

# Planning and Development Department Update

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**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren

**FROM:** James Freas, Acting Director of Planning and Development

**RE:** Friday Report

**CC:** City Council

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Our Department's weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 2/8/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 2/9/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Room 207</li><li>• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205</li><li>• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 2/10/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 211</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 2/11/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WestMetro Home Consortium, 9:00 a.m., Room 211</li><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room B10 – Planning Dept. Conference</li><li>• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>

- **Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following agenda items will be discussed: CDBG Report; Handicap Parking Fines; ADA Coordinator's Report; Renovation of Fire Headquarters and Station 3; Support for Alternative Housing Program; Approval of January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov).
- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 p.m. in Room 205. The following items will be heard: **#44-16**, ZAP & Finance Committee's joint review of request to authorize transfer of \$100,000 to the Inspectional Services Department's full-time salary account to increase staffing levels for two full-time positions; **#266-14**, request to amend 22-50 to require that in the event there is a transfer of a legal or or beneficial ownership of a preferably preserved property during the demolition delay period, the full demolition delay period will restart from date of transfer; and request to amend Section 22-50 to require in the event of a transfer of legal or beneficial ownership of a preferably preserved property occurs after the expiration of a demolition delay period but prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, no demolition permit shall be issued until the new owner complies with the procedures of Section 22-50 (c)(5).; **#46-16**, requesting a Resolution by the City Council supporting House and Senate Bills to increase number of housing courts; **#222-13(2)**, Zoning amendment to regulate dimensions and setbacks of front-facing garages in residential zones. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov)
- **Land Use Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00p.m. in the Council Chamber, Room 207. The following petitions will be heard: **#15-16**, accessory apartment in a detached carriage house at **126 Cornell Street**; **#16-16**, enclose portions of decks on the first and second floors to create living space which will further increase the non-conforming Floor Area Ratio at **30 Caroline Park**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).

- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **81 Woodland Road**, to build a new garage, to replace a rear patio with a deck, and to install a fence and gate; continuation from January 12, 2016; **169 Grove Street, Walker Center (aka 165 Grove Street)**, to replace 31 windows; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or [bkurze@newtonma.gov](mailto:bkurze@newtonma.gov).
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 204. Items on the agenda include: EDC 2016 Election of Officers; 2015 EDC Annual Report review/approval; discussion of Orr Building development meeting on 2/11/16; Economic Development Best Practices and any other business that may come before the Commission. **Contact Nancy Hyde** at 617.796.1122 or [nhyde@newtonma.gov](mailto:nhyde@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The partnership will meet **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 a.m., City Hall, Room 211. Items on the agenda include: CAN DO presentation on a pre-proposal for affordable housing development at **424-432 Cherry Street**, and a discussion of the portion of the City's FY17 Annual Action Plan relating to affordable housing. **Contact Stephen Pantalone** at 617.796.1146 or [spantalone@newtonma.gov](mailto:spantalone@newtonma.gov).
- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** The agenda for the Consortium's next meeting on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211 includes review and discussion of Revised Administrative Guidelines updating program income and administrative funds policy, review request for FY16 CHDO set-aside funds from CAN-DO Inc. for **Cambria Road**, Regulatory Update and Member Updates. **Contact Liz Valenta** at 617.796.1145 or [evalenta@newtonma.gov](mailto:evalenta@newtonma.gov).
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The agenda for the Committee's next meeting on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204 includes two pre-proposals: for affordable housing at **424-432 Cherry Street** (West Newton), potential \$3 million CAN-DO request; and for affordable housing and a community park at **70 Crescent Street** (Auburndale), potential \$3.3 million City of Newton request. The CPC uses a pre-proposal discussion only to determine whether it is willing to consider a full proposal, and to advise the project sponsor. The CPC votes on funding only after a public hearing on the full proposal, which is made available to the public at least 1 month before the hearing. For links to full agendas and proposal documents, go to [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa). **Contact Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will hold its second of two hearings on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room (Room B10). The following waiver requests will be heard: **281 Cypress Street, 61 Brooks Avenue, 36 Walnut Park, 44 (38) Andrew Street, 261 Melrose Street, 41 Bonnybrook Road**. A detailed agenda can be found on our website at: [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/agenin/histage/2015\\_agenda\\_n\\_minutes.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/agenin/histage/2015_agenda_n_minutes.asp). **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **29-31 Oak Street**, to restore and replace architectural elements, to add a second story over the existing rear ell, and to add dormers to the rear main gable; **70-72 High Street**, to shorten two previously approved windows and to change the location of the rear left side basement windows; provide update on the retaining wall mitigation plan; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or [bkurze@newtonma.gov](mailto:bkurze@newtonma.gov).