City Council Reports Docket

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7:45PM, Hybrid
To be reported on
Monday, May 5, 2025

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In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

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Unfinished Council Business

#7-25 **Request to amend Special Permit #426-18 at 55 Tower Road**
NORTHLAND PATTERN DISTRICT LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit #426-18 to eliminate five buildings, convert Building 1 from office space to residential use, increase the number of residential units by 22 units, modify building designs of certain proposed buildings, and alter surface and structured parking at 55 Tower Road, also known as 400 Main Street, Ward 5, Newton Upper Falls, on land known as Section 51 Block 28 Lot 05, containing approximately 22.6 acres of land in a district zoned BUSINESS4. Ref: Secs. 7.3.3, 5.13, and 5.13.7 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Held 8-0 on 02/04/2025
Land Use Held 7-0 on 03/25/2025
Land Use Approved 7-0 on 04/15/2025
Item Chartered by Councilor Block on 04/22/2025

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

04/29/2025

Present: Present: Councilors Oliver (Vice Chair), Baker, Albright, Danberg, Wright, Krintzman, Getz, and Kalis; also present: Councilors Farrell, Lucas, Kelley, Leary, Greenberg, and Malakie

#129-25 **Request for authorization to submit FY26-30 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Revised Citizen Participation Plan, and FY2026 Annual Action Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization, pursuant to the 2023 Revised Citizen Participation Plan, to submit the FY26-30 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Revised Citizens Participation Plan, and FY26 Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and the WestMetro HOME Consortium.
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

#66-25 **Appointment of Michael Alperin to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Michael Alperin, 271 Greenwood, Newton as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office set to expire on May 2, 2026. (60 Days: 05/16/2025)
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

#73-25 **Appointment of JJ Kazakoff-Eigen to the BERDO Advisory Commission**
PRESIDENT LAREDO appointing JJ Kazakof-Eigen, 136 Jewett Street, Newton as a member of the BERDO Advisory Commission for a term of office to expire one year following the effective date of the BERDO Regulations. (60 Days: 06/06/2025)
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

04/24/2025

Present: Present: Humphrey (Vice Chair), Krintzman, Farrell, Oliver, Lobovits, Micley, Malakie, and Baker; also present: Councilor Albright

#89-25 **Reappointment of Nathan Persampieri to the Commission on Disability**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Nathan Persampieri, 108 Washington Park, Newtonville as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office set to expire on May 31, 2028. (60 Days: June 21, 2025)
Programs & Services Approved 5-0 (Councilors Baker, Krintzman, Micley Not Voting)

#90-25 **Reappointment of Stephen Logowitz to the Community Education Commission**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Stephen Logowitz, 391 Walnut Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on May 5, 2027 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Programs & Services Approved 5-0 (Councilors Baker, Krintzman, Micley Not Voting)

#91-25 **Reappointment of Harold W. Adams to the Community Education Commission**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Harold W. Adams, 47 Grafton Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on May 5, 2027 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker, Krintzman Not Voting)

#92-25 **Reappointment of William Dietrich to the Biosafety Committee**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing William Dietrich, 28 Osbourne Path, Newton, to the Biosafety Committee for a term to expire on May 5, 2028 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker, Krintzman Not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

04/23/2025

Present: Councilors Albright (Chair), Leary, Kelley, Gentile, Getz, Danberg, Laredo, and Kalis; also present: Councilors Malakie, Lucas, Micley, Wright, Downs, Farrell, and Krintzman

#103-24 **Update on Planning and Construction of Bullough's Pond Dam**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT on behalf of the Public Facilities Committee requesting update on planning and construction of the Bullough's Pond Dam.
Public Facilities Held 7-0 (Councilor Danberg Not Voting) on 11/20/2024
Public Facilities Held 8-0

#418-24 **Requesting a discussion regarding Bullough's Pond Dam Rehabilitation Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a discussion of the Bullough's Pond Dam rehabilitation project and the preferred safety design.
Public Facilities Held 7-0 (Councilor Danberg Not Voting) on 11/20/2024
Public Facilities Held 8-0

#93-25 **Reappointment of Howard Goldberg to the Designer Selection Committee**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Howard Goldberg, 27 Theodore Road, Newton Centre 02459 to the Designer Selection Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#94-25 **Reappointment of Amy L. MacKrell to the Designer Selection Committee**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Amy L. MacKrell, 12 Dexter Road, Newtonville 02460 to the Designer Selection Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#95-25 **Reappointment of Carol S. Schein to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Carol S. Schein, 82 Garland Road, Newton 02459 to the Design Review Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#96-25 **Reappointment of Peter J. Barrer to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Peter J, Barrer, 60 Endicott St, Newton 02459 to the Design Review Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

04/30/2025

Present: Councilors Albright (Chair), Leary, Kelley, Getz, Danberg, Laredo, and Kalis; also present: Councilors Oliver, Bixby, Krintzman, Block, Lucas, Farrell, Malakie, and Greenberg; absent: Councilor Gentile

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#86-25 **CPC Recommendation to appropriate $75,000 in CPA funding**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the Unrestricted Prior Year Funds (5800-3599) for expenses relating to the replacement of the deck at the Newton Community Farm.
Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#87-25 **CPC Recommendation to appropriate $189,300 in CPA funding**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred dollars ($189,300) in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the Unrestricted Prior Year Funds (5800-3599) for architecture, engineering and investigative expenses to the War Memorial Stairs restoration.
Public Facilities Approved as Amended Changing "two hundred fourteen thousand three hundred dollars ($214,300)" to "one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred dollars ($189,300)" 7-0

#123-25 **Appropriation of $2,525,000 for priority school facility projects**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two million five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($2,525,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of completing a list of priority school facility projects throughout the district.
Public Facilities Held 6-0 (Councilor Danberg Absent)

Referred to Finance Committee

04/28/2025

Present: Councilors Gentile (Chair), Malakie, Greenberg, Micley, Bixby, Humphrey, Grossman; absent: Councilor Lipof

#107-25 **Appropriation of $2,000,000 for FY2026 Health Insurance costs**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million dollars ($2,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to an account established for the purpose of supplementing the significant increase in FY2026 Health Insurance costs.
Finance Approved 7-0