

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:

Monday 5/2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Tuesday 5/3/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 5/4/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 211• Women's Enterprise Initiative, 6:45 p.m., Druker Auditorium – Newton Free Library
Thursday 5/5/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Newtonville Historic District Commission, Cancelled

- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet on **Monday, May 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204. They will be discussing the draft FY17 Annual Action Plan for the City of Newton CDBG & ESG Programs and the WestMetro Consortium HOME Program. **Contact Kimberly O'Brien** at 617-796.1146 or kobrein@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207. The following special permit petitions will be heard: **#351-15**, petition for 4 attached dwelling units in an existing 2-family dwelling at **1110 Chestnut Street**; **#48-16** petition to construct a three-story, 113,187 square foot self-storage facility at **255-257 Newtonville Avenue**; **#97-16** petition to allow an association of persons in a common dwelling where inhabitants will share common living spaces at **27 Waverley Avenue**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Fair Housing Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 4th** at 8:00 a.m. in Room 211 to have a discussion on the progress of the Conciliation Agreement re Engine 6 v. City of Newton. **Contact Malcolm Lucas** at 617.796.1149 or mlucas@newtonma.gov.
- **Women's Enterprise Initiative:** Women's Enterprise Initiative is hosting its next Business plan Forum on **Wednesday, May 4th** at 6:45 p.m. in Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library. The event will be moderated by Laurie Kirby, WBZ News Radio and Host of "Women's Watch". Kerri Garbis, Founder of Ovation Communication, will present her business plan for growth strategies and seek advice from our panel of experts. The event is free and open to all. Sponsors of the event include Boston Private Bank, The Village Bank, Rockland Trust, and Roche Bros. Networking and refreshments begin at 6:15 p.m. with program to follow **6:45 - 9:00 p.m.** Information and registration: www.newtonma.gov/wei. **Contact Nancy Hyde** at 617.796.1122 or nhyde@newtonma.gov.

- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following locations will be discussed for **wetland permits**: 1684 Centre St., Hammond Brook Culvert, 17 Malvern Ter., 65 Harwich Rd., 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, 790 Centre St., and 55-58 Norwood Ave. **Conservation area discussions** will include: Draft Tree Policy, Norumbega Improvements, Beekeeper Proposal for Deer Park, and an Eagle Scout candidate for Norumbega Conservation Area. **Administrative matters** will include review of meeting minutes. A detailed agenda can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp. **Contact Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or jsteel@newtonma.gov.
- **Newtonville Historic District Commission:** The regularly scheduled **Thursday, May 5th** meeting has been **cancelled** as no applications were submitted. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 2nd**. Contact **Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@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.

- **Future event for Newton-in-Motion:** For two days, **Friday-Saturday May 13th & 14th**, the intersection of Washington Street and Walnut Street will feature a temporary traffic configuration that will demonstrate how the intersection could be redesigned to be more welcoming to all users. The temporary configuration will be made of moveable materials and will include elements like curb extensions, pedestrian islands, bike lanes, parklets, and art programming. Kids welcome and encouraged to participate! More info at www.newtonma.gov/transportationstrategy. The rain date is June 10th & June 11th.