

# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** March 4, 2016

**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</b> <b>3/7/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 204</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3/8/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205</li><li>• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., <b>Cancelled</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>3/9/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 211</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>3/10/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>

- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204. Items on the agenda include a recommendation to re-allocate \$99,000 in CDBG access funds towards access improvements in the Newton Highlands Playground and a review of the February meeting minutes. **Contact Judith Menon** at 617.796.1125 or [jmenon@newtonma.gov](mailto:jmenon@newtonma.gov).
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **256 Woodland Road**, to replace garage doors; **37 Cheswick Road**, to repair slate roof and replace a section of slate ridge hip with copper; 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, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m., Room 204. Items on the agenda include: EDC 2016 Election of Officers; 2015 EDC Annual Report review/approval; discussion of Orr Building development; 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).
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The continued public hearing scheduled for **1110 Chestnut Street** has been **postponed until Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 a.m. in Room 211. Items on the agenda include a discussion of the "Policies for Fair and Affordable Housing" presentation by RKG Associates as part of the City's ongoing Housing Strategy project. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov).

- **Community Preservation Committee:** The CPC's agenda for **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., City Hall Room 204, includes discussion of a pre-proposal for [Jackson Road Senior Housing](#) (Newton Corner - potential \$1.5 million Newton Housing Authority request) and public hearings and potential funding votes on [Allen House Additional Rehabilitation](#) (West Newton, historic resources - \$2 million Newton Cultural Alliance request), and [Crescent Street Site Assessment](#) (Auburndale, affordable housing & community park - \$100,000 City of Newton request). Additional information online from [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) includes: full-text documents for the items above from [Proposals & Projects](#), and the full agenda and pre-meeting packet from [Committees & Meetings](#). For assistance, please **contact Alice Ingerson**, at [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1144.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **34 High Street**, to replace wood rail system around both decks with composite rail system; **23 High Street**, to build new rear unit addition; **75 High Street**, request for feedback on proposed project to build new rear unit addition and garage space; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or [bkurze@newtonma.gov](mailto:bkurze@newtonma.gov).