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## Public Facilities Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:00 PM

Room 207/City Council Chambers

The Public Facilities Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/87673420136> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 876 7342 0136.

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

##### *Public Hearing 04-08-26*

#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>

##### *Public Hearing 04-08-26*

#122-26

##### **National Grid petition for a grant of location on Clarendon Street**

NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Clarendon Street as follows, due to water work by the City of Newton:

- 400 feet of 6-inch Plastic gas main to replace 145 feet of 4-inch Bare Steel (1944) and 255 feet of 4-inch Cast Iron (1911/1914) in Clarendon Street from Norwood Avenue to #30 Clarendon Street (north side of Laundry Brook culvert)
- 290 feet of 6-inch Plastic gas main to replace 195 feet of 4-inch Cast Iron (1911 & 1914) and 95 feet of 4-inch Plastic (2007/2014) in Clarendon Street from #34 Clarendon Street (south side of Laundry Brook culvert) to Cabot Street

<https://newtonma.portal.opengov.com/records/908605>

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- #116-26      Requesting a discussion on the status of the Newton Highlands Working Group**  
Requesting a discussion on the status of the Newton Highlands Working Group and their findings and recommendations (180 days: 09/12/2026).
- #132-26      Discussion on the Transportation Network Improvement Plan**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting to provide an update on the Transportation Network Improvement Plan (180 days: 10/03/26).
- #43-26      Request for a discussion and ordinance change to only require a new sidewalk installation if the existing sidewalk is damaged during construction**  
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, KALIS, and LEARY requesting a discussion and ordinance change regarding Chapter 29 Sections 157-166 of the Revised Ordinances' requirement to install a sidewalk when renovations exceed 50% of house costs. The homeowner typically learns at the end of a long renovation project that a new sidewalk will be required at a cost of between twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) depending on sidewalk configuration. The ordinance change would only require a new sidewalk installation if the existing sidewalk was damaged during construction (180 Days: 07/19/2026).  
**Public Facilities Held 7-0 on 02-04-2026**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Kalis, Chair of the Public Facilities Committee