

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

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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 5/9/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 205/Council Chamber (207)• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204
Tuesday 5/10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auburndale Historic District Commission – cancelled• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 5/11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 211
Thursday 5/12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WestMetro Home Consortium, 9:00 a.m., Room 211• Community Preservation Committee - cancelled• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B11)

- **Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, May 9th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. Items on the agenda are as follows: CDBG Report; Handicap Parking fines; Treasurer's Report; ADA Coordinator's Report; Approval of April Meeting Minutes; **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, May 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205/Council Chamber to hear the following items: #149-16, #150-16, #151-16, #152-16, Economic Development Commission appointment/reappointments of Jeremy Freid, Charles Tanowitz, Jack Leader and Robert Finkel; Budget presentations by Community Preservation, Inspectional Services Department and Planning Department. **Contact James Freas**, 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 10th has been **cancelled** as no applications were submitted. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 14th**. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to hear the following petitions: **#126-16** to modify an existing nonconforming two-family use and amend Special Permit #88702 to raze the existing buildings and rebuild the dwelling away from the floodplain and closer to the street at **17 Malvern Terrace**; **#128-16**, to create a 970 sq. ft. accessory apartment in the basement level of the unit at **11 Bridge Street**; **#129-16**, to exceed the Floor Area Ratio to .64 where .46 is the maximum allowable at **23 Howe Street**; **#131-16**, to demolish an existing detached garage and construct a new wider garage connected to the principle structure which exceeds nonconforming FAR, and requires variances from side and front setback and lot coverage requirements to make the home accessible for wheelchair use at **37 Westbourne Road**; **#132-16**, to construct an addition by adding a two-car garage on the first level, a kitchen above the garage and to expand the existing third floor to add a master suite which will increase the Floor Area Ratio from .33 to .48 where .40 is the maximum allowed by right at **45 Perkins Street**; **#127-16** for waivers to the parking requirements to locate a day care center at **288 Walnut Street**; **#130-16**, to waive 23 parking stalls where there are currently 126 and 140 is required for the combined uses at **260 Elliot Street**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth**, 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.

- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, May 10th** at 7:30 p.m., Room 204. Items on the agenda: introduction of new commissioners: presentation regarding the City's Transportation Study; update on EDC Annual Report presentation at ZAP; update on brochure project; 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.
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on **Wednesday, May 11th** at 7:45 p.m. in Room 211. The agenda includes a discussion of the Newton Charter, Article 7 and review of the memo "Broadening Documentation of Early Compliance Review". **Contact Phil Herr** at ppherr@msn.com.
- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on **Thursday, May 12th** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211. The agenda includes review and discussion of HOME funds status/budget and the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement as well as monitoring, regulatory and member updates. Peter Farrow will also join the meeting to discuss H 1130 / S 694 legislation regarding statutory housing restriction. **Contact Liz Valenta** at 617.796.1145 or evalenta@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **75 High Street**, to renovate existing house, remove rear ells and build garage space and a rear addition; **12 Shawmut Park**, approval of front stairs and back deck and stairs ex post facto; **70-72 High Street**, update on trees and retaining wall along property line between **68 High Street** and **70-72 High Street**; **1238 Chestnut Street**, update on window replacement project approved in 2009 and request for feedback on possible upgrades to the site; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will hold its second of two hearings on **Thursday, May 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Basement Planning Conference Room (B11). The following requests for demolition delay will be heard: 857 Washington Street, 6-8 Washington Terrace, 10-12 Washington Terrace, 16-18 Washington Terrace, 22 Washington Terrace. The following waiver requests will be heard: 32 Wetherell Street, 35 Jerome Avenue, 155 Truman Road, 29 Gammons Road; and new plans will be reviewed for the following property: 11 Ruane Road. A detailed agenda can be found on our website at: 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.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The CPC meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 12th** has been **cancelled**. The deadline to submit written materials or requests to be on the agenda for the following meeting is Wednesday, May 25th for the next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, June 8th** (please note the unusual day of the week for the June meeting). Additional information is available from www.newtonma.gov/cpa. **Contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.
- **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.
- **Online Access to Building Permit Information:** Want to view the building permit plans, application, and other documents associated with a building permit? Check out newtonma.gov/permits. You can now view these items online from any computer. Inspectional Services Department has been scanning applications electronically since July 2015. Building permit plans have been electronic since July 2010. The department has an ongoing project to make all the property files electronic. **Contact the Inspectional Services Department at 617.796.1060.**