

# Tonight's Agenda

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1. Welcome and introductions
2. Meeting context and ground rules
3. Operative dates
4. What type of housing is Engine 6?
5. Affordable housing priorities
6. How and when are decisions made?
7. Newton's existing resources
8. Comments and Questions

# Introductions

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## Ward Five Aldermen

- Deborah Crossley, Ald. At Large
- John Rice, Ward Alderman
- Brian Yates, Ald. At Large

## Mayor's Office

- Ana Gonzalez, Director of Community Engagement

## Newton Planning and Development Department

- Trisha Guditz, Housing Programs Manager
- Robert Muollo, Jr., Housing Planner

## Newton Police Department

- Bussy Adam, Youth Investigator
- Bruce Apotheker, Community Services Bureau Commander

# Some Questions and Concerns Raised

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- What is “Engine 6”?
- Who will be living at Engine 6?
- What has happened to date?
- Where are we in the process?
- Neighborhood safety
- What is Chapter 40B?

# Critical Dates for Funding and Permitting Process

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## Newton Funding

- Department Review
- Citizen Advisory Committee (Newton Housing Partnership)
- **Planning and Development Board: June 24 – July 10, 2013**
- **Mayor: July 2, 2013**
- **Property purchase: August 12, 2013**

## Permitting (Comprehensive Permit)

- Application, local support **(July 8, 2013 est.)**
- MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development **(July 8 – Aug. 7th)**
- Local Zoning Board of Appeals **(up to six months)**
- Housing Appeals Committee (if necessary)

## Engine 6 Overview

Metro West Collaborative  
Development, Inc.

Acquisition and historic  
rehabilitation of a former  
fire station, built in 1917

10 studio apts., nine for  
formerly homeless  
individual men and  
women, one for live-in  
house manager

Independent living with  
on-site support

\$3M total project cost

\$1,363,626 federal funds  
administered by the City



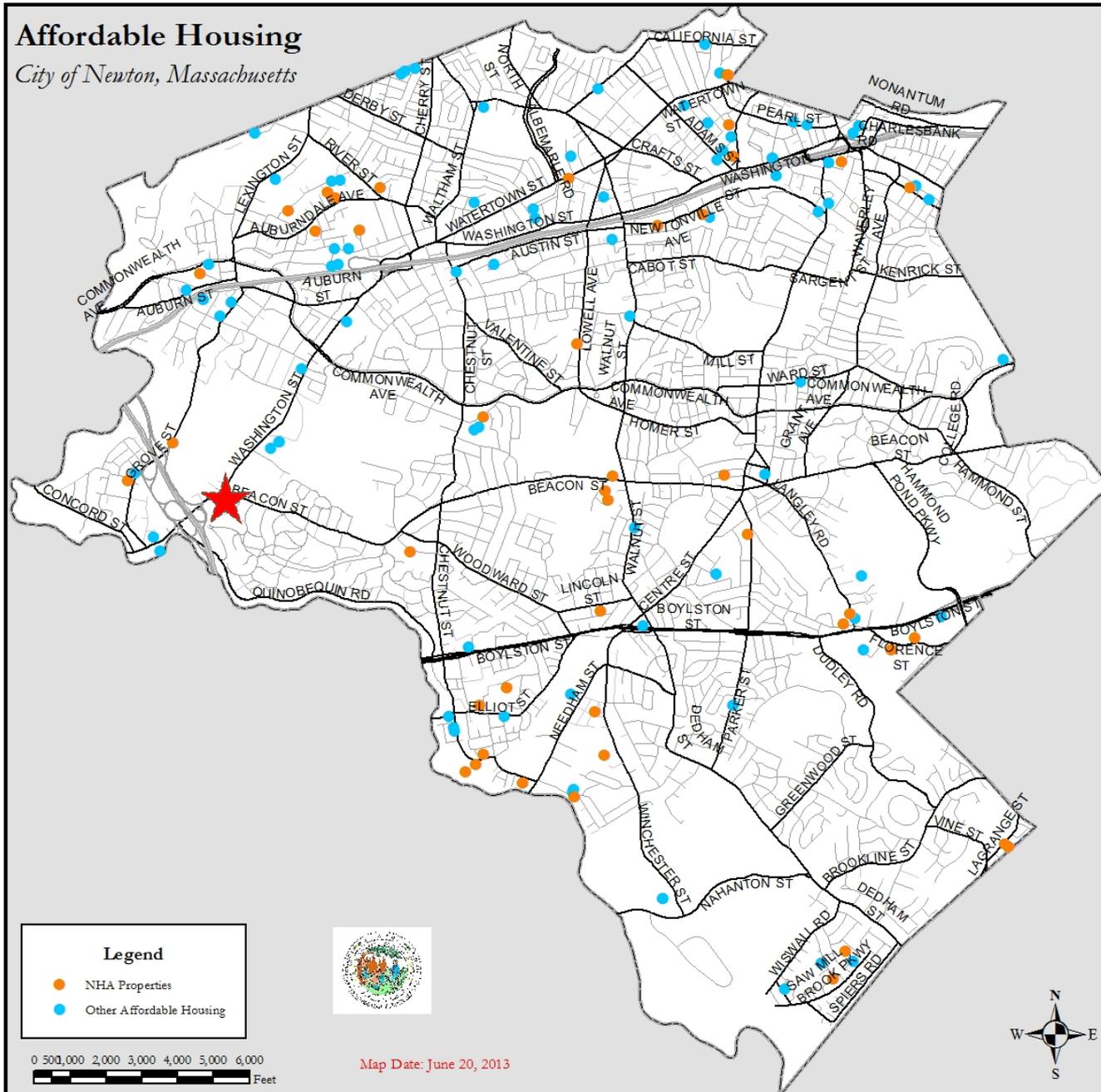
# City of Newton Housing Priorities met by Engine 6

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- Creating greater range of housing choices for very low-income renter households (\$19,850 for 1-person household)
- Creating accessible units for persons with special needs with accompanying support services
- End chronic homelessness and move families and individuals to permanent housing
- Helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing...facilitating access to affordable housing units
- Expanding Newton's socio-economic diversity

# Affordable Housing

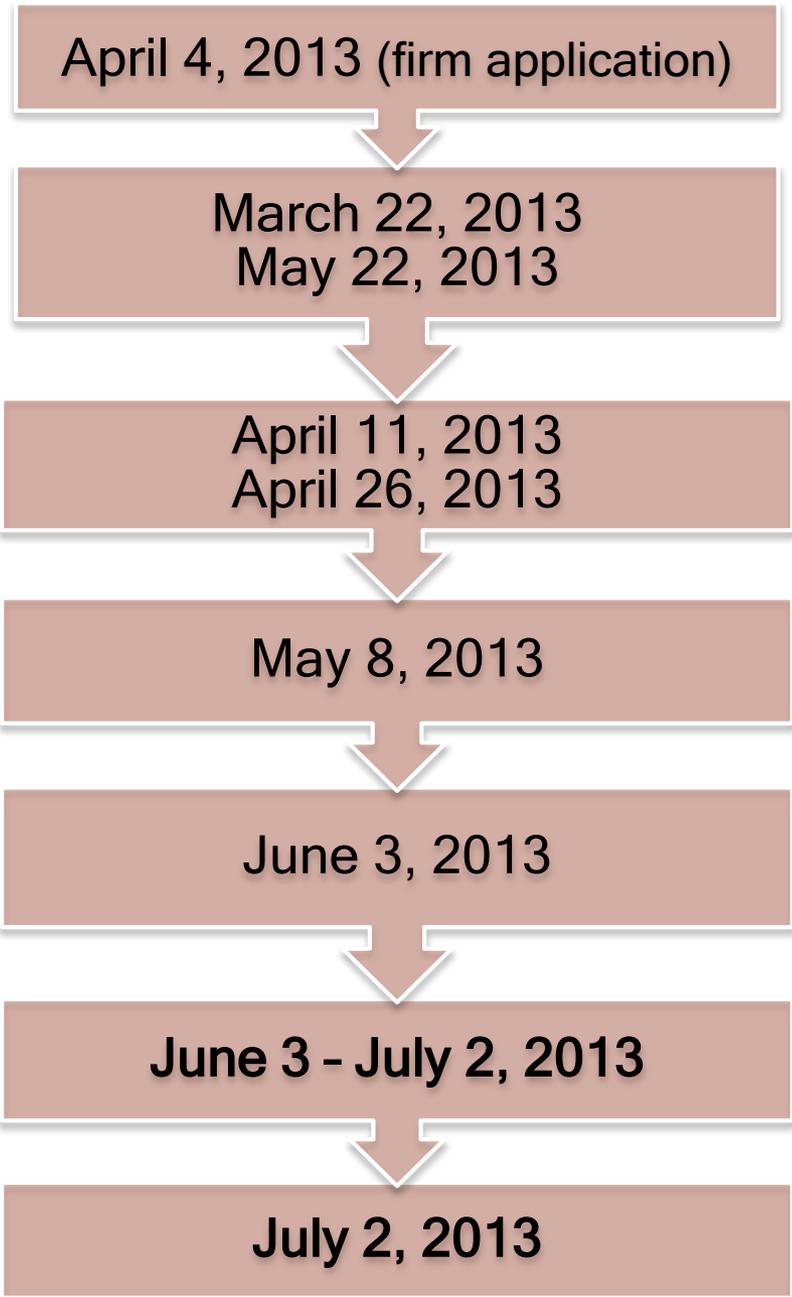
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# Existing Permanent Supportive Housing

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- Advocates, Inc: 20 formerly homeless individuals living in permanent supportive housing at different sites in Newton
- YMCA: permanent supportive housing for 28 single men
- Newton Housing Authority: 9 women and their children at one site in Newton
- Results of 2013 Homeless Census



# Chapter 40B / Comprehensive Permit

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- State statute enacted in 1969 to address the shortage of affordable housing in Massachusetts
- Goal is 10% of year round housing stock (Newton 7.54%)
- Enables local Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a limited override of local zoning requirements for housing developments if 20-25% of units are affordable
- State regulations, sanitary and building codes, environmental requirements must remain intact

# 40B / Comprehensive Permit Process

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Developer submits application (with support from Mayor / NHP)

Massachusetts Dept. of Housing & Community Development

Apply for Comprehensive Permit with Zoning Board of Appeals

ZBA hears proposal at public hearing(s); abutters notified

Permit Granted

Permit Denied

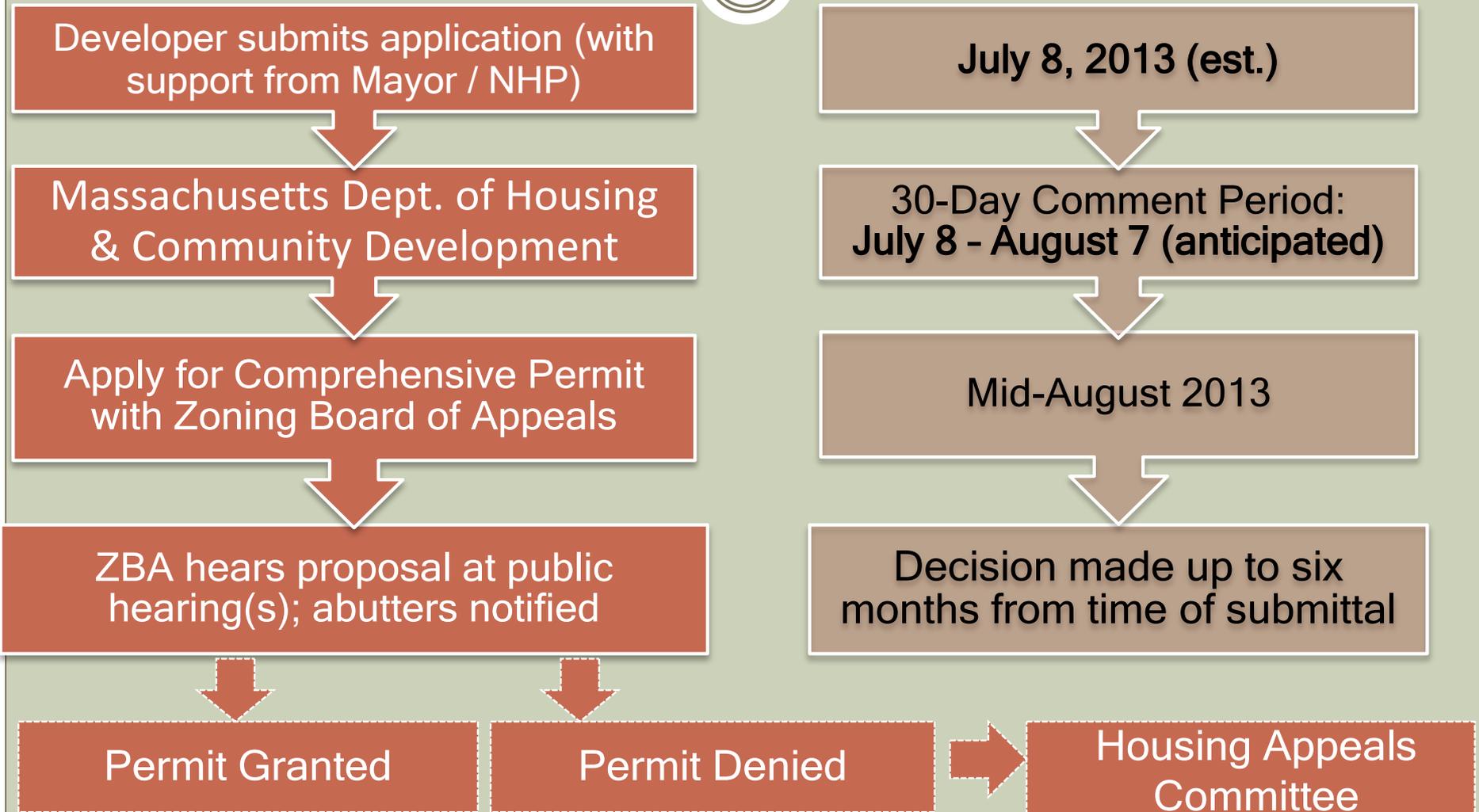
Housing Appeals Committee

July 8, 2013 (est.)

30-Day Comment Period:  
July 8 - August 7 (anticipated)

Mid-August 2013

Decision made up to six months from time of submittal



# City of Newton Resources and Services

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- **Crisis or Emergency Intervention**
  - Emergency oil / Utility shut-offs
  - Evictions
  - Legal Referrals
- **Food Pantries in Newton**
  - Centre Street Food Pantry
  - Waban Library Basement
  - Arabic Baptist Church
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Employment and Training**

# City of Newton Resources and Services

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- **Veteran Services and Veteran Center**
- **Transportation for Residents Over the Age of 60**
  - Newton Dept. of Senior Services
  - The Ride
  - Busy Bee Medical Transport
  - Med Ride
  - Med Escort
  - ITN Greater Boston

# Emergency Services



- Riverside Community Care provides emergency crisis intervention services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for mental and addiction related emergencies.
- Emergency services are provided at home, community settings, office, schools or emergency rooms.

# Community Support Programs



- Community Support programs - Supports an individual who is being discharged from a psychiatric hospital or detox, or who is at risk of repeated psychiatric hospitalization.
- Staff can provide day to day check-ins in the community, help with daily living skills, transportation and coordination with other providers, including medical care.

# Outpatient Services



- Outpatient counseling and medication management. Services are provided at the clinic site, schools, home and area agencies.
- Home-based therapy is also provided.

# Public Comment on Funding

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**Submit comments on Engine 6 proposal by July 2, 2013 to:**

- Alice Walkup at [awalkup@newtonma.gov](mailto:awalkup@newtonma.gov)

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