

Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: April 22, 2016

TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

FROM: James Freas, Acting Director of Planning and Development

RE: Friday Report

CC: City Council

Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer

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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:

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| Monday 4/25/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 205 |
| Tuesday 4/26/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Room 207)• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204 |
| Wednesday 4/27/16 | |
| Thursday 4/28/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Room 207) |

- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, April 25th** at 7:45 p.m. in Room 205 to hear the following items: **#121-16**, submission of the Economic Development Commission Annual Report; **#133-16**, Submission of the FY17 Annual Action Plan to HUD; **#278-14(2)**, Zoning amendments to clarify definition of two-family detached dwelling; **#22-16**, Resolution requesting appropriate training of Fair Housing laws; **#55-16**, Ordinance to require fair housing statement and HUD logo on certain meeting notices. **Contact James Freas at 617-796-1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board will meet on **Tuesday, April 26th** at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Room 207 to hear the following petitions :**#05-16**, Sukriye and Huseyin Aktas, 1 Waban Street Apartment 2 for an Appeal of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services issuance of a stop work order on a property located at **81 Putnam Street**, formally known as 71 Putnam Street, **issued on February 22, 2016**; and **#06-16**, David Belcourt and Nahma Nadich, **6 Denms Place**, requesting a variance to encroach into rear setback, to further decrease a nonconforming side setback, exceed lot coverage, further decrease minimum open space and to further increase nonconforming FAR. A detailed agenda for all items can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/default.asp. **Contact Adrianna Henriquez at 617.796.1133 or ahenriquez@newtonma.gov.**
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 26th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following special permit petitions will be heard: **#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**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.**

- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, April 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following full demolition requests will be heard: **47 Lincoln Road, 48 Country Club Road, 21 Lexington Street, 15 Lexington Street, 192 Spiers Road, 16 Fountain Street (NR), 5 Alexander Road, 275 Cypress Street, 303 Tremont Street;** partial demolition delay request: **50 Rowe Street;** one request to landmark and move a house at **391 Dedham Street;** a request to landmark a property at **36 Walnut Park;** and request to review plans for proposed additions to **Cabot Elementary School, 225 Cabot Street.** On **Thursday, May 12th,** in the Planning Conference Room (B10), five additional requests for demolition review, four waiver requests, and one request for approval of new replacement plans will be heard. **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board will hold a **continued Public Hearing** on **Thursday, April 28th** at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Room 207 on the following petition: **#01-16,** Waban AMA Realty Ventures LLC for the issuance of a Comprehensive Permit authorizing the applicant to construct 48 rental units including 38 market rate units and 10 affordable units to be called "1521 Beacon Street" on land located at 1521 Beacon Street. A detailed agenda for all items can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/default.asp. **Contact Adrianna Henriquez** at 617.796.1133 or ahenriquez@newtonma.gov.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant Funds Available:** The City of Newton has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund homeless services within the Brookline-Newton Waltham-Watertown (BNWW) Continuum of Care (CoC). The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is intended to provide assistance to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward stable living situations. The City of Newton announced funding availability for providers of emergency shelter services, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing services. The City is accepting applications for service during the period from 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017, making a total of approximately \$172,231 available with the following maximum amounts for each activity:
 - Shelter Services: \$17,516
 - Homelessness Prevention: \$67,945.29
 - Rapid Re-housing: \$23,086
 - Street Outreach: \$17,516

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) corporations. Applications are due to the Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department no later than 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 2, 2016. Information about the grant and application forms can be found on the City website at <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/homeassist.asp> or may be obtained by contacting **Lydia Scott** at 617.796.1132 or lscott@newtonma.gov.