



# **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report**

## **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

**Present:** Councilors Lucas (Chair), Greenberg, Wright, Block, Irish, Roche, Golden and Silber

**City Staff:** Sergeant Jason Schlegel, Newton Police Department

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**#18-26      Requesting renewal of public auto license**

DONALD LaPLANTE, 395 Lexington Street, Auburndale, MA 02466  
requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for Don's Car Service.

**Action:**      **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**

**Note:**      Sergeant Schlegel joined the Committee.

Sergeant Schlegel stated that the 2024, Toyota Sienna passed inspection on December 18, 2025, meeting both police and city standards.

Councilor Block made a motion to approve. Council member agreed 8-0.

**#37-26      Class 2 Auto Dealer License**

NEW ENGLAND MOTOR MART, INC.  
1211 Washington Street  
West Newton, MA 02465

**#36-26      Class 2 Auto Dealers License**

MOTORCARS OF BOSTON INC.  
1191 Washington Street  
West Newton, MA 02465

**#38-26 Class 2 Auto Dealer License**

GRAND AUTO SALES  
1235 Washington Street  
Newton, MA 02465

**#39-26 Class 2 Auto Dealer License**

APEX MOTORS GROUP  
280 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458

**#19-26 Class 1 Auto Dealer License**

VILLAGE MOTORS GROUP INC D/B/A HONDA VILLAGE  
371 Washington Street  
Newton, MA 02458

**Action:** **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**

**Note:** The Chair read the items into the record. Committee Clerk Danielle Delaney, informed Committee members that the businesses paid and were approved by Inspectional Services, Treasury and Police Departments, a process that must be completed and approved before adding to an agenda. The five docket requests are ready for approval.

A Councilor asked what criteria must be met to approve a license? Ms. Delaney explained that the applicant applies and pays online using the OpenGov app. The application is forwarded to the Treasury Department to ensure payment was received and to the Inspectional Services and Police Departments for approval and if any complaints were received.

A Councilor asked if the City has received any complaints on Honda Village? Chair Lucas and Ms. Delaney answered no.

Councilor Block made a motion to approve the five preceding auto dealer licenses. Council members agreed 8-0.

The committee adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tarik Lucas, Chair**