

Attendees: Carolyn Gabbay, Jennifer Bentley, Laura De Veau, Nancy Greenberg, Aline Sammut, Harvey Young + Ward 2 Councilor Candidate Peter Bruce, Ward 2 Councilor Candidate David Micley, Ward 2 Councilor-at-Large Tarik Lucas, +29 in total

Date: 24 August 2023

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

Michael Zilles, President (Newton Teachers Association)

- Michael Zilles offered an update from the NTA perspective on negotiations.
- Most conversations (on invoices) occurring between lawyers.
- Zilles expressed “concern with communication which feels threatening to [NTA] members and feels alarmist to [the Newton] community”
- Noted that the two sides: NTA and Newton School Committee as “far apart on money”
- Zilles response to the question, “What does this mean for the kids?”
 - Similar actions as last contract 2019;
 - Teachers will not do voluntary activities; such as “bus duty
 - Teachers may be silent during staff meetings.
 - The goal will be to make clear how much the district depends on voluntary contributions; for example: Diversity/Equity/Inclusion work –is “done 90-95% by teachers who have been trained (often by other teachers)”;
- Zilles noted that NTA has to work hard to get perspective out to community; doesn’t have the same communication reach as Newton Mayor.

Village Center Zoning Discussion:

- Attendee requests/comments:
 - **Proposal NAC to ask City Council to ask state of MA to postpone the submission of a plan for a rezoning of Newtonville, West Newton and Auburndale for a year; to have to learn what will happen related to the redesign of related 3 stations;**
 - Anticipated expenditure may require revision to the station; a lot of questions remain related to orientation of station;
 - Multiple access points to Newtonville station via three or four streets; the radius can shift dependent on the location of access.
 - How can state threaten to withhold funds to make MBTA ADA compliant?

Ward 2 Council Debate

- Date: September 5, 2023; Venue – Druker Auditorium
- Moderator: Marjorie Arons-Barron
- **Proposal: Motion to secure \$500 to support video work/livestreaming; NAC voted unanimously in favor of proposal.**
- Goal: Narrow race to two candidates per race; Ward 2 candidates are Peter Bruce, Dan Gaynor, David Micley; Ward 6: Bixby, Holt, Gordon.

Keep Newton Clean Initiative

- Posters have been received by NAC; will replace the old ones (which have faded);
- Slightly overbudget; by \$50 to approx. \$62

Village Day Update:

- All Booths have sold out
- 85 booths were sold (5 more than in past); a waiting list has been created.
- Senior Center will not be demolished until after Village Day (have use of electricity and parking).

Area Council Nominations are Due 9/15

- Need 25 signatures; must be notarized.

- **Proposal to approve July 2023 minutes. NAC voted unanimously in favor of proposal.**

Adjourned at 9:03pm