

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:

Saturday 4/9/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 8:30 a.m., Site Visit, 374 Hammond St.
Monday 4/11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission On Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 211/205• Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 211
Tuesday 4/12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 4/13/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, cancelled
Thursday 4/14/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 5:30 p.m., Site Visit, 46 Suffolk Rd.• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- **Newton-in-Motion - Transportation Strategy Demonstration Project:** Due to rain in the forecast, the Newton-in-Motion Transportation Demonstration Project will be **postponed** to the scheduled rain date: Friday -Saturday, May 13th & 14th. For more information on the demonstration project and to participate virtually in Newton-in-Motion, visit www.newtonma.gov/transportationstrategy. There are several ways to get involved online! We hope you can come out to see the demonstration in May!
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet at **374 Hammond Street** on **Saturday, April 9th** at 8:30 a.m. to review existing site and structure conditions and to review potential changes to previously approved plans. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Commission On Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, April 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Review of CDBG Report, Handicap Parking fines, Handicap Parking 1-16 space request, ADA Coordinator's Report, Treasurer's Report, MAAB Variance at Boston College's Bapst Library, Approval of March Meeting Minutes. **Contact Jini Fairley** 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees will meet jointly on **Monday, April 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211 to discuss the following: **#125-16**, Community Preservation Funding for **Allen House**; following the joint meeting the Zoning and Planning Committee will **move to Room 205** and hear the following items: **#103-16**, Rezone lots on **Glen Avenue** from MR1 to SR2; **#115-16**, Funding for Zoning Reform Phase 2; **#22-16**, Resolution requesting appropriate training of all members of municipal public bodies on the Fair Housing Laws; **#55-16**, Ordinance to require fair housing statement and HUD's Equal Housing Opportunity logo on meeting notices pertaining to permitting and/or funding of any residential development. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.

- **Finance Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, April 11th** at 7:00 p.m., in Room 211 to discuss jointly with the Zoning & Planning Committee **#125-16**, approval of Community Preservation funds for **Allen House**. Following this item the Finance Committee will continue their hearing to discuss **#356-15**, regarding the request for use of Community Preservation Funds for two units of affordable housing at 10-12 Cambria Road. **Contact Shawna Sullivan** at 617.796.1210 or ssullivan@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 207. The following special permit petitions will be heard: **#93-16**, to further increase the non-conforming floor area ratio from .47 to .50, where .31 is the maximum allowed by right, and to regrade the property, which will further increase the nonconforming height of the existing structure from 37.4' to 37.7', where 36' is the maximum allowed by right at **413 Hammond Street**; **#94-16**, to build a two story garage/barn style addition to the rear of an existing structure to allow a private garage with a footprint of 1,169 square feet with provisions for four cars where 700 sq. ft. and three cars is allowed by right at **2171 Commonwealth Avenue**; **#95-16**, to demolish an existing detached garage and construct a new wider garage connected to the principle structure which exceeds nonconforming FAR, and variances from side and front setback and lot coverage requirements to make the home accessible for wheelchair use at **37 Westbourne Road**; **#96-16**, to further increase nonconforming FAR by expanding the front of a garage at **1573 Beacon Street**; **#97-16**, to allow an association of persons in a common dwelling where inhabitants will share common living spaces at **27 Waverley Avenue**; **#98-16**, to further increase the nonconforming FAR by adding a second story rear addition over an existing room at **99 Oxford Road**; **#99-16**, to extend a non-conforming structure with respect to the front setback, FAR, lot coverage and open space at **360 Ward Street**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 7:30 p.m., Room 204. Items on the agenda: presentation regarding development in Newtonville at the corner of Washington and Walnut Streets; scheduled presentation by the EDC of the 2015 Annual Report at the Zoning and Planning meeting May 9th; update on the Elliot Street bridge; update on N2 Corridor consulting project; and any other business that may come before the Commission. **Contact Nancy Hyde** at 617.796.1122 or nhyde@newtonma.gov.
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet at **46 Suffolk Road** on **Thursday, April 14th** at 5:30 p.m. to review the view corridors. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** In addition to Committee business, the agenda for the next CPC meeting on **Thursday, April 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204 includes a project report on the citywide [Historic Architecture Survey to 1870](#) (\$37,500 appropriated 2010) and a pre-proposal from the Planning Department for \$20,000 in consultant funding to survey a possible new [Newton Highlands Local Historic District](#). If the CPC agrees to consider a full proposal for this project, that proposal would be due in September 2016. Additional information is available from www.newtonma.gov/cpa. **Contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, April 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **4 Shawmut Park**, to replace vertical siding with cedar shingles, replace both entry doors, and replace gable window with a larger window; **1277 Boylston Street**, to install a patio at the rear of the house; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.