



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, March 23, 2026

7:00 PM
Room 211

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Referred to Public Facilities & 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.
Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 on 03/18/26
- #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#

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7536R401-524090, Walker and Proctor St Access Improv, to complete accessible improvements at the intersection of Walker Street and Proctor Street in Newtonville.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair of Finance Committee



Marc C. Laredo
Mayor

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March 9, 2026

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Council,

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to repurpose the \$150,000 allocated in Docket #120-25 for the renovation of the bathroom at Fire Station 2.

Docket#120-25 appropriated \$150,000 for living quarters/day room updates to Fire Station 1 and 2. However, after further discussions with the Fire Chief it has been determined that renovations to the bathroom at Fire Station 2 are a more immediate priority. The bathroom and locker room are essential components of the station's living quarters, directly impacting the daily health, safety, and comfort of personnel. Given the condition of the current facilities, the bathroom renovation represents a greater overall need and will provide more significant benefit to both the building and the members who work there.

Attached is a memo from Public Buildings Commissioner Alejandro Valcarce on the request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT
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February 25, 2026

Marc Laredo, Mayor
Newton City Hall
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Re: Fire Station Funding Repurpose

Dear Mayor Laredo:

The Public Buildings Department received \$150,000 from Docket #120-25 which provided the funding for living quarters/day room updates to Fire Station 1 and 2. However, after discussions with the Fire Chiefs it has been determined that renovations to the bathroom at Fire Station 2 are a more immediate priority. The bathroom and locker room are essential components of the station's living quarters, directly impacting the daily health, safety, and comfort of personnel. Given the condition of the current facilities, the bathroom renovation represents a greater overall need and will provide more significant benefit to both the building and the members who work there. Therefore, we respectfully request that the previously allocated funds be repurposed to support the bathroom renovation project.

Sincerely,

Alejandro M. Valcarce
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Josh Morse, Chief Operations Officer
Tom Rooney, Deputy Buildings Commissioner

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, 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, and to rename Acct# 7834B115-582500 "Fire Station #1/#2 Living Quarters" to "Fire Station #2 Bathroom," be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) DREW WILLISON
City Clerk

(SGD) MARC LAREDO
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Date: _____



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March 9, 2026

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Dear Honorable Council,

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer \$46,500.00 from Acct# 5500-335518 H-P Fines-Disability Commission to a new account to complete accessible improvements at the intersection of Walker Street and Proctor Street in Newtonville.

Attached is a memo from COD Co-chairs Ima Jonsdottir and Jack Lovett on the request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Commission On Disability
MEMORANDUM

February 17, 2026



Marc C. Laredo
Mayor

Katie Whewell
**Acting Director, Planning
& Development**

Sharon Cullins
**Community Development
Planner**

Members

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Dear Mayor Laredo,

At the COD meeting on December 8, 2025, the Commission on Disability voted unanimously to provide Disability Fine funds in the amount of \$46,500 to complete accessible improvements and curb cuts at the intersection of Walker Street and Proctor Streets in Newtonville.

The funds should be drawn from the following account:

Account # 5500-335518 H-P Fines-Disability Commission
Balance: \$147,033.48

The COD members strongly feel this is an appropriate use of the Fines funds and respectfully request the Mayor to docket \$46,500.00 to be appropriated from the Disability Fines account to a new account to pay for the construction of the Walker Street and Proctor Street intersection accessibility improvements.

Best regards, on behalf of the Newton Commission on Disability,

Ima Jonsdottir and Jack Lovett
Co-Chairs

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, 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, be and is hereby approved.

FROM:	Accessibility Parking Fines (5500-335518).....	\$46,500.00
TO:	Walker and Proctor St Access Improv (7536R401-524090).....	\$46,500.00

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Readings Waived and Approved
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