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Monday, March 16, 2026

7:45PM, Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, April 6, 2026

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Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing 03-24-2026

#119-26 Request for a special permit to allow an oversized dormer, extending a nonconforming 3.5 story structure, and to further extend nonconforming FAR at 25-27 Lewis Street

WILLIAM SCHWIETERMAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, proposes to create habitable space in the attic level with relief for an oversized dormer, to alter and extend a nonconforming 3.5 story structure, and to further extend nonconforming FAR at 25-27 Lewis Street, Ward 4, Newton, on land known as Section 13 Block 02 Lot 08, containing approximately 4,772 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MR1 . Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 1.5.4.G.2.b, 3.2.3, 3.2.11 and 7.8.2.C.2, of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 03-24-2026

#118-26 Request to further extend nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 199 Otis Street

CHRIS BIERLY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, to construct a one-story 333 square foot detached accessory building to be used as a home office further extending the existing nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 199 Otis Street, Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 24 Block 12 Lot 17D containing approximately 26,571 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SR1 . Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, and 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#110-26 Request for pre-budget planning discussion

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, FARRELL, OLIVER, MALAKIE, IRISH, and CHARM requesting discussion among members of the Programs & Services Committee before FY26 budget process begins. A Pre-budget conversation will allow the Committee to consider expectations for department presentations and brainstorm questions before the City Council starts to schedule FY26 items (180 Days: 09/12/26).

#109-26 Requesting Resolution to endorse bills supporting access to primary care

COUNCILORS LEARY, MICLEY, GREENBERG, FARRELL, and DAHMUBED requesting a Resolution to endorse H.2537, An Act relative to primary care access, S.867 An Act relative to primary care for you, and H.1370 An Act relative to Massachusetts primary care for you. The goal would be to improve investment and access to primary care and address rising, unsustainable health care costs (180 Days: 09/12/26).

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#105-26 Overview of the Sustainable Materials Management Division
COUNCILORS KALIS and GETZ requesting an overview and discussion of the Department of Public Works' Sustainable Materials Management Division in preparation for the budget process (180 days: 09/12/26).

#106-26 Overview of the Utilities Division
COUNCILOR KALIS and GETZ requesting an overview and discussion of the Department of Public Works' Utilities Division in preparation for the budget process (180 days: 09/12/26).

Public Hearing 04-08-2026

#114-26 Eversource petition for a grant of location on Smith Avenue
EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location for one pole located on the East side of Smith Avenue approximately 556 feet southwest of Cleveland Street to be relocated to approximately 16 feet southwest of its current location.

<https://newtonma.portal.opengov.com/records/912655>

#115-26 Request for discussion and ordinance to require energy use reporting by a subset of owners of residential buildings that are not subject to Newton's BERDO or Massachusetts' LBER Program
NEWTON ENERGY COMMISSION requesting discussion and an ordinance that would require owners and managers of residential properties that are not owner-occupied and not already required to report under Newton's Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) or Massachusetts' Large Building Energy Reporting (LBER) Program to report metrics of energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions annually to the City of Newton. The reported data are to be used to encourage all owners to plan to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions at each building, in support of and furtherance of reducing the emission of atmospheric pollutants, achieving goals set forth in the Newton Climate Action Plan, and striving for greater affordability (180 days: 09/12/2026).

Referred to Finance Committee

#112-26 Authorization to transfer \$46,500 for accessibility improvements
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) from Acct# 5500-335518, Accessibility Parking Fines, to Acct# 7536R401-524090, Walker and Proctor St Access Improv, to complete accessible improvements at the intersection of Walker Street and Proctor Street in Newtonville.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#113-26 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$300,000 to the Newton Communications Access Center, INC.

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, with one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Acct# 5516R114-590001, RCN CATV License Fees, and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Acct# 5517R114-590001, Verizon CATV License Fees, to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#98-26 Discussion on improving compliance for violations of street sweeping regulations in Nonantum

COUNCILOR LEARY requesting a discussion on improving compliance with the street sweeping program in place in certain streets in Nonantum, including increasing fines and considering towing violators (180 days: 09/12/26).

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#111-26 Repurposing of \$150,000 for the renovation of the Fire Station 2 bathroom

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to repurpose the one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) allocated in Docket #120-25 for the renovation of the bathroom at Fire Station 2, rather than for updates to Fire Station 1 and 2 living quarters.

The following item was filed after the close of the docket deadline and requires a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#116-26 Requesting a discussion on the status of the Newton Highlands Working Group

COUNCILORS BIXBY and KALIS requesting a discussion on the status of the Newton Highlands Working Group and their findings and recommendations (180 days: 09/12/2026).