



City Council Reports Docket

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To be reported on

Monday, December 18, 2023

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Facilities, and Public Safety & Transportation

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Public Facilities and Finance

December 12: Land Use

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton

In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

Unfinished Council Business

- #339-23 (A) Request to amend the site plans associated with Special Permits #480-14(4) and #327-21 and associated relief relative to parking at 283 Melrose Street**
TURTLE LANE LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend the site plans associated with special permits #480-14(4) and #327-21 to reflect changes to the configurations of the buildings and paved areas and to waive certain associated parking and screening dimensional requirements at 283 Melrose Street, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 14 Lot 10, containing approximately 43,773 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.9.A of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved Subject to Second Call 5-0 (Councilor Kelley Abstained and Councilor Downs Not Voting); Public Hearing Closed 5-0 (Councilor Kelley Abstained and Councilor Downs Not Voting)
City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of December 18, 2023; 24-0

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- #359-23** **Appropriate \$2,400,000 for Synthetic Turf Carpet at Newton North High School's Dickinson Field**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two-million four-hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) from June 30, 2023 Certified Free Cash (001-3240) for synthetic turf carpet and infill materials, installation, and construction oversight to replace the synthetic turf field at Newton North High School's Dickinson Field and to resurface the perimeter track.
Finance Approved 5-1-1 (Councilor Malakie Opposed) (Councilor Humphrey Abstained) on 11/28/23
Programs & Services Approved 6-1-1 (Councilor Wright Opposed) (Councilor Humphrey Abstained)
City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of December 18, 2023; 24-0
- #155-23(2)** **Appropriate \$50,000 to a Parks, Recreation & Culture Account**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from acct # 5503R602-590001 B.A.A. Marathon to a Parks, Recreation & Culture Account to fund a "Heartbreak Hill" banner.
Finance Denied 7-0 on 11/28/23
Programs & Services Approved 5-2-1 (Councilors Humphrey and Noel Opposed) (Councilor Wright Abstained)
City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of December 18, 2023; 24-0
- #411-22** **Request for Amendment to Chapter 21, Art III Trees to extend tree protection and update permits**
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, NORTON, LEARY, RYAN, WRIGHT, LUCAS, HUMPHREY, BOWMAN, MARKIEWICZ, OLIVER, DOWNS, LAREDO, AND GROSSMAN requesting revisions and amendments to Chapter 21, Art. III Trees (sec. 21-60 through 21-89) to extend tree protection to all trees 6 inches DBH (diameter at breast height) and greater within the City (with no exempt lots); to update tree removal permits, fees, and compensation; and to strengthen protection for existing and replacement trees.
Programs & Services Approved 6-0
City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of December 18, 2023; 24-0

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Present: Councilors Lipof (Chair), Kelley, Downs, Bowman, Laredo, Lucas, and Markiewicz; absent: Councilor Greenberg; also present: Councilors Albright, Malakie, and Wright

- #379-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
REGANS INC.
2066 Commonwealth Avenue
Auburndale, MA 02466
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)

- #380-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
NEWTON AUTO GROUP, INC.
182 Brookline Street
Newton, MA 02459
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #381-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
ROBERT'S TOWING, INC.
926r Boylston Street
Newton, MA 02461
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #382-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
NEWTON TRADE CENTER ASSOCIATES INC
103 Adams Street
Newton, MA. 02458
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #383-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
OLD TIME GARAGE
1960 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02462
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #384-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
AUCTION DIRECT PREOWNED, INC
1545 Washington Street
West Newton, MA 02465
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #385-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
YES AUTO SALES GROUP INC
D/B/A YES AUTO CENTER
454 Watertown Street
Newton, MA 02460
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #386-23** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
MAP DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENTS INC
d/b/a CHRISTIAN TAPIA/MASTER USED CARS
175 North Street
Newton, MA 02460
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)

- #387-23** **Class 1 Auto Dealer License**
MAG RETAIL HOLDINGS – CJ LLC.
D/B/A MCGOVERN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM
777 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02460
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #388-23** **Class 1 Auto Dealers License**
VILLAGE MOTORS GROUP INC D/B/A HONDA VILLAGE
371 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02458
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #389-23** **Class 1 Auto Dealer License**
NEWTON CENTRE SHELL INC
1365 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #364-23** **Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #358-22 at 1314 Washington Street, and 31, 33 Davis Street**
MADISON QUEENS-GUY BREWER LLC petition for Extension of Time to January 3, 2026 to allow a building in excess of 20,000 sq. ft., to allow a mixed-use residential building with five stories and 60 feet in height, to allow reduced lot area per unit, to exceed the maximum front setback, to allow a FAR of 2.45 in a five-story building, to waive the setback requirement for the portions of the building exceeding 40 ft. in height, to waive entrance and façade transparency requirements, to allow a restaurant with more than 50 seats with extended hours of operation, to allow ground floor residential use, to waive the requirement of using the A+B+C parking formula, to waive 115 parking stalls, to allow assigned parking, to allow reduced parking stall width and depth, to allow reduced accessible stall depth, to waive end stall maneuvering space requirements, to allow reduced aisle width at 1314 Washington Street and 31, 33 Davis Street, Ward 3, Newton, on land known as Section 33 Block 10 Lots 01, 11, 12 containing approximately 30,031 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1 (rezone to MIXED USE 4 proposed). Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.2.2.A.2, 4.2.5.A.3, 4.2.2.B.1, 4.2.3, 4.2.5.A.4, 4.2.2.B.3, 4.2.5.A.2, 4.2.5.A.4.c, 4.2.5.A.6.a, 4.2.5.A.6.b, 4.4.1, 6.4.29.B.1, 6.4.29.C.6, 6.2.4, 5.1.3.B, 5.1.13, 5.1.4, 5.1.3.E, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.B.4, 5.1.8.B.6, 5.1.8.C.1, 5.1.8.C.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Committee Approved 7-0
- #367-23** **Request to further extend a nonconforming 3-story single-family dwelling at 146 Oliver Road**
Susan Harvey petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct an addition over existing second-story living space within the footprint, extending the nonconforming third story at 146 Oliver Road, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as Section 54 Block 01 Lot 16, containing approximately 8,878 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned

SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Committee Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#366-23 Request to further extend a nonconforming 3.5 story single-family dwelling at 255 Jackson Street

Mary Beth Johnson petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a rear addition consisting of an attached garage with two stories of living space above, further extending the nonconforming 3.5-story structure at 255 Jackson Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 62 Block 24 Lot 24, containing approximately 14,368 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Committee Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#285-23 Request to extend a nonconforming side setback for a detached garage at 75 Royce Road DAN HAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to expand a detached garage toward the front property line, further extending a nonconforming side setback at 75 Royce Road, Ward 2, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 24 Block 41 Lot 19, containing approximately 22,995 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 3.4.3.A.1, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 7-0 (Councilor Laredo Recused); Public Hearing was Opened on 09/19/23
Land Use Committee Approved 6-0 (Councilor Laredo recused); Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#365-23 Request to further extend nonconforming FAR at 286 Highland Avenue

SETH AND JULIA BURR petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct two shed dormers on the second story which will further extend the nonconforming FAR at 286 Highland Avenue, Ward 2, West Newton, on land known as Section 32 Block 02 Lot 08, containing approximately 15,890 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Committee Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#311-23 Request to allow four single-family attached dwellings, to waive lot area and lot area per unit requirements and to allow a driveway and parking within setback distances at 2202 Commonwealth Avenue

2202 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to demolish the existing dwelling and construct four single-family attached dwellings with dimensional waivers, and to allow a driveway and parking within setback distances at 2202 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 13 Lot 06, containing approximately 13,696 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 6.2.3.B.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 5-0 (Councilors Bowman and Markiewicz Not Voting); Public Hearing Opened on 10/03/23

Land Use Committee Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Present: Councilors Lipof (Chair), Kelley, Downs, Bowman, Greenberg, Laredo, and Lucas; absent: Markiewicz; also present: Councilors Gentile, Malakie, and Baker

- #393-23 Request to allow reduced setbacks for a detached accessory apartment at 599 Commonwealth Avenue**
PADMINI PILLAI AND PIOTR BIELECKI petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to legalize an accessory apartment in its current placement, and to allow reduced setbacks at 599 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 7, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 73 Block 50 Lot 05, containing approximately 5,408 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Single Residence 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 6.7.1.E.5 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 6-0 (Councilor Lucas Abstaining); Public Hearing Closed 7-0
- #392-23 Request to further extend a nonconforming side setback, and to allow a dormer greater than 50% of the wall next below, within three feet of the end wall and with an uninterrupted wall plane at 66 Allison Street**
Robert Davis petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct dormer additions to the attic level of the dwelling, vertically extending a nonconforming side setback and exceeding by-right dormer dimensions at 66 Allison Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 11 Lot 04, containing approximately 4,713 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Single Residence 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.2.3, §1.5.4.G.2, §1.5.4.G.2.a, §1.5.4.G.2.b, §1.5.4.G.2.c, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0
- #391-23 Request to exceed FAR, to allow an oversized detached accessory apartment, reduced setbacks for the apartment and to allow oversized dormers at 16 Everett Street**
IFAT AND YANIV BEJERANO petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the detached garage and construct a new larger detached garage with an accessory apartment with oversized dormers and reduced setbacks and to construct a one-story rear addition to the principal dwelling which exceeds the FAR at 16 Everett Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 25 Lot 06, containing approximately 10,658 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Single Residence 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 6.7.1.E.5, 1.5.4.G.2.b of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0
- #390-23 Request to allow for-profit educational use at 84-94 Rowe Street**
72-94 ROWE STREET LLC C/O CALARE petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to convert 7,972 square feet of vacant office space into an adult day health center at 84-94 Rowe Street, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 44 Block 23 Lot 01, containing approximately 163,426 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MANUFACTURING. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 4.4.1 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

- #339-23 (B) Request to amend the site plans associated with Special Permits #480-14(4) and #327-21 and associated relief relative to parking at 283 Melrose Street**
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Land Use Held 5-0 (Councilor Kelley Abstained and Councilor Downs Not Voting); Public Hearing Opened on November 21, 2023
Land Use Approved Subject to Second Call 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0
- #34-22 Discussion with city staff regarding the new permitting software**
COUNCILORS MARKIEWICZ, LIPOF, KELLEY, LAREDO, NORTON, CROSSLEY, MARKIEWICZ, WRIGHT, AND BAKER requesting periodic updates and discussion with the Planning, Inspectional Services and Information Technology Departments regarding process improvements and the benefits of the implementation of the new permitting software.
Land Use Held on 04/26/22
Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)
- #496-22 Request for discussion regarding the OpenGov System**
COUNCILORS MARKIEWICZ, BOWMAN, GREENBERG, KELLEY, LAREDO, AND LUCAS requesting a discussion with the Planning Department, Inspectional Services Department, Information Technology Department and the Chief Operating Officer regarding the use of the OpenGov system to record and track actions required by conditions specified in the Council special permit. These conditions are ones requiring follow-up and/or enforcement by City Departments.
Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)
- #35-22 Discussion with city departments regarding internal processes for special permit council orders**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, LIPOF, DOWNS, RYAN, KALIS, NORTON, WRIGHT, LUCAS, DANBERG, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN, BOWMAN AND KELLEY requesting a discussion with the Planning and Inspectional Services Departments regarding the current internal processes for ensuring compliance with special permit council orders and the ways in which these processes can be improved.
Land Use Held on 04/26/22
Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)
- #36-22 Review and analysis with city departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, DOWNS, MALAKIE, LIPOF, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, WRIGHT, OLIVER, GREENBERG, KELLEY, NORTON, BAKER, LEARY, LUCAS AND DANBERG requesting a review and analysis with Planning, Inspectional Services and Law Departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders for the purpose of improving the

language used in such orders including provisions regarding undergrounding utilities, bicycle storage, construction hours and other construction rules, vibrations, rodent control, electrification, landscaping and other similar provisions.

Land Use Held on 04/26/22

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

#81-22 Discussion with city departments regarding internal processes for special permit council orders

COUNCILORS MARKIEWICZ, LAREDO, LIPOF, DOWNS, WRIGHT, LUCAS, DANBERG, ALBRIGHT AND requesting a discussion with the Law and Planning and Development Departments regarding how the City Council currently sets mitigation contributions and fees for special permit projects and the establishment of standards for such contributions and fees.

Land Use Held on 04/26/22

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

Referred to Land Use and Zoning & Planning Committee

#7-23 Request for discussion with City Staff regarding the process for creating and enforcing landscape plans pertaining to Special Permits

COUNCILORS LAREDO, ALBRIGHT, LEARY, MALAKIE, NORTON, OLIVER, GREENBERG, AND WRIGHT, requesting discussion with the Planning Department, the Inspectional Services Department, and the Tree Warden regarding the process for creating and enforcing landscape plans (including, but not limited to, trees) in the special permit process and enforcing the zoning code and the tree ordinance in connection with by right projects.

Land Use Held on 02/28/23

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Land Use Committees

#124-22 Request for amendment to Section 7.3 Special Permit Review of the Zoning Code

COUNCILORS LAREDO, LIPOF, DANBERG, GROSSMAN, LUCAS, MALAKIE, AND WRIGHT requesting an amendment to Section 7.3 Special Permit Review of the Zoning Code to require the submission of designs for the placement of underground utility service lines for projects above a certain size.

Land Use Held on 05/24/22

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Land Use Committees

#321-22 Request for a discussion on complex excavation projects

COUNCILORS KALIS, LIPOF, AND RYAN requesting a discussion on how to weigh neighbors' rights vs. developers with regard to complex excavation projects.

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Land Use Committees

#372-22

Discussion with city staff regarding TRIO’s survey results

COUNCILORS LAREDO, LIPOF, LUCAS, GREENBERG, MARKIEWICZ, DANBERG, LEARY, MALAKIE, BAKER, WRIGHT, OLIVER requesting a discussion with the Planning Department regarding the results of TRIO’s survey of its residents about their transportation needs and habits. The discussion should include information on:

- The demographics of the TRIO residents, including information on the number of residents (a) who do not or cannot drive at all; (b) who work from home (part-time and full-time); per unit and, if there are children, what ages are the children
- How many residents own or lease cars and how many of those cars are parked at TRIO
- What forms of transit are residents using instead of cars?
- For residents who do not own or lease a car, why have they made that decision – the availability of amenities in Newtonville; the ability to use Lyft and Uber; the current cost of new and used cars; other factors
- Are residents getting subsidized transit passes from their employers
- How much are residents using the bike racks and storage on site?
- What is the utilization of electric charging stations on site?

Land Use Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Downs Not Voting)

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Monday, December 11, 2023

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Danberg, Wright, Leary, Baker, and Ryan; absent: Councilor Krintzman

#376-23

Petition to rezone lot on Dedham Street

KATHERINE ADAMS petitioning to amend the City of Newton’s Zoning Map by changing the current zoning of the property known and numbered 0 Dedham St Off, Newton, MA, and shown on the City of Newton Assessor’s database as Section 83, Block 36, Lot 3A, currently zoned PUBLIC USE to SINGLE RESIDENCE 1.

Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0

#39-22

Requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice Bill

COUNCILOR CROSSLEY on behalf of the Zoning & Planning Committee requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice element of the MA Economic Development legislation. (formerly #131-21)

Zoning & Planning Voted No Action Necessary 7-0

#394-23

Reappointment of Peter Vieira to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Peter Vieira, 67 Old Orchard Road, Chestnut Hill as a full member of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on July 31, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)

Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0

- #395-23 Reappointment of Lisa Adams to the Economic Development Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Lisa Adams, 40 Converse Avenue, Newton as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #396-23 Reappointment of Florent Mali to the Economic Development Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Florent Mali, 32 Rowe Street, Auburndale as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of office set to expire on December 31, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #397-23 Reappointment of Jim Griglum to the Economic Development Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jim Griglum, 94 Bemis Street, Newton as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of office set to expire on December 31, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #398-23 Reappointment of Zach Knowlton to the Economic Development Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Zach Knowlton, 61 Walker Street, Newtonville as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of office set to expire on October 30, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #399-23 Reappointment of Mark Armstrong to the Newton Historical Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Mark Armstrong, 61 Vaughn Avenue, Newton Highlands as a full member of the Newton Historical Commission for a term of office set to expire on July 23, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #400-23 Reappointment of Ralph Abele to the Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Ralph Abele, 15 Page Road, Newton as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on May 5, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #401-23 Reappointment of Matthew Montgomery to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Matthew Montgomery, 57 Bowen Street, Newton as a full member of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 15, 2026. (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Present: Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Noel, Humphrey, Wright, Albright, Baker, and Greenberg; absent: Councilor Ryan; also present: Councilors Leary, Kelley, Laredo, Kalis, and Danberg

- #345-23** **Appointment of Emma Zhang as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Emma Zhang of Newton South High School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0
- #346-23** **Appointment of Zach Gusenoff as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Zach Gusenoff of Newton South High School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0
- #347-23** **Appointment of Sarina Chand as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Sarina Chand of Newton South High School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0
- #348-23** **Appointment of Phoebe Anthony as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Phoebe Anthony of Newton South High School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0
- #349-23** **Appointment of Nick Makura as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Nick Makura of The Roxbury Latin School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0
- #350-23** **Appointment of Chloe Lee as a member of the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Chloe Lee of Newton North High School as a member of the Youth Commission for a term of office set to expire on November 30, 2026. (60 Days: 01/05/23)
Programs & Services Approved 7-0

#420-23 Discussion and possible amendment to the City Council Rules to add an Ethics Commission or Committee
COUNCILORS NOEL, HUMPHREY, BOWMAN, GREENBERG, ALBRIGHT, LIPOF, LUCAS, KALIS, AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion and possible amendment to the City Council Rules to add an Ethics Commission or Committee for the purpose of creating and enforcing a City Council Code of Ethics.
Programs & Services Held 7-0

#402-23 Reappointment of Rakashi Chand as a Jackson Homestead Trustee
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Rakashi Chand, 65 Stony Brae Road, Newton as a Trustee of Jackson Homestead for a term of office set to expire on December 15, 2026.
 (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilor Baker Not Voting)

#403-23 Reappointment of Russel Feldman as a Jackson Homestead Trustee
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Russel Feldman, 85 Langley Road, Newton as a Trustee of Jackson Homestead for a term of office set to expire on November 1, 2026.
 (60 Days: 02/02/2024)
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilor Baker Not Voting)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Present: Councilors Downs (Chair), Malakie, Lucas, Grossman, Markiewicz, Lipof and Oliver; absent: Councilor Bowman; also present: Councilors Kelley, Greenberg, Wright and Norton

#67-22 Requesting regular discussion with the Police Department
COUNCILOR DOWNS requesting regular discussion with the Police Department of police data, including crashes, types of calls, numbers and dispositions.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0 on 01/05/22
Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0 on 03/23/22 (Councilor Oliver not voting)
Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0 on 09/08/22
Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 12/07/22
Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 01/18/23 (Councilor Grossman not voting)
Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 03/22/23
Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0

#236-23 Discussion regarding safety measures in Newton Public Schools
COUNCILORS LIPOF, LAREDO, DANBERG, KALIS, MALAKIE, RYAN, GROSSMAN, WRIGHT, LUCAS, OLIVER, KRINTZMAN AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Chief of Police and pertinent staff to discuss the current training and protocols in place for safety preparedness in Newton Schools, ensuring a safe and secure environment for Newton students.
Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0

- #405-23** **Requesting renewal of bus license for Lasell University**
VPNE PARKING SOLUTIONS, LLC, requesting biennial **renewal of one (1) bus license** for Lasell University. There are no changes proposed from the 2021 license.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #406-23** **Requesting new public auto license**
RALPH THOMAS, 50 Bowers Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 requesting **one (1) new public auto license** for Saito Trading, LLC.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0-1 (Councilor Downs abstaining)
- #407-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
ISMAIL UNKOC, 184 River Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Izmo Limo, LLC.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #408-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
MICHAEL GIMMELFARB, 274 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02461 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for American Truck & Equipment Sales, LLC.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #409-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
RAJIV KUMAR, 2323 Washington Street, Apt. #G3, Newton, MA 02462 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for Om Sai Enterprises Inc.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #410-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
DHANRAJ MAHASE, 275 Grove Street, 2-400, Newton, MA 02466 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for MHS Worldwide, LLC.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #411-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
LAHCENE BELHOUCHE, 32 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02460 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Boston Cool Ride Limo Inc.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #412-23** **Requesting renewal of public auto license**
DONALD LAPLANTE, 21 Parker Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Don's Car Service.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0
- #371-23** **Requesting a discussion with the Administration about overnight on-street parking during the winter parking ban for people with disability placards.**
COUNCILORS DOWNS, LUCAS, HUMPHREY, KELLEY, GREENBERG, OLIVER, ALBRIGHT, WRIGHT, KRINTZMAN, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN AND RYAN requesting a discussion with the Administration about overnight on-street parking during the winter parking ban for people with disability placards.
Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0

#282-23 **Discussion and ordinance change to Section 19-49 Temporary Parking Permits**
COUNCILORS NORTON, LUCAS AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion and ordinance change to **Section 19-49 Temporary Parking Permits**, to give police more discretion in distributing temporary permits and reduce hardships especially on tradespersons and contractors.

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0

#351-23 **Requesting change in the overnight winter parking ban ordinance to allow folks who have permits be able to park in city lots during snow emergencies**
COUNCILORS GREENBERG AND DOWNS requesting change in the overnight winter parking ban ordinance to allow folks who have permits be able to park in city lots during snow emergencies. To begin this winter 2023.

Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 6-0, (Councilor Lipof not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Kelley, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, Laredo and Kalis; absent: Councilor Norton

#321-23 **Request for a grant of location in Chestnut Hill Road**
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Chestnut Hill Road as follows:

- 325'+ of 8" plastic in Chestnut Hill Road from the existing 12" Cast Iron in Beacon St to replace 325' of 6" cast iron.
- 420' + of 4" plastic main in Chestnut Hill Ter from Chestnut Hill Rd and Gate House Rd to replace 420' of 6" cast iron.
- 40' + of 8" plastic in the intersection of Chestnut Hill Rd and Gate House Rd to replace 40' of 6" cast iron.

Public Facilities Held 7-0 (Councilor Danberg Not Voting); Public Hearing Opened on 10/04/23

Public Facilities Held 7-0; Public Hearing Closed on 10/18/23

Public Facilities Approved 5-0-2 (Councilors Leary and Kelley abstaining)

#413-23 **Request for water main extensions and granting of water easement in Tower Road**
NORTHLAND PATTERN DISTRICT LLC is petitioning for the extension of the City's water main from Tower Road which includes a variable width easement from Tower Road to Oak Street, and to the Greenway. A section of the new main will be installed from the Northland campus through the greenway and connected to Mechanic Street.

Public Facilities Approved 7-0

- #372-23 Appointment of Philip Hanser to the Citizens Commission on Energy**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Philip Hanser, 40 Cedar Street, Newton Centre to the Citizens Commission on Energy for a term of office to expire April 15, 2026. (60 days: 01/19/24)
Public Facilities Approved 7-0
- #414-23 Reappointment of Miles Smith to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Miles Smith, 30 Webster Street, Newton 02465 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire September 30, 2026. (60 days: 2/02/2024)
Public Facilities Approved 7-0
- #415-23 Reappointment of Sunwoo Kahng to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Sunwoo Kahng, 60 Garland Road, Newton 02459 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire November 15, 2026. (60 days: 2/02/2024)
Public Facilities Approved 7-0
- #416-23 Reappointment of Marian Rambelle to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Marian Rambelle, 2 Harrington Street, Newton 02460 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire October 31, 2026. (60 days: 2/02/2024)
Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Monday, December 11th, 2023

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Kelley, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, Laredo and Kalis and Norton

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #374-23 Appropriate \$3,000,000 for dredging of the City Hall Ponds**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from Acct # 6200-3599 Stormwater Fund Balance to Acct # 7211D401-584200 City Hall Pond Dredging to fund the dredging of the City Hall ponds in 2024.
Finance Approved 8-0 on 12/11/2023
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #375-23 Requesting authorization to appropriate and expend for the Newton Center for Active Living Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend an amount to be determined for the Newton Center for Active Living Project. (Bids will be

opened on December 7th, at which time the item will be amended to include an amount and accounts)

Finance Approved as amended to reflect the following docket language: “HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in addition to nineteen million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$19,500,000) as shown in Council Order 345-22, and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the Newton Center for Active Living (NewCAL) and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount.” 8-0 on 12/11/2023

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Referred to Finance Committee

Monday, December 11th, 2023

Present: Councilors Grossman (Chair), Oliver, Norton, Malakie, Gentile, Humphrey, Noel and Kalis

#378-23 Appropriate \$15,000 for Elections Postage in City Clerk’s Office

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from June 30, 2023 Certified Free Cash to account #0110162-534100 Elections Postage in the City Clerk’s Office to fund elections-related postage charges.

Finance Approved 7-0 (Councilor Norton not voting)

#418-23 Acceptance of \$174,910 from the Department of Justice’s Office of Community Policing Services

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one-hundred seventy-four thousand nine-hundred ten dollars (\$174,910) in a grant from the Department of Justice’s Office of Community Policing Services.

Finance Approved 8-0

#373-23 Acceptance of \$190,000 from MassDOT’s Community Transit Grant Program FY24

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) from MassDOT’s Community Transit Grant Program FY24 for Newton transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities during the fiscal year.

Finance Approved 8-0

#272-23 Authorization to expend \$33,333 in transportation mitigation funds on NewMo Operation from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval to spend thirty-three thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$33,333) in transportation mitigation funds from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development for NewMo operations consistent with the transportation demand management plan set out in Special Permit #01-20 and the approved Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change dated 2/2/22.
Finance Approved 8-0

#417-23 Request to transfer \$50,000 from Street Division – Full Time Wages
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Acct # 0140120-511002, Street Division – Full-Time Wages, to Acct# 67A109A2-572500, Workers Compensation – Legal Claims
Finance Approved 7-0 (Councilor Noel not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#374-23 Appropriate \$3,000,000 for dredging of the City Hall Ponds
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Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 12/11/23
Finance Approved 8-0

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