts University to compete in the Somerville Math Fund's 16th annual Scrapheap Showdown.

Their challenge was to build an earthquake proof building on their 16" by 16" square foam base. The buildings were judged on how much weight each could hold when placed on our earthquake-shaking-table. The scoring was based on how high up the weight was held without the building collapsing, the best of 3 weight trials. The scoring was calculated with height squared times weight (measured in golf balls held in a small metal bucket).

This year when the students arrived, the usual scrapheap pile was smaller than in past years — the long structural pieces of foam

core or wood were removed to add to the challenge. The buildings needed to be tall and so the students found their own way to use the materials to build strong tall structures.

The contestants were very busy, planning and trying different ideas and doing some testing on the shaker table. After two hours, it was time to test the skyscrapers on our shaker table designed by Adam and Richard! The final structures ranged from 57" to 97" tall and varied from holding no golf balls to ten when shaken for 30 seconds. All structures survived at least 30 seconds on the shaker table, some held out longer than others.

The first-place team was "Return of the Crimson Quackateers" (Leo Chiu, Addie Chiu, and Yuvraj Rattan) with a score of 37,210 points for their 61" tall building that held 10 golf balls. Second place was "Bob the

Builder" (Bhavroop Kaur, Rafael Ronen, and Serena Wong) with 34,300 points. Third place was "Saint Bonkers" (Yasmin Nazhar, Atticus Borggaard, and Edgar Flores Ramos) with 28,227 points. Fourth place was "BBG News" (Cyrus Oakes, Christopher Montiel, and Julian Barnaby) with 28,227 points.

The teams chose their prizes in the order they finished. The prizes donated were three sets of two tickets to the RedSox (donated by Sam Voolich) for a game in April 2023, three \$100 Target gift cards (donated by Chase Duclos-Orsello), three RedBones \$50 gift cards from RedBones BBQ and 3 gift cards from Anna's Taqueria (donated by long term Somerville Math Fund supporters).

The other participating teams were the "No Name Team" (Helena Easton, Ana Luna Maldonado Clougherty, and Evelyn Flores), the "Funny Name Team" (Gerran Hullah, Aneurin Hullah, and Miles Eisenbraum), and "Los Pollos Hermanos" (Jonathan Chan, Veid Patel, and Sebastian Palomino Jimenez).

Designers and refiners of the challenge were members of the Somerville Math Fund Board: Sanford Bogage, Chase Duclos-Orsello, Adam Foster, Richard Graf, Dan Oshima, Jesse Stern, Erica Voolich, Susan Weiss along with Fred Bernardin joined as a volunteer. Amy Weiss designed the teeshirt and Monica Fernandes designed the sponsor flyer; and Susan and Sanford designed the student recruiting and registration materials, and Sanford managed registration and the Google Classroom for this event.

Michael Morgan and Patricia Murphy-Sheehy (Head of Math Department) at Somerville High helped with suggestions and distribution help of registration materials. The math teachers at Somerville High School, recruited student teams. Bill Trudell videoed the event for Somerville Cable EdTV Channel 15.

Again, Tufts University was our wonderful host donating their gym space for a Sunday



The Somerville Math Fund's 16th annual Scrapheap Showdown took place on Sunday, October 23.

event. It was so good to be back after a three-year COVID hiatus. This was our 16th Scrapheap Showdown and Tufts has been our host for all of these events.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, this activity was both a fund raiser for a scholarship and three teacher grants, provided prizes for the students and allowed the students to participate without paying any registration fee. Like in the Game Jams, this year we offered different levels of sponsorship for the event. Thanks to all of our wonderful donors whose donations will make at least one scholarship available next spring and three teacher grants in January.

Gold Level (one year of a college scholarship each):

Commercial Cleaning Co./Bickoff Family, Jasper J. Lawson, PhD. & Associates, Julie Schneider, and Winter Hill Bank.

Silver Level (one teacher grant each):

East Cambridge Savings Bank, Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. McGoldrick, and a long-term sponsor.

Bronze Level (supporting Somerville Math Fund work):

Chase Duclos-Orsello, Midé Technology Corporation, A Member of the Somerville High School Faculty, and RedBones BBQ.

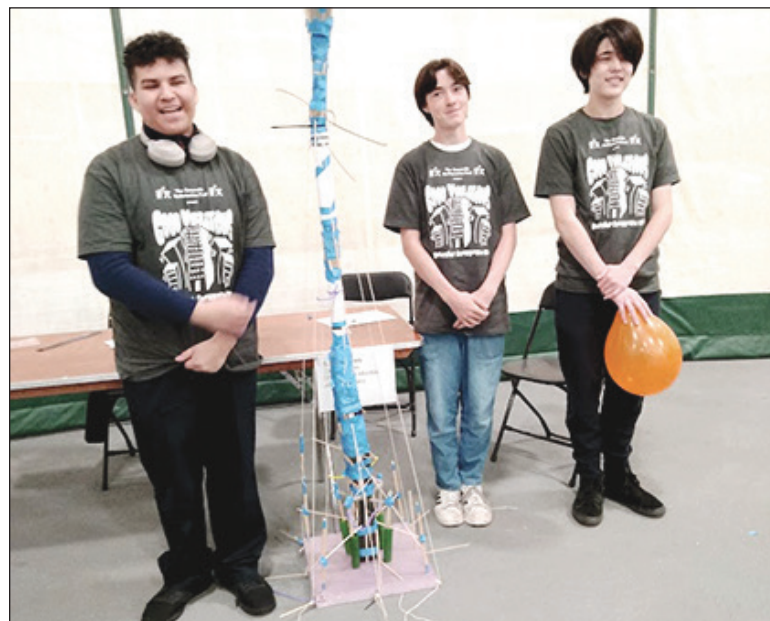
The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville. On January 7, we will be looking for teacher grant applications; and in April, we will be looking for scholarship applications. For more information or to volunteer or to make a donation, call 617-666-0666, e-mail mathfund@gmail.com, or go to www.somervillemathematics-fund.org.



1st place: Return of the Crimson Quackateers.



2nd place: Bob the Builder.



3rd place: Saint Bonkers.

SomerStreets: Monster Mash on Somerville Avenue

SomerStreets: Monster Mash, the final SomerStreets festival of the year, took over Somerville Avenue on Sunday, October 30, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. There were family-friendly festivities for tricks and treats aplenty between School Street and Warren Avenue, including: The annual costume parade, led by School of HONK, all-day live music on two stages, the annual pumpkin carving contest, games for kids and various exhibitions for all to enjoy.





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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 dpufiling@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 dpufiling@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://eeaonline.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**.

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if we need more (Continued on next page)

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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
Donna.Sharkey@mass.gov
(617) 305-3625

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)

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.

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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Access Code: 950-089-302

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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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: 600 Windsor Place

LOCATION: 600 Windsor Place, Somerville, MA 02143

PROPOSER: Union Square RELP 600 Windsor Owner LLC

The undersigned is submitting an Expanded Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before
October 31, 2022

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the EENF may be obtained from:
Corinne Snowden; csnowden@epsilonassociates.com; (978) 897-7100

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Somerville.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the EENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Union Square RELP 600 Windsor Owner LLC
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB#23-24

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites bids for:

Plow Truck Rentals

The RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **3:00 PM, Wednesday, November 16th, 2022**.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email jremy@somervillema.gov for more information.

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a PUBLIC HEARING regarding the FY2023 Federal Annual Plan and the FY2024 State-Aided Annual Plan on **Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** This hearing will be held remotely. The public is invited to listen to the meeting via phone, computer, laptop, or tablet.

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The Plan(s) and related documents are available on the Somerville Housing Authority's website at <http://www.sha-web.org>. You may also view the Plan(s) at 30 Memorial Road in Somerville, MA by appointment only. Substantive comments will be summarized and included in the Annual Plan when it is submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on Friday, November 4, 2022. Any questions may be directed to Robert Muollo, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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RFP# 23-21**

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Clarendon Hill to honor Stephenson Aman with a new street

During an October 26 meeting of the Memorialization Committee, the group tasked with the naming of public buildings, spaces, and streets voted unanimously to honor Stephenson Aman by naming one of the new streets coming to the soon-to-be redeveloped Clarendon Hill.

Aman was an active member of Somerville's community who served his neighbors as a coach of youth sports, President of the Mystic Apartments Tenant Association, and with an unsuccessful run for city council last year that highlighted the need for increased diversity and affordability. He passed away on May 22, 2022, prompting an outpouring of remorse in the community.



On May 26, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution for the Memorialization to consider naming a future parcel after him. Councilor Willie Burnley Jr., who serves on the Memorialization Committee, said that he believed Aman would be proud to have his legacy connected with affordable housing. "I joined this committee in order to uplift the underrepresented stories of Somerville, particularly those of people of color and women who have contributed so much to this city without being able to see themselves represented," Burnley said.

Burnley pointed to Leonard Grimes, a Black pastor, abolitionist, and conductor of the Underground Railroad who spent his last years in East Somerville, as an example. After proposing Grimes be honored, Burnley led the successful effort to name a park after the abolitionist which is set to open in the summer of 2023.

"Before his passing, I spoke with Stephenson about how much more we had to do for the Black and brown people of this community, and I think he would love for people to know how much he cared for those kids in our community," Burnley said.

Stephenson Aman Street is likely not to be built for at least a few years. The massive redevelopment project has already lagged for years due to needed funding. However, after the City Council voted to allocate \$14 million to add 80 additional affordable units to the 216-unit housing development in West Somerville, the project is set to begin phase one of construction this fall.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Why didn't the skeleton climb the mountain?
It didn't have the guts.

On This Day in History

November 2

1570 – A tidal wave in the North Sea destroys the sea walls from Holland to Jutland. More than 1,000 people are killed.

1772 – The first Committees of Correspondence are formed in Massachusetts under Samuel Adams.

1889 – South Dakota is made the 40th state and North Dakota is made the 39th state.

1920 – The first radio broadcast in the United States is made from Pittsburgh.

1921 – Margaret Sanger and Mary Ware Dennett form the American Birth Control League.

1947 – Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose flies for the first and last time.

1959 – Charles Van Doren confesses that the TV quiz show 21 is fixed and that he had been given the answers to the questions asked him.

1963 – South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem is assassinated.

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne testifies in support of Home Rule Petition establishing net zero emissions standards

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne recently testified in support of Bill H.5291, presented by Representatives Christine P. Barber and Mike Connolly. The bill would position Somerville to seek authorization from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to pilot fossil-free new construction and major renovation standards for buildings.

“Two thirds of Somerville’s carbon emissions originate from buildings, and our community is uniquely positioned to act as a trailblazer as we all seek solutions to climate change,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “I want to thank Representative Barber, Representative Connolly and the entire state delegation for their hard work on this bill, and the Somerville community for tirelessly advocating for climate forward policies.”

Somerville has an established history of climate advocacy, particularly with stemming carbon emissions from new buildings. The city introduced its Climate Forward plan in 2018, which acknowledged that the city must reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new buildings to nearly zero in order to achieve its goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

The city is currently working within the stretch energy code and is looking forward to considering adoption of the newly released specialized code. The specialized code, while an important step for the Commonwealth, allows for a pathway for fossil fuels in new construction and major renovations through 2050.

In August, An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind was approved. This will create a first-of-its-kind pilot program allowing ten municipalities to ban the use of fossil fuels in new construction and major renovations with limited exceptions. By seeking authorization to participate in this program, Somerville aims to further reduce fossil fuel expansion and use; helping to protect residents and businesses against the health impacts of fossil fuel emissions and from utility costs. The program will further reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings for decades to come.

The DOER is expected to release program guidance by July 1, 2023. Somerville looks forward to working with the DOER through program development. If accepted into the program, Somerville is committed to engaging the public to develop the program implementation plan.



Somerville hosting Veterans Day ceremony at Vietnam Moving Wall

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Department of Veterans Services are thrilled to share that the city will host a joint Veterans Day ceremony with the City of Medford to honor all military who have served our country.

This year’s ceremony is particularly important, as it will take place at the Vietnam Moving Wall, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Somerville is hosting the Moving Wall for the first time this year, giving those in the greater Boston area who can’t get to Washington a chance to experience the power of the memorial.

The Veteran’s Day Ceremony will take place Friday, November 11, 2022, at Massachusetts General Brigham in Assembly Row (399 Revolution Drive, Somerville, MA 02145). The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a vehicle procession including the Patriot Riders and the Somerville and Medford Fire and Police departments.

Speakers’ remarks will begin at 11:00 a.m., and are scheduled to include:

- ✦ Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
- ✦ Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn
- ✦ Somerville City Council President Matthew McLaughlin
- ✦ Somerville Director of Veterans’ Services Ted Louis-Jacques
- ✦ Medford Director of Veterans Jeremy Johns
- ✦ Members of the local Veterans community.

The ceremony will be livestreamed on the CityTV Facebook page (@SomervilleCityTV) and broadcast after the event on GovTV (RCN channels 13 or 613; Comcast channel 22) and on the city’s YouTube channel (youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV).

For more information, please visit www.somervillema.gov/movingwall or contact Veterans’ Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 or Veterans@somervillema.gov.



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main studio, and opponents and proponents encouraged to participate. The forum will begin with short talks by **City Councilor Beatriz Gómez Mouakad** and **former Congressman and Mayor Mike Capuano** covering the various positions for and against the bus lanes already being discussed around town, followed by some back and forth between the speakers. They will then open up the floor for public debate from designated microphones to which the speakers will periodically respond, calling on any experts in attendance as the dialogue proceeds. **Somerville Media Center Executive Director Kat Powers** will moderate and will expect all attendees to keep their comments civil. *Speak Your Mind* will take place **Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Somerville Media Center main studio, 90 Union Square, and is sponsored by Somerville Media Center, **Somerville Media Fund**, and **Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism**. The event will be recorded by SMC's SCATV. Admission is free. Masks are encouraged.

The **Center for Arts at the Armory (CAA)** announces that it will host and manage the **13th Annual Somerville Winter Farmers Market**

(SWFM) **every Saturday beginning November 5 through April 8, 2023.** The Center for Arts at the Armory is located at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. To learn more and for a complete listing of vendors, weekly specials, and live entertainment, please visit www.somwintermarket.org. You can find the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SomervilleWinterFarmersMarket, and on Instagram @SomWinterMarket.

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](https://www.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.somervillyouthhockey.org/lts-ltp>. Financial aid (and some equipment) is available.

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>.

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Prospect Hill Academy girls volleyball team wins state championship

Prospect Hill Academy Charter School's (PHA) varsity girls volleyball team won their first ever MCSAO (Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization) championship this past Saturday, November 29, 3-0 over Pioneer Charter School of Science II. Senior Trisha Exantus was chosen as the Division's Most Valuable Player and Senior Mia Morris, Senior Angie Casseus, and Junior Lydia Martins were all selected to the MCSAO all-star team. The season is not done yet, as the girls head to Georgetown High School on Wednesday, November 2, at 5:00 p.m. for a preliminary round matchup in the MIAA playoffs.



Apply for the 90 Washington St. Redevelopment Civic Advisory Committee

The City of Somerville is forming a 12-member Civic Advisory Committee to represent the public in the redevelopment of 90 Washington St., and all residents are encouraged to apply. The Committee will meet regularly starting in January 2023 to advise City staff and consultants in selecting one or more development partners for 90 Washington St. Committee members will include eight residents, two local business or non-profit representatives, and two City Councilors.

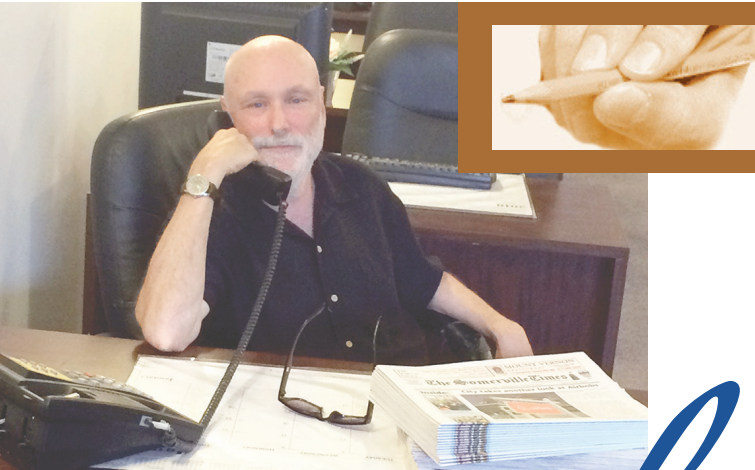
90 Washington St. is a 4-acre City-owned site in East Somerville envisioned as the home of a new Public Safety Building and a range of civic, commercial, and residential spaces. In December 2021, the City initiated a nine-month public engagement process to understand community priorities for the site. With these priorities established, the City will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in January 2023 to learn from experienced developers what types of buildings can feasibly be constructed, given the site's constraints. The City will use this information to issue a request for proposals (RFP) in Spring 2023 and select one or more development partners in Fall 2023.

The 90 Washington St. Advisory Committee will represent and involve the public in every step of redevelopment. The Committee will review responses to the RFQ, review development proposals and technical material submitted through the RFP process, and advise City staff in selecting one or more development partners.

Applications are due Monday, November 14. To learn more and apply, go to somerillema.gov/90washington.



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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Writer Regina Hansen:
Braves 'The Coming Storm'

For years I've seen and chatted with Somerville writer Regina Hansen at my favorite haunt in Union Square, the Bloc 11 Café. However, I had never had the chance to interview her. But with her new young adult fiction novel *The Coming Storm* coming in with the literary tide, I was on it like a hornet, and got to speak to her in my familiar environs at the back of the said café.

I asked Hansen about her life as a writer in the "Paris of New England." She replied, "There are so many places in Somerville for a writer. The city has great libraries, the Somerville Arts Council is very supportive. My own mother was born in Somerville, so I feel very comfortable here."

Hansen is a professor at Boston University and teaches children and young adult fiction, among other things. I asked her why she gravitated to this genre of writing. She told me, "I read it as a child and young adult. At a certain age, let's say 11 to 14, kids get hope and solace from these stories. They are at an awkward age. They are not quite adults, but on the other hand they can't get the kid's meal at the local restaurant. They are in a kind of funny place. I remember feeling that way at that age, and books were a sort of elixir to that."

Hansen continued, "I raised my own extended family and I have taught kids of all ages. I don't teach kids to get good ideas from them. I teach them because I like them. Kids aren't stupid. If you try to act like them then you lose them. But if you, be you. They will come to you."

Her supernatural/horror/mystery novel, *The Coming Storm* is set in Prince Edward Island. The setting was based partly on the time she spent on her grandfather's farm on the island. Hansen said the basic storyline is about a boy and a girl who struggle against evil forces to save a baby.

One of the characters in the novel is an evil woman named Marlena. She is cold and manipulative, and controls a monster to do her dirty work. Hansen talked about the conceptualization of the character, "You know, when I introduced this character, I didn't realize that she might be seen as this stereotypical 'nasty' woman. But all the other women are equally as strong and not negative beings. But Marlena moves the story along. I did my very best to characterize women as



brave, strong and loving throughout the book."

Since a monster plays a role in her novel, I asked Hansen what attracts kids and adults to monsters, when there are so many real-life monsters today. She reflected, "Kids like monsters because it helps them cope with their fears ... their monsters ... in their own life. It helps them deal with adversity in their own world."

Hansen told me she has taught composition for years. And the same elements that are in this course of study, are taught in her young adult fiction classes. Hansen pointed out that strong writing involves detail, critical thinking, among other things. She said, "I always tell my students to approach the blank page with no fixed ideas where the story will go. It should come organically."

I asked Hansen why kids, etc., should read her book. She opined, "I think the story is filled with compassion and mystery. I think readers will love the people in it. It encompasses the world I would want to live in and hopefully it's the same for people who read the book."

For more info about Hansen go to: <https://www.reginamhansen.com>.

Faith Ploof writes: "I am 20 years old and a sophomore at Endicott College, studying education with a concentration in educational studies. I am originally from a small town in Vermont and came to Beverly to further my education. I have always enjoyed school and the challenges it presents me with. My favorite subjects have always been reading and writing and that has only grown since I have learned to use my creative mind when writing. My goal after graduation is to teach in a kindergarten or first grade classroom. Outside of school I love all things outdoors, which inspired this poem, especially hiking and camping with my family. I am also on the Endicott Equestrian Team and have been riding horses almost my whole life. Writing poetry for my creative writing class was a bit outside of my comfort level at first but I have since learned to love the art and the places it can take me."



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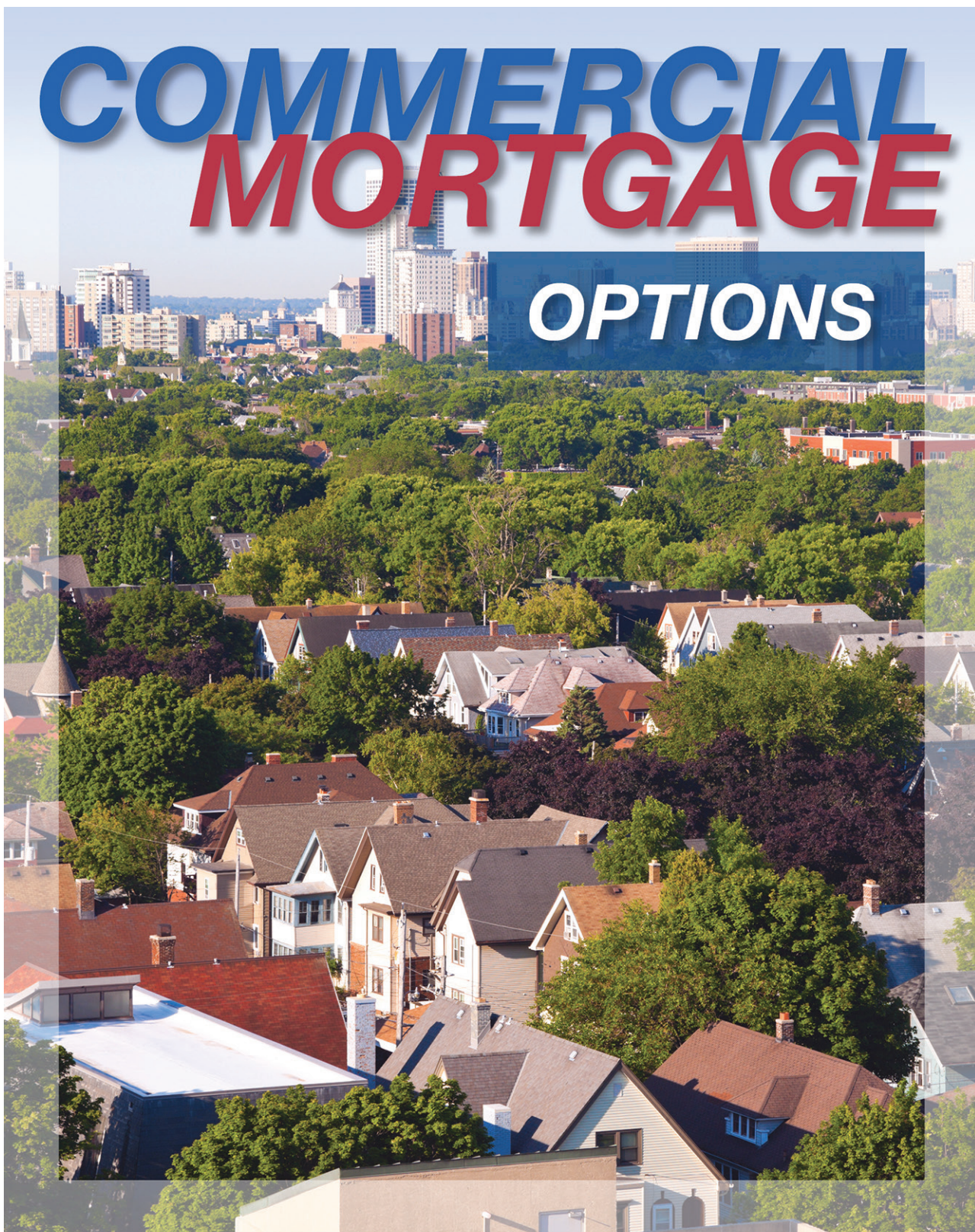
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The ones that have stood longer and taller
than any of us.
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Remember the start of new life,
the end of old lives?
Times of war and when
two people fall in love.
Imagine the stories they could tell,
those of the bear cub frolicking
in the sunshine,
of the little bird learning to fly.
Do you think they know the truth?
Who else has seen it all, hundreds of years.
With each passing day
growing,
ring by ring.
They saw what happened that day,

all of it. As they look from above.
Whom else could we ask about life
that would be able to answer with more wisdom
than a tree.
The tall oak hears the squirrels and
the wolf.
Kuk-kuk.
Howl.

The pine breathes in the cold winter air.
She keeps watch while the animals sleep,
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— Faith Ploof

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