



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, June 13, 2022

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82321125166> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 823 2112 5166

Items scheduled for discussion:

#329-22 **Acceptance of a \$41,760.50 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to accept, appropriate and expend the sum of forty-one thousand seven hundred sixty dollars and fifty cents (\$41,460.50) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to be used in the City's efforts to enhance the COVID-19 public health response

#331-22 **Acceptance of \$198,605 from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to accept and expend a one hundred ninety-eight thousand six hundred and five dollar (\$198,605) grant from the MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the Albemarle Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes project.

#332-22 **Acceptance of \$48,000 from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to accept and expend a forty-eight thousand dollar (\$48,000) grant from the MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the installation of four Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#343-22 **Appropriation of \$1,625,000 for Fire Rescue Overtime**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,625,000) from the June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0121022-513010 Fire Rescue Overtime.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0 (Councilor Malakie not voting) on 06/08/22

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#344-22 **Transfer \$75,000 to the Newton Police Department**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Acct #0110952-511001 Human Resources Full Time

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

Salaries, to a project account to provide technical support to the Newton Police Department.

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0 on 06/08/22

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#346-22

Transfer \$175,000 to the Snow & Ice Rental/Contractors Account

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend a sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the below accounts to Acct# 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors:

Snow & Ice Overtime
(0140123-513010)..... \$45,000

June 30, 2021 Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$130,000

Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting) on 06/08/22

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#347-22

Transfer \$1 million to Transportation Network/Roads Program

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from Acct # 0140120-511002 DPW Street Division Full Time Wages to Acct. # 01C40112-553100 to support the continuation of the improvement of the City's Transportation Network/Roads Program.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting) on 06/08/22

#335-22

Assessment of Curb Betterments

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the following mentioned sidewalk/driveway apron and/or curb betterments; said betterments to be levied under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, Sec. 26, authorizing the assessments of betterments for construction:

Now or Formerly	Address	Book/Page	SBL	Estimate
Raffaella Witkin & Roger Witkin	271 Crafts Street	69807/350	23-02-01	\$2,792.00
Daniel A. Kostyk & Brenda Mary O'Sullivan Kostyk	29 Kewadin Road	48475/87	55-51-09	\$2,608.00
Fergus O'Donoghue & Carolyn Mansfield	92 Reservoir Avenue	77149/112	63-27-06	\$5,744.00

#330-22 Transfer \$50,000 for the Library HVAC System
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of fifty thousand dollars from Acct # 0160110-511001 Main Library Full Time Salaries to Acct #0160112-524070 Library Building Repairs and Maintenance to fund the emergency repairs to the Library HVAC system

#333-22 Transfer \$24,000 for Public Building Maintenance Overtime
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars from Acct # 0111502-582500 Municipal Building Maintenance Building Improvements to Acct # 1011502-513010 Public Building Maintenance Overtime

#308-22 Transfer \$220,000 to the Building Demolition/Other Repairs
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two-hundred thousand twenty dollars (\$220,000) from Acct #0160110-51101, Main Library – Full Time Salaries, to 01C2202-524130 Building Demolition/Other Repairs for the emergency demolition of a residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#339-22 Transfer \$125,000 from the Current Year Budget Reserve
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Acct # 0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to fund engineering consultants required for the design of the turf fields at the high schools.
Program & Services Approved 7-0 on 06/08/22

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#340-22 Appropriation of \$184,244 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars (\$184,244) from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to resurface the tennis court complex at Newton North High School comprising of 10 courts.
Program & Services Approved 7-0 on 06/08/22

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#341-22 Transfer \$80,000 from the PRC Public Grounds Maintenance Full Time Wages
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from Acct #1060252-511002, PRC Public Grounds Maintenance Full Time Wages to the following accounts:

Beaut-Grounds Maint (0160238-546000).....	\$12,000
Public Grounds Maint (0160252-546000).....	\$13,000
Public Grounds Maint	

(0160252-546000).....	\$30,000
Rec Bldg's- Electricity	
(0160237-521000).....	\$15,000
Rec Vehicles- Gas/Diesel	
(0160236-548000).....	\$10,000

Program & Services Approved 7-0 on 06/08/22

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#342-22

Transfer \$360,000 to a Parks, Recreation and Culture Account

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend a sum of three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) from the below accounts to a Parks, Recreation and Culture project account to fund the resurfacing of the Newton Centre Playground.

Financial Services-Savings from Attrition	
(0111049-511001).....	\$280,000
I.T.- Savings from Attrition	
(0111154-511001).....	\$80,000

Program & Services Approved 7-0 on 06/08/22

#337-22

Appropriation of \$4,632,500 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of four million six hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,632,500) from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 01C10701-576300 ATB Interest to hold in reserve for a potential liability for an Appellate Tax Board Case filed by Eversource.

#338-22

Appropriation of \$161,502.03 for the Newton Lease Settlement Assessment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred sixty-one thousand five hundred two dollars and three cents (\$161,502.03) from Acct # 0110851-511001 Law Dept Full Time Salaries to an account that will cover the Newton Lease Settlement Assessment that has been charged to the Newton Public Schools as part of the dissolution costs incurred by the EDCO Collaborative.

#334-22

Appropriate \$106,520 to cover the cost of FY22 Non-Contributory Retirement System

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the following amounts to cover the full cost of FY22 Non-Contributory Retirement System appropriation for each of the Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Enterprise.

<u>Acct Description</u>	<u>From Acct #</u>	<u>To Acct#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Year Reserve - Water	60A10498-579000	60A10491-570700	\$ 69,095
Current Year Reserve - Sewer	61A10498-579000	61A10491-570700	\$ 32,225
Current Year Reserve – Storm	62A10498-579000	62A10491-570700	\$ 5,200

- #309-22 Transfer \$200,000 to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc. (NewTV)**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend a sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc (NewTV) to be used by NewTV to maintain a high level of services, including governmental services at City Hall during this period of declining cable TV revenues.
- #327-22 Authorization to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Newton Public Schools**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Newton Public Schools in the amount of five hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$538,589) which is equal to the reimbursement that the City has received to the General Fund from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair

City of Newton



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Amended Docket Request 329-22
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Newton, MA 02459-1544

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June 10, 2022

Dear Mayor Fuller,

We have been informed that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is granting an additional \$58,239.50 to the City of Newton to be used for COVID-19 related expenses.

Please amend my prior request of \$41,760.50 to reflect this increased amount.

This funding is in addition to the previous allocation of \$114,682 recently approved by council.

These funds will be used for COVID-19 related expenses such as testing, extra school nurse staffing and contact tracing and must be expended by June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

Linda Walsh
Commissioner
Newton Health and Human Services



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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to accept, appropriate and expend the amount of \$41,760.50. The City recently accepted \$114,682 from the 2022 local public health support grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to be used in our efforts to enhance the COVID-19 public health response. These funds are in addition to that original amount.

Allowable uses of this funding are for FY22 only and include:

- Case investigation and contact tracing,
- Vaccination efforts, and
- Testing efforts

Funds must be expended by June 30, 2022 and shall not supplant existing municipal appropriations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Dear Mayor Fuller,

Please docket the acceptance of an additional allocation of \$41,760.50 to the City of Newton from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This funding is in addition to the previous allocation of \$114,682 recently approved by council.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to accept, appropriate and expend the sum of forty-one thousand seven hundred sixty dollars and fifty cents (\$41,760.50) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to be used in the City's efforts to enhance the COVID-19 public health response be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
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(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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May 31, 2022

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to accept and expend a grant of \$198,605 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the Albemarle Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes project.

The project's goal is improving safety on Albemarle Road and Brookside Avenue. The project will reduce speeds, add bike lanes, enhance crossings, and improve operations. The project uses quick-build materials such as paint, flexible delineator posts and rubber speed cushions to make the improvements. Over the last 18 months, the City worked closely with the public and stakeholders to design the concept for the project. Input will continue through the final design process. Installation is targeted for spring/summer 2023.

Attached is a memo from Transportation Planning Director Nicole Freedman regarding the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
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Barney S. Heath
Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 31, 2022
To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operations
From: Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: Request to Docket Item to Accept MassDOT Shared Streets Grant for Albemarle
Traffic Calming and Bike Lane Project

We request approval to accept and expend \$198,605 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the following project:

Albemarle Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes

Aimed at improving safety on Albemarle Road and Brookside Avenue, the project will reduce speeds, add bike lanes, enhance crossings, and improve operations. The project uses quick-build materials such as paint, flexible delineator posts and rubber speed cushions to make the improvements. Over the last 18 months, the City worked closely with the public and stakeholders to design the concept for the project. Public process will continue through the final design process. Installation is targeted for spring/summer 2023.

More information on the project can be found at:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/transportation-planning/projects/albemarle-traffic-calming-bike-lane>.

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to accept and expend a grant of \$48,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for installation of four Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs).

The City proposes to use the grant to purchase 4 RRFB's to improve pedestrian safety at three crosswalks on Centre Street (Paul St. near Weeks field in Newton Centre, Cushing-Clark St. and Hyde St., the latter two are in between Newton Centre and Newton Highlands) and one at Watertown and Eddy Streets. Locations are: a) crash hot spots with 27 total crashes from 2018-2020, b) City Disability and DPW priorities and c) proximate to schools, transit, parks and/or village centers. All locations are ranked in the Top 5 on the City's RRFB Prioritization Program, which has rated more than 40 locations for RRFB's based on crash history, roadway character, pedestrian generators and vulnerable users. The City has committed to funding installation of the 4 RRFB's immediately upon purchase of the equipment.

Attached is the project application which the City submitted to MassDOT.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 31, 2022
To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief of Operations
From: Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: Request to Docket Item to Accept MassDOT Shared Streets Grant for RRFBs

We request approval to accept and expend \$48,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the following project:

Project Title
Newton RRFB Intersection Safety Improvements

Below is the project application information.

Project Location (GPS Coordinates): (Required)

- Centre St @ Paul St (42.3265, -71.19787)
- Centre St @ Hyde St (42.32181, -71.2029)
- Center St @ Cushing-Clark St (42.3228, -71.20141)
- Watertown @ Eddy (42.35263, -71.21774)
- (Alternate) Brookline @ Hartman

Locations are a) crash hot spots b) Disability & DPW RRFB Prioritization Program priorities d) proximate to schools, transit, village centers and parks.
Locations have all been reviewed for feasibility by the City's Transportation Engineer. Adjustments may be made in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Amount Requested
\$48,000

Project Description 2-3 sentences

The City proposes to use the MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant to purchase 4 Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) to improve pedestrian safety. Locations are: a) crash hot spots with 27 total crashes from 2018-2020, b) City Disability and DPW priorities and c) proximate to schools, transit, parks and/or village centers. All locations are ranked in the Top 5 on the City's RRFB Prioritization Program, which has rated more than 40 locations

for RRFB's based on crash history, roadway character, pedestrian generators and vulnerable users. The City has committed to funding installation of the 4 RRFB's immediately upon purchase of the equipment.

Describe the project goals and benefits (1-2 sentences): (Required)*

The goal is to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety at four prioritized intersections in Newton. Intersections have seen a total of 27 crashes between 2018 and 2020 and are proximate to schools, transit, village centers and parks.

Is the project intended to address a demonstrated need for Speed Management, according to local information, data, plans, or community concerns related to speed and safety? (Required)* Yes

All locations are ranked in the Top 5 on the City's RRFB Prioritization Program, which has rated more than 40 locations for RRFB's based on crash history, roadway character, pedestrian generators and vulnerable users. The proposed intersections have seen 27 crashes between 20018 and 2020. RRFB's are listed in as a Speed Management intervention on the Shared Streets application.

Is the project intended to provide improvements to infrastructure used by children to get to and from school (within two miles) or other youth destinations? If yes, please list schools or destinations. (Required)* Y N

- Centre St @ Paul Street – Mason Rice Elementary School, Newton South High School, Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Center Playground, Crystal Lake Beach
- Centre St @ Hyde Street - Countryside Elementary School, Newton South High School, Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Highlands Playground, Hyde Community Center, Crystal Lake Beach
- Center St @ Cushing-Clark - Countryside Elementary School, Newton South High School, Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Highlands Playground, Hyde Community Center, Crystal Lake Beach
- Watertown @ Eddy – Horace Mann Elementary, FA Day Middle School, Newton Early Childhood Program, Albemarle Field, Gath Pool, John Barry Boys and Girls Club

Is the proposed project intended to provide improvements to infrastructure used by seniors to reach senior destinations (within one mile)? If yes, please list destinations. (Required)*

Yes

The proposed RRFB at Watertown @ Eddy is proximate to Trader Joe's and Star Market, two major food shopping destinations for seniors. Additionally it is 0.75 miles from the Newton Senior Center, the top destination in the City for seniors, based on NewMo rideshare data, and near the Gath Pool which provides opportunities for senior aquatics.

The Centre Street locations are proximate to Newton Center and Newton Highlands, which allow seniors to do local errands using the City's senior transportation system.

Is the proposed project intended to support safe walking and biking within one mile of a transit stop? If yes, please list the transit stop(s). (Required)*

- Centre St @ Paul Street - Newton Centre T
- Centre St @ Hyde Street - --Newton Highlands T, Newton Centre T
- Center St @ Cushing-Clark - Newton Highlands T, Newton Centre T
- Watertown @ Eddy – Newtonville Commuter Rail, West Newton commuter Rail
- Washington St @ Eddy Bus Stop
- Washington @ Walker Bus Stop

Does the proposed project support safe routes to open space and/or parks? If yes, please list the name of the facilities. (Required)*

In addition to supporting access to the fields that are part of the above-listed schools, the project supports safe routes to the following parks and/or open space:

- Centre St @ Paul Street –Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Center Playground, Crystal Lake Beach
- Centre St @ Hyde Street - --Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Highlands Playground, Crystal Lake Beach

- Center St @ Cushing-Clark - Weeks Field (Newton Youth Soccer), Newton Highlands Playground, Crystal Lake Beach
- Watertown @ Eddy – Albemarle Field, Gath Pool

Is the proposed project located in the municipality's Housing Choice designation area, will the project benefit from an Opportunity Zone Fund investment, or has the municipality implemented economic development best practices through the Community Compact program? (Required)* xx

- Housing Choice -Newton is a designated Housing Choice area.
- Community Compact - Newton has implemented best practices through the Community Compact program. The City has a robust Complete Streets Program, which has reviewed more than 100 roadway designs in 3 years, as well as an aggressive Climate Action Plan which is implementing in all areas of the program
- Opportunity Zone - Newton will not benefit from Opportunity Zone Fund Investment.

Will the proposed project be fully implemented by June 30, 2023? (Required)* Yes

Is this project intended to be a temporary or permanent improvement? (Required)*

- Permanent Potentially Permanent Temporary

Description of project implementation including staff roles and key milestones: (Required)*

Planning Department (Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning) – Project oversight and management. Ensure successful completion of the project within budget and deadline, consistent with Shared Streets requirements. Oversee public process and reporting.

DPW (Jason Sobel, Director of Transportation Operations) – Project implementation. Coordinate with contractor to purchase equipment. Installation, using non-Shared Street funding, will take place immediately after purchase.

Milestones

- Award Notification – Spring, 2022
- Equipment Purchase – Spring, 2022
- Final Public Notification – Summer, 2022

The City has committed to funding installation of the 4 RRFB’s immediately upon purchase of the equipment. Follow-on milestones are as follows:

- Site Design – Spring/Summer, 2022
- Installation (separate project, non-Shared Streets funding) –Summer, 2022

List all materials required to implement the project, and how they will be obtained: (Required)*

The City will use a contractor to install the RRFB’s. No materials are needed.

The Shared Streets and Spaces Program requires municipalities to provide notice or opportunity for public engagement related to the proposed project. Please confirm whether this has occurred. If yes, please list engagement activities. (Required)*

- Yes No To date, the City has engaged the Transportation Advisory Group, Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets Working Group and City Councilors about the proposed locations for RRFB installations, and the selection process (i.e. selecting the top ranked locations based on the City's RRFB Prioritization Program) The City received positive feedback.

The City will make a citywide announcement of the locations upon award, and do a final notification to the above-mentioned groups prior to installation. Demonstration of compliance with safety and accessibility-related regulations (ADA and MAAB): (Required)*

- Yes No

Part C: Site Information

Confirmation of ownership/control of the relevant municipal infrastructure.

Is this project entirely on municipally-owned infrastructure? (Required)*

Yes No

Indicate what, if any, MassDOT-owned infrastructure is integral to the proposed project. If improvements are proposed on MassDOT infrastructure, indicate whether the municipality has applied

Indicate what, if any, infrastructure owned by a state agency other than MassDOT is integral to the proposed project (i.e. the Department of Conservation & Recreation): (Required)*

Demonstrate whether the proposed project is in a Census Block Group identified by the relevant Regional Planning Agency as an Environmental Justice area: (Required)*

Yes No

Would the proposed project divert, detour, or otherwise impede current public transit service, even temporarily? (Required)*

Yes No

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,625,000 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0121022-513010 Fire Rescue Overtime. Several factors contributed to this shortfall in Overtime funds including the fact that the department will incur more than \$750,000 for "Injured On Duty Expenses", and approximately \$150,000 for special leave and vacation buy backs for retirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Andreae Downs and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,625,000) from the June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0121022-513010 Fire Rescue Overtime be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Certified Free Cash (0001-3240).....	\$1,625,000
TO:	Fire Rescue Overtime (0121022-513010).....	\$1,625,000

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Acct # 0110952-511001 Human Resources Full Time Salaries, to a project account to provide technical support to the Newton Police Department.

As you know, Steve Smith, the former Director of NPD Technology has left the employ of the City to join the newly established Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.

I believe it is a particularly opportune time to invest in technology support for the Police Department. Please see the attached for further information.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

Office of the Chief of Police
HEADQUARTERS
1321 WASHINGTON STREET
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02465

To: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
From: Chief John Carmichael
Date: May 31, 2022
Re: Request for Docket Funds for Specialized IT Assistance

Good afternoon, Mayor Fuller,

We respectfully request that you docket with the City Council a \$75,000 request for specialized IT assistance to the department during FY2023. This request results from a series of meetings between IT, NPD, and the Executive Office that resulted in a plan for increased IT assistance from Joe Mulvey's team to the department while also bringing in a specialized public safety IT support company to support and improve our specialized systems.

One focus will be our QED public safety software system, a vital system for the Dispatch Center that also touches many facets of the department's operations. We will use the funds to bring in an expert IT firm on QED, such as Delphi Technology Solutions, to manage necessary upgrades and improvements to the system. While the City IT department is providing a range of services to NPD, this particular system and some others require very specific knowledge and background approvals.

Another critical project the consultant will assist with is the construction of a dashboard data management system compatible across device types to assist both the Dispatch Center and the Chief's Office. This will greatly improve information sharing across the department.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

John F. Carmichael
Chief of Police



CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Andreae Downs and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman to transfer the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Acct #0110952-511001 Human Resources Full Time Salaries, to a project account to provide technical support to the Newton Police Department be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	HR Full Time Salaries (0110952-511001).....	\$75,000
TO:	NPD Technical Support (01C20110-530100)	\$75,000

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Readings Waived and Approved
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May 31, 2022

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate, transfer, and expend the following amounts of money to "true up" our costs for snow and ice removal. During the course of the winter we transferred \$45,000 more into our overtime account than was necessary. These funds are needed to cover contracted snow removal work. Therefore, I request that your Honorable Council transfer \$45,000 from Acct # 0140123-513010 Snow & Ice Overtime to Acct # 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors.

Additionally, we anticipate that the City has remaining contractor invoices that we have not yet received, and expect to require an additional \$130,000 to cover those costs. Therefore, I request that your Honorable Council appropriate \$130,000 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA. 02459

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CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Alison Leary and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer and expend the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to Acct# 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors from Certified Free Cash and the Snow & Ice Overtime Accounts be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Certified Free Cash (0001-3240).....	\$130,000
	Snow & Ice Overtime (0140123-513010).....	\$45,000
TO:	Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors (0140123-527300).....	\$175,000

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from Acct # 0140120-511002 DPW Street Division Full Time Wages to Acct #01C40112-553100 to support the continuation of the improvement of our Transportation Network/Roads Program.

Throughout the course of Fiscal Year 2022 the Department of Public Works had several vacant positions which have generated a substantial amount of savings from attrition. The use of these funds combined with savings from other controllable line items in the Department of Public Works' FY22 budget will allow us to reach our target spending of \$9.5 million this year.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA, 02459

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That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Alison Leary and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from Acct # 0140120-511002 DPW Street Division Full Time Wages to Acct. # 01C40112-553100 to support the continuation of the improvement of the City's Transportation Network/Roads Program be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	DPW Street Full-time wages (0140120-511002).....	\$1,000,000
TO:	Accelerated Roads Program (01C40112-553100)	\$1,000,000

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully docket this item to your Honorable Council requesting the assessment of curb betterments on the properties listed on the attached table. These curb betterments will be completed by DPW in calendar year 2022, using both in-house crews and construction contractors, and will be inspected by the Engineering Division who will confirm the work is complete.

The formal request is as follows:

The Commissioner of Public Works is requesting approval of the assessment of the following mentioned curb betterments; said curb betterments to be graded and constructed, and assessments to be levied under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, Sec. 26, and city ordinance Section 26-73 (c) authorizing the assessment of betterments for curb construction.

Please see the attached memo from DPW Commissioner Jim McGonagle for further details on the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA. 02459

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City of Newton
Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

May 6, 2022

To: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works

Subject: Request for Docket Item
Assessment of Curb Betterments, Calendar Year 2022

The Department of Public Works (DPW) respectfully request the Honorable Mayor docket for consideration the assessment of curb betterments on the properties listed on the attached table. These curb betterments will be completed by DPW in calendar year 2022, using both in-house crews and construction contractors, and will be inspected by the Engineering Division who will confirm the work is complete. The formal request is as follows:

The Commissioner of Public Works is requesting approval of the assessment of the following mentioned curb betterments; said curb betterments to be graded and constructed, and assessments to be levied under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, Sec. 26, and city ordinance Section 26-73 (c) authorizing the assessment of betterments for curb construction.

Thank you.

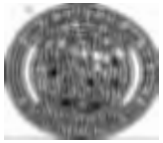
Attachments

cc: Shawna Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner
Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Carol Moore, City Clerk
Kelley Cadman, DPW Budget and Finance
Louis M. Taverna, P.E., City Engineer

2022 Tax Assessment
Curb Betterments

Now or Formerly	Address	Book/Page	SBL	Estimate
Raffaella Witkin & Roger Witkin	271 Crafts Street	69807/252	23-02-01	\$2,792.00
Daniel A. Kostyk & Brenda Mary O'Sullivan Kostyk	29 Kewadin Road	48475/87	55-51-09	\$2,608.00
Fergus O'Donoghue & Carolyn Mansfield	92 Reservoir Avenue	77149/112	63-27-06	\$5,744.00

Note: Owner Names and Deed references from the City of Newton Assessors Database.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

I hereby request that a proposal be provided to me for the cost of installing granite curbing to better the property I owner.

271 Crafts Street
Property Address

FRONT CRAFTS Side Linwood Ave.
If a corner lot note both frontage and side streets

CURB Granite Curb (w/corners when required) NO Curb removal for Driveway opening NO

Name: Roger W. T. W.
Address: 271 Crafts Street
Phone: 617-755-8832 Work Ph: 617-755-8832
Zip Code: 02460 Date: AUG. 29 - 2021
Signature: Roger W. T. W.

(For Official Use Only)
SEC BLOCK LOT
BOOK PAGE
HISTORIC DISTRICT YES NO Circle one

COST PROPOSAL

ITEMIZED COSTS (Note: Applied values are property owners 50% share of the total cost)

81' straight granite curb
1 corner stone

Property Owner's share of the total cost is: \$2,792.00

Please read carefully the terms and conditions of this proposal found on the reverse side of this form. If you decide to have the work done you must select your payment plan option below. Please note that all costs proposals of less than \$2,000.00 must be pre-paid under option A.

OPTION A) PREPAYMENT

Return this form to the Department of Public Works Engineering Division and you will be notified within 60 days prior to the start of work VIA certified mail at which time your payment will be assessed and check shall be sent to the City of Newton Engineering Division.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTION B) BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT (Subject to approval by the City Council)

The undersigned property owner petitions that a betterment in the amount of \$ _____ be assessed against the property for the installation of curbing under M.G.L. c.83, S26. The above betterment assessment shall bear interest at the statutory rate per annum. (M.G.L. c80, S13)

Signature: Roger W. T. W. Date: AUG. 23 2021
(Name of the property owner must be exactly as it appears on the Assessors records)

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RECORD # 6
RA 11-2-21



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

I hereby request that a proposal be provided to me for the cost of installing granite curbing to better the property I owner.

29 KEWADIN ROAD

Property Address

If a corner lot note both frontage and side streets

CURB

Granite Curb (w/corners when required)

Curb removal for Driveway opening

Name: DANIEL A. KOSTYK

Address: 29 KEWADIN ROAD

Phone: 617-877-9888 Work Ph: _____

Zip Code: 02468 Date: 8/24/2021

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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HISTORIC DISTRICT YES NO Circle one		

COST PROPOSAL

ITEMIZED COSTS (Note: Applied values are property owners 50% share of the total cost)

69' straight granite curb
2 corner stones

Property Owner's share of the total cost is: 11,260.00

Please read carefully the terms and conditions of this proposal found on the reverse side of this form. If you decide to have the work done you must select your payment plan option below. Please note that all costs proposals of less than \$2,000.00 must be pre-paid under option A.

OPTION A) PREPAYMENT

Return this form to the Department of Public Works Engineering Division and you will be notified within 60 days prior to the start of work VIA certified mail at which time your payment will be assessed and check shall be sent to the City of Newton Engineering Division .

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTION B) BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT (Subject to approval by the City Council)

The undersigned property owner petitions that a betterment in the amount of \$ _____ be assessed against the property for the installation of curbing under M.G.L. c.83, S26. The above betterment assessment shall bear interest at the statutory rate per annum. (M.G.L c80, S13)

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 9/12/2021

(Name of the property owner must be exactly as it appears on the Assessors records)

Brenda Mary O'Sullivan Kostyk 9-12-21

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RECORD #8

RA 11-2-21



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

I hereby request that a proposal be provided to me for the cost of installing granite curbing to better the property I owner.

92 Reservoir Ave
Property Address

_____ If a corner lot note both frontage and side streets

CURB Granite Curb (w/corners when required) Curb removal for Driveway opening _____

Name: Fergus O'Donoghue
Address: 92 Reservoir Ave
Phone: 917 5724233 Work Ph: _____
Zip Code: 02467 Date: 8/27/21
Signature: [Signature]

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SEC BLOCK LOT
BOOK PAGE
HISTORIC DISTRICT YES NO Circle one

COST PROPOSAL

ITEMIZED COSTS (Note: Applied values are property owners 50% share of the total cost)

167' straight granite curb
2 corner stones

Property Owner's share of the total cost is: \$5,744.00

Please read carefully the terms and conditions of this proposal found on the reverse side of this form. If you decide to have the work done you must select your payment plan option below. Please note that all costs proposals of less than \$2,000.00 must be pre-paid under option A.

OPTION A) PREPAYMENT

Return this form to the Department of Public Works Engineering Division and you will be notified within 60 days prior to the start of work VIA certified mail at which time your payment will be assessed and check shall be sent to the City of Newton Engineering Division.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTION B) BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT (Subject to approval by the City Council)

The undersigned property owner petitions that a betterment in the amount of \$ 5,744 be assessed against the property for the installation of curbing under M.G.L. c.83, S26. The above betterment assessment shall bear interest at the statutory rate per annum. (M.G.L c80, S13)

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/31/21

(Name of the property owner must be exactly as it appears on the Assessors records)

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RECORD # 9
RA 11-2-21



RUTHANNE FULLER
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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Acct # 0160110-511001 Main Library Full Time Salaries to Acct # 0160112-524070 Library Building Repairs and Maintenance to fund emergency repairs to the Library HVAC system.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA. 02459



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**52 ELLIOT STREET, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Josh Morse
Building Commissioner

Telephone (617) 796-1600
Facsimile (617) 796-1601
TDD/tty # (617) 796-1608

May 26, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Main Library Cooling Tower/AC Repair

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests funds needed to complete repairs on the main library cooling tower/AC in the amount of \$50,000.00. The Air Conditioning System is currently inoperable at this time.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner

5/25/2022

Main Library Cooling Tower Repair Budget

Materials	\$ 35,000.00
Crane	\$ 4,000.00
Labor (includes labor to date)	\$ 7,440.00
Contingency	<u>\$ 3,560.00</u>
	\$ 50,000.00

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to transfer the sum of fifty thousand dollars from Acct # 0160110-511001 Main Library Full Time Salaries to Acct #0160112-524070 Library Building Repairs and Maintenance to fund the emergency repairs to the Library HVAC system be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Library Full Time Salaries (0160110-511001).....	\$50,000
TO:	Library Building Repairs and Maintenance (0160112-524070).....	\$50,000

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer a total of \$24,000 from Acct # 0111502-582500, Municipal Building Maintenance – Building Improvements to Acct # 1011502-513010 Public Building Maintenance Overtime. These funds represent in-house overtime on capital projects, which were completed by our employees and thus, must be billed to their respective wage lines.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from Acct # 0111502-582500 Municipal Building Maintenance Building Improvements to Acct # 0111502-513010 Public Building Maintenance Overtime be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Municipal Building Maint-Building Improvements (0111502-582500).....	\$24,000
TO:	Municipal Building Maint- Overtime (0111502-513010).....	\$24,000

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June 2, 2022

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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully docket this item to your Honorable Council requesting the transfer of \$220,000 in salary savings from 0160110-511001, Main Library – Full Time Salaries, to 01C22002-524130, Building Demolition/Other Repairs in Inspectional Services for the emergency demolition of the residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue.

In the professional opinion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, the Newton Fire Department, and the Public Buildings Department, this structure represents an imminent public safety hazard, and as such it must be demolished as soon as possible. The structure is not safe to enter so it is not possible to assess whether it contains hazardous materials. Therefore, it will be demolished with the assumption that the structure contains hazardous materials with all appropriate precautions made in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection. Pest control services have already been secured, and will continue prior to, during, and upon completion of the demolition.

Under state law, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services has the authority to demolish unsafe structures and place a lien on the property for the costs and charges of the demolition. This cost of the demolition will be recoverable by the City, along with a substantial backlog of unpaid taxes, upon the sale of the property or a tax foreclosure by the City.

Please see the attached memo and photos from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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June 2nd, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: 91 Newtonville Avenue

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$219,775.00 for the demolition of the residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue. In the professional opinion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, the Newton Fire Department, and the Public Buildings Department, this structure represents an imminent public safety hazard, and as such it must be demolished as soon as possible.

The structure is not safe to enter so it is not possible to assess whether it contains hazardous materials. Therefore, it will be demolished with the assumption that the structure contains hazardous materials with all appropriate precautions made in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection. Pest control services have already been secured, and will continue prior to, during, and upon completion of the demolition.

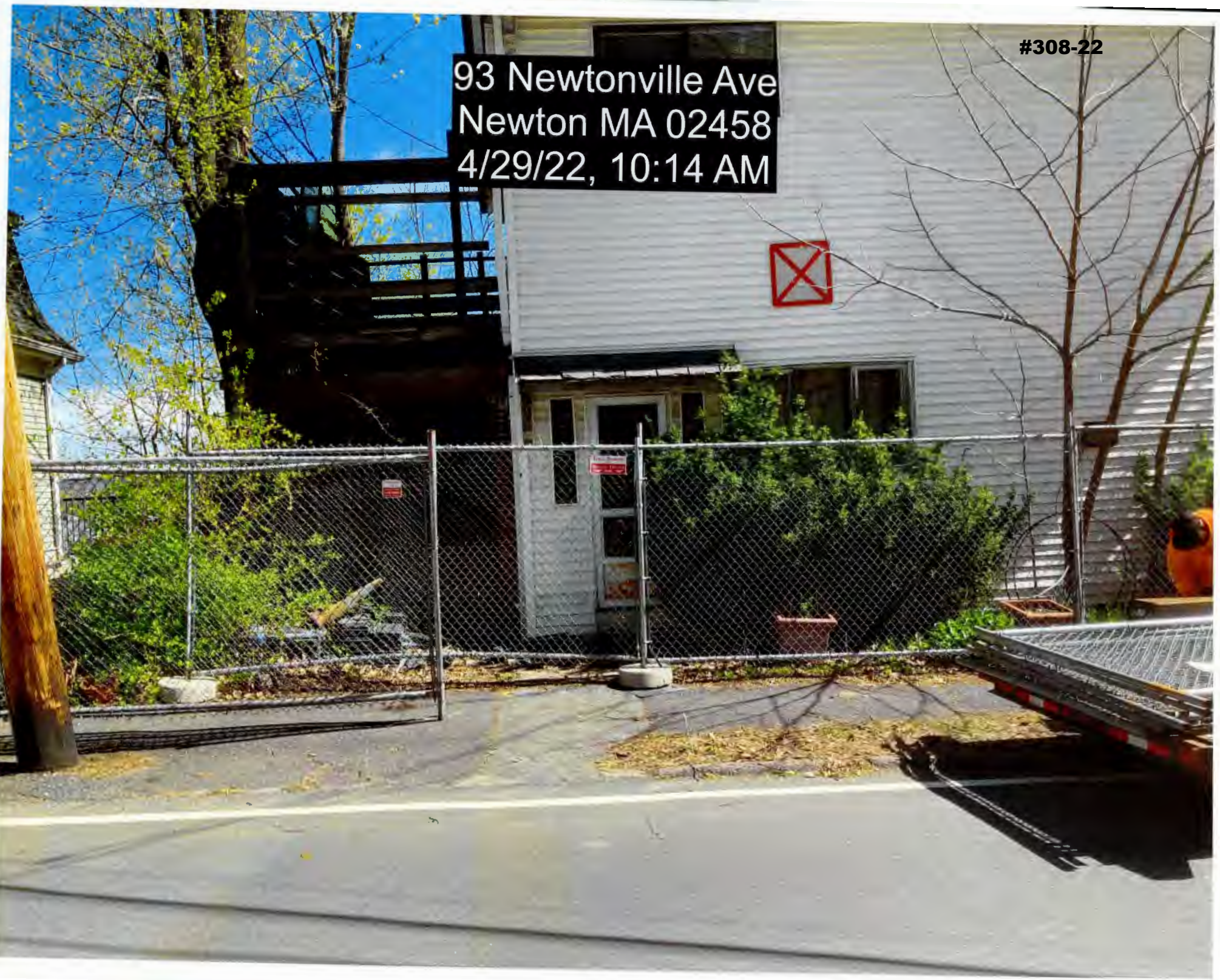
Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services
Alissa O. Giuliani, City Solicitor

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93 Newtonville Ave
Newton MA 02458
4/29/22, 10:14 AM



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1-33 Summit St
Newton MA 02458
4/29/22, 10:14 AM



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, to transfer the sum of two-hundred thousand twenty dollars (\$220,000) from Acct #0160110-51101, Main Library – Full Time Salaries, to 01C2202-524130 Building Demolition/Other Repairs for the emergency demolition of a residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Library- Full Time Salaries (0160110-511001).....	\$220,000
TO:	Building Demolition - Other repairs (01C22002-524130)	\$220,000

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May 31, 2022

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Acct # 0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to fund engineering consultants required for the design of the turf fields at the high schools.

Please see the request from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA. 02459

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Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459
Office: (617) 796-1500
parks@newtonma.gov
Nicole Banks, Commissioner

May 31, 2022

Re: Request for Engineering Services Funding for Synthetic Track and Field Replacements at Newton North and Newton South High Schools

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I write to respectfully request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, this funding request for the sum of \$125,000.00 for engineering services contract work required to assess and oversee the replacement of three synthetic turf carpets at the high schools (Winkler Stadium, Brandeis Field, and Tiger Stadium). Contracted services will include evaluating synthetic turf replacement options for all three fields and two tracks including assessment of conditions, community engagement, product selections, permitting, site evaluation, bid documentation preparation, and construction administration.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs & Services Committee through its Chair Josh Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Acct # 0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to fund engineering consultants required for the design of the turf fields at the high schools be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000).....	\$125,000
TO:	HS turf fields Design (01C60212-530100)	\$125,000

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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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May 31, 2022

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$184,244 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to resurface the tennis court complex at Newton North High School comprising of 10 courts.

Please see the request from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459
Office: (617) 796-1500
parks@newtonma.gov
Nicole Banks, Commissioner

May 31, 2022

Re: Request for Funding for Newton North HS Tennis Court Repairs

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I write to respectfully request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, for the sum of \$184,243.40 to fund the resurfacing of the tennis court complex at Newton North High School comprising 10 courts. The resurfacing work includes sealing cracks with fill and patching, sanding and painting net posts, multiple layers of sealcoat and topcoats, and relining the 10 courts in conformance with USTA high school tennis court standards. The current surface has exceeded its recommended serviceable life as is evidenced by the lack of traction on the playing surface.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture



June 10, 2022

Commissioner Nicole Banks
Newton Parks, Recreation and Culture Department
246 Dudley Road
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Commissioner Banks,

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc. (FoNT) strongly recommends that the city prioritize funding for crack repair, resurfacing and lining of the 10 Newton North High School courts.

We base this on our 2021 and 2022 audits of Newton's 67 municipal tennis courts and dozens of discussions with city tennis players, high school coaches and professional tennis court builders.

Our board of directors has identified Newton North courts as the highest priority for repair and resurfacing in the city because they impact the greatest number of players, especially our high school boys' and girls' teams. Our reputed high school teams should play on the best courts possible to enable them to practice and compete at the highest level. Many of the players depend on successful high school careers to secure selective admissions and tennis scholarships at the top American universities and colleges. Our high school coaches have expressed concerns that Newton's facilities have fallen behind other high schools in their respective leagues and around the state.

In addition, these 10 courts serve a much wider audience year-round because they are lit and are among the most welcoming and accessible in metro Boston to the most diverse range of players economically, socially, ethnically, and geographically. Consequently, the Newton North courts are used constantly year-round from early morning to late at night by residents, accelerating normal wear and tear.

Representing more than 8,000 tennis players in the city, The Friends of Newton Tennis Inc. was founded in 2007 to promote tennis in Newton and increase accessibility to tennis courts for all residents. FoNT does this by setting standards for the condition of all of Newton's municipal tennis courts and auditing their condition to identify deficiencies.

Respectively

Tom Friedman
President

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc.

Visit us at <https://playtennis.usta.com/the-friends-of-newton-tennis-inc>

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars (\$184,244) from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to resurface the tennis court complex at Newton North High School comprising of 10 courts be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Certified Free Cash (0001-3240).....	\$184,244
TO:	NNHS Tennis Court Repairs (O1C60213-524090).....	\$184,244

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$80,000 from Acct # 0160252-513002, PRC Public Grounds Maintenance Full Time Wages the following accounts:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Beaut-Grounds Maint	Pet Waste Collection	0160238-546000	\$12,000
Public Grounds Maint	Levingston Cove	0160252-546000	\$13,000
Public Grounds Maint	Repair Wall-Jackson Homestead	0160252-546000	\$30,000
Rec Bldg's-Electricity	Electricity Costs	0160237-521000	\$15,000
Rec Vehicles-Gas/Diesel	Gas/Diesel Costs	0160236-548000	\$10,000

Please see the attached request from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Nicole Banks, Commissioner

#341-22



May 31, 2022

To: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, CFO Maureen Lemieux, COO Jonathan Yeo
From: Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Subject: Docket Request for FY22 Funds Transfers

In support of the May 31, 2022 docket request letter for a \$80,000 transfer from the Public Grounds Maintenance wage account to cover a number of other PRC accounts I provide the following information.

Pet Waste Collection: The department now maintains 62 pet waste stations across the City, some at official Off-Lease Dog areas as well as other locations. The department uses a contractor to collect the waste on a set schedule. Historically the stations were focused at the Off-Lease Dog areas and the separate revolving account set up for that program funded the waste collection. That practice was terminated last year, creating a challenge for the department to keep up with the increasing station costs city-wide. This transfer of \$12,000 will cover FY2022 costs.

Levingston Cove: The department is managing this critical project to repair erosion damage in this Crystal Lake cove area, install new features to better deal with runoff, and construct new accessible walkways. The project funding has largely been through CPA funding with some state earmark funds. Due to project revisions from late community input and the need to have the consultants defend the project before DEP (successfully), there have been \$13,000 in additional project costs.

Wall Repair at Jackson Homestead: In 2021 a very large historic tree on the front grounds of the Jackson Homestead fell during a storm leaving behind a damaged stone wall along Washington Street. The wall needs to be repaired, with stones re-set to match and the damaged corner fixed. The estimated cost is \$30,000.

Electricity and Rec Vehicles Gas/Electric Accounts: These accounts need additional funding to meet expected FY2022 costs.

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That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs & Services Committee through its Chair Josh Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from Acct #1060252-511002, PRC Public Grounds Maintenance Full Time Wages to the following accounts be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	
PRC Public Grounds Maintenance Full Time Wages (0160252-511002).....	\$80,000
TO:	
Beaut-Grounds Maint (0160238-546000).....	\$12,000
Public Grounds Maint (0160252-546000).....	\$43,000
Rec Bldg's- Electricity (0160237-521000).....	\$15,000
Rec Vehicles- Gas/Diesel (0160236-548000).....	\$10,000

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May 31, 2022

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer and expend a total of \$360,000 from the accounts listed below to a Parks, Recreation and Culture Project account to fund the resurfacing of the Newton Centre Playground.

<u>From</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Financial Services – Savings from Attrition	0111049-511001	\$280,000
I.T. – Savings from Attrition	0111154-511001	\$ 80,000

Please see the attached memo from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture for more information.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Nicole Banks, Commissioner

May 31, 2022

Re: Request for Funding for Newton Centre Playground Poured-in-Place Resurfacing

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I write to respectfully request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, for funding in the sum of \$360,000 to replace the existing poured in place (PIP) rubber surfacing system at the Newton Centre Playground play area. The resurfacing is required to address issues that currently exist due to the product having reached its end of life. PRC has worked with the Conservation Department to assess and implement environmental protection measures for the work given its adjacency to Hammond Brook. The scope of work will include removing and disposing of existing safety surfacing material, replenishing any subgrade required, and pouring new rubberized safety surfacing.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture

CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the programs & Services Committee through its Chair Josh Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer and expend a sum of three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) from the below accounts to a Parks, Recreation and Culture project account to fund the resurfacing of the Newton Centre Playground be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Financial Services-Full Time Salaries (0111049-511001).....	\$280,000
	I.T.- Full Time Salaries (0111154-511001).....	\$80,000
TO:	Newton Centre Playground resurfacing (01C60214-524090)	\$360,000

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of \$4,632,500 from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 01C10701-576300 ATB Interest to hold in reserve for a potential liability for an Appellate Tax Board Case filed by Eversource.

Historically, utility companies had been valued for tax purposes according to their "Net Book Value." Net Book Value is essentially an accounting method based upon the original cost of the property when the property is new, less its annual depreciation.

In the 1990's, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) had a change in their regulatory policy that eroded the presumption of Net Book Value as the method of valuation. Essentially, the DPU endorsed a different valuation approach. This evolved from the case in 1997 of *Stow Municipal Electric Department v. Department of Public Utilities (1997)*. In the Stow case, the DPU relied upon a blended approach of 50% Net Book Value and 50% Reproduction Cost when the property is new, less its annual depreciation. This blended valuation approach increases the valuation and thus the taxes owed by the utility company compared to the Net Book Value approach.

In 2011, the SJC heard the case of *Boston Gas Co. v. Assessors of Boston*. The City of Boston used this blended method to value the Boston Gas property for tax purposes and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) agreed with the use of this valuation method rather than Net Book Value.

Based upon these two court rulings, beginning in FY2012, the Assessing Department in Newton and a few other communities (Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Springfield) all started valuing utility companies using this blended methodology. In turn, the utility companies began appealing their assessed values every year since FY2012.

In 2019, in *NSTAR Electric Co. v. Assessors of Boston*, the Appeals Court upheld the assessment of utility property that was based upon the blended valuation, again supporting the City's decision to use this blended methodology.

Recently, Eversource lost yet another court case, this time against the City of Springfield. This case also supported the blended methodology, and subsequently the Eversource appeal was

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denied. Eversource has appealed against a higher court. We are currently waiting for the final decision on Springfield. Oral arguments were made in February 2022.

Based upon all these various court rulings supporting this blended valuation methodology, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) has now made this blended methodology the valuation standard statewide, effective Fiscal Year 2022.

Eversource has been appealing their assessed value from the City of Newton since FY2012. During these years, Eversource had withheld a total of just over \$8 million in Personal Property Taxes. Per Mass General Law, interest is accrued beginning at midnight on each due date for the utility company. There is no grace period. Interest is charged at the rate of **14% per annum** by the City of Newton. Consequently, this non-payment of taxes by Eversource had accrued approximately \$4.6 million in interest charges on top of the just over \$8 million owed.

On April 14, 2022, the City received full payment of principal and interest for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2021 from Eversource for approximately \$11.8 million. Subsequently, the City received a payment to fully payoff Q4 of FY 2022 of \$890,000 plus one day's overpayment of interest due of \$2,746.

While all of this appears to be very positive, Eversource has not withdrawn their appeals against the City of Newton. Therefore, their case will continue to move forward. Should Eversource prevail, the City of Newton will be responsible for returning all payments in this case plus interest at the rate of 8% per annum beginning on the date of receipt of their payment. Therefore, the full amount of this payment is, in actuality, a liability for the City until the appeal is adjudicated.

The City has the authority to hold the value of the principal (approximately \$8 million) in its Overlay account which we are doing. Hence, the City is prepared to return it to Eversource if they prevail in their appeal. However, the \$4.6 million in interest is not as straightforward.

Members of city staff met with representatives of the Department of Revenue. Our DOR representatives explained that there is no provision in Mass General Law that would allow the City to set the \$4.6M aside as a liability. Rather, the Eversource interest received must be considered General Fund revenue and will drop to Free Cash in the fall. DOR understands our concern, but MGL does not allow us to treat it as a liability.

Several years ago, the City established a Reserve Account for Interest on Property Tax Refunds. Therefore, I am requesting that we appropriate \$4.6 million from our current free cash to this reserve fund.

The Eversource payment of \$4.6 million will be recognized as a general fund revenue, which will be reclassified to free cash in the fall. In the meantime, I ask the City Council to set aside \$4.6 million in our currently available free cash for this potential liability if Eversource prevails.

We look forward to discussing this very unusual situation with members of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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, to appropriate the sum of four million six hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,632,500) from June 30, 2021 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 01C10701-576300 ATB Interest to hold in reserve for a potential liability for an Appellate Tax Board Case filed by Eversource be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Certified Free Cash (0001-3240).....	\$4,632,500
TO:	ATB Interest on Tax Refunds (01C10701-576300)	\$4,632,500

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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$161,502.03 from Acct # 0110851-511001 Law Dept Full Time Salaries to an account that will to cover the Newton Lease Settlement Assessment that has been charged to the Newton Public Schools as part of the dissolution costs incurred by the EDCO Collaborative.

The EDCO Collaborative, which closed on June 30, 2021 due to financial difficulties, had been providing professional learning opportunities for educators; special education and alternative education programs for students with disabilities and at-risk youth; in-district consultation and special education transportation to as many as 16 member school districts.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the following amounts to cover the full cost of FY22 Non-Contributory Retirement System appropriation for each of the Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Enterprise Funds. Original budgeted funds were not sufficient to cover the final FY22 funding schedule.

<u>Acct Description</u>	<u>From Acct #</u>	<u>To Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Year Reserve - Water	60A10498-579000	60A10491-570700	\$ 69,095
Current Year Reserve - Sewer	61A10498-579000	61A10491-570700	\$ 32,225
Current Year Reserve - Storm	62A10498-579000	62A10491-570700	\$ 5,200

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred sixty-one thousand five hundred two dollars and three cents (\$161,502.03) from Acct # 0110851-511001 Law Dept Full Time Salaries to an account that will cover the Newton Lease Settlement Assessment that has been charged to the Newton Public Schools as part of the dissolution costs incurred by the EDCO Collaborative be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Law Dept Full Time Salaries (0110851-511001).....	\$161,502.03
TO:	EDCO Dissolution Costs (01C30105-571500)	\$161,502.03

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June 2, 2022

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council authorizing the distribution of \$200,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (the "Fund") to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc. ("NewTV"). These funds will be used by NewTV to maintain a high level of services, including governmental services here at City Hall, during this period of declining cable TV revenues.

The single payment of \$200,000 from the Fund to NewTV will allow the station to balance their FY23 budget, and support staffing, fixed expenses, and governmental services including meeting coverage. Over the past 24 months, the NewTV team has increased coverage of government meetings by 300%. To provide this level of service, NewTV will be purchasing additional AV equipment, enhancing data storage and commercial internet connectivity, and upgrading their website and streaming data packs to help the residents of Newton stay informed.

The City of Newton derives revenues from franchise fees and capital payments made by Comcast, RCN and Verizon. These are allocated between the City and NewTV pursuant to a grant agreement between the City, acting through its Mayor as the cable license Issuing Authority (the "City") and NewTV dated July 23, 2018. NewTV receives eighty percent (80%) of these franchise fee revenues and forty percent (40%) of these capital payments.

On July 11, 2017, the City accepted G.L.c. 44, §53F¾, which established a separate revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (the "Fund"). Monies in the Fund are derived solely from the City's portions of franchise fee and capital payments made by the three cable operators in accordance with their franchise agreements. By statute, monies in the Fund shall only be appropriated for cable-related purposes consistent with the franchise agreements, including but not limited to (i) support of public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitoring compliance of the cable operators with their franchise agreements; or (iii) preparing for renewal of the franchise agreements.

The \$200,000 in this docket item is consistent with the use of PEG Funds to support public, educational and governmental access cable television services.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruthanne Fuller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to transfer and expend a sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc (NewTV) to be used by NewTV to maintain a high level of services, including governmental services at City Hall during this period of declining cable TV revenues be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Comcast CATV License Fees (5515R114-590001)	\$200,000
TO:	Executive- Consultants PEG NewTV (0110320-530106).....	\$200,000

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Honorable City Council
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Councillors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Newton Public Schools in the amount of \$538,589 which is equal to reimbursements that the City has received to the General Fund from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

On May 28, 2021, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed into law an act requiring eligible Massachusetts employers to provide emergency paid sick leave to employees who were unable to work for COVID-19-related reasons. The act required an employer to provide an employee with up to forty hours of paid leave, a maximum benefit of \$850 per week, reimbursable to the employer from the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund.

The City was reimbursed a total of \$643,635.57; \$105,046.57 for municipal departments and \$538,589 for NPS. This supplemental appropriation will enable NPS to cover costs incurred for substitute teachers and staff.

The Newton Public Schools had anticipated this supplemental appropriation and had already included it in the FY 2023 Budget, which is going into effect on July 1, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Newton Public Schools in the amount of five hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$538,589) which is equal to the reimbursement that the City has received to the General Fund from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave be and is hereby approved.

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Free Cash Expenditures

July 1, 2021 Certified free cash		\$	12,931,618
#104-22 Settlement	1,500,000		
#105-22 Settlement	65,000		
#269-22 Financial Software System Upgrades	250,000		
#271-22 NSHS Boiler Repl	224,510		
#291-22 Washington St Redesign Pilot	500,000		
#266-22 Rainy Day Transfer	800,000		
#292-22 Transportation Network Impr Program	1,500,000		
Appropriations:	4,839,510		
FY23 Operating Budget	1,500,000		
Eversource ATB Interest	4,632,500		
NNHS Tennis Courts	184,244		
Fire Dept OT	1,625,000		
Snow and Ice Contractors	130,000		
Pending appropriations	8,071,744		
Free Cash available for Appropriations		\$	<u>20,364</u>