

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 6/6/16	• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 204 cancelled
Tuesday 6/7/16	• Land-Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 6/8/16	• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 211 • Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Angino Farm (303 Nahanton St)
Thursday 6/9/16	• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- **Planning and Development Board:** The regularly scheduled Planning and Development Board meeting for **Monday, June 6th** has been **cancelled**. The next scheduled meeting is **July 11th**. **Contact Kimberly O'Brien**, 617.796.1146 or kobrien@newtonma.gov.
- **Land-Use Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 to hear petition #179-16 and #180-16 for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL and to rezone the site from Business 1 and 2 to Mixed Use 4 to construct a mixed use, transit oriented development in excess of 20,000 square feet consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of sixty feet and five stories, total gross floor area of 238,075 sq. ft., incorporating 171 residential units, approximately 39,745 sq. ft. of commercial space, and approximately 2,030 sq. ft., of office/community space; 346 on-site parking stalls, and to allow an FAR of 1.92; waiver of 97 parking stalls, waive number of signs and allow for free-standing signs and loading bay at **241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The partnership will meet **Wednesday, June 8th** at **7:45 a.m.**, **City Hall, Room 211**. Items on the agenda include: Review of Washington Place Zoning and Special Permit Proposals. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** In addition to Committee business, the agenda for the next CPC meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in the barn at **Angino Farm** (303 Nahanton Street – [see map attached to online agenda](#)) includes updates on: [Newton Highlands Playground](#) - confirming overall project plan and requesting forwarding to the City Council of CPC recommendation for \$2.5 million, which has been on hold at the request of Parks & Recreation; [Museum Archives, Accessibility & Fire Suppression](#) – Historic Newton and the Public Buildings Department requesting to use unspent CPA funds for other repairs at the Jackson Homestead. 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, June 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **109 High Street**, to renovate house, add south side

addition and detached garage;**117 High Street**, update on work done to date, plans to complete work and measures taken to protect structures from damage; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **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 **Kimberly O'Brien** at 617.796.1146 or kobrien@newtonma.gov.

- **Future Event for Newton In Motion:** For two days, **Friday, June 10th & Saturday, June 11th**, 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.
- **Online Access to Building Permit Information:** Want to view the building permit plans, application, and other documents associated with a building permit? Check out www.newtonma.gov/permits. You can now view the attachments for a permit under the “documents” link from your computer. The Inspectional Services Department has been scanning applications electronically since July 2015. Building permit plans have been electronic since July 2010. The department also has an ongoing project to scan all items in the property files allowing them to be accessed online. **Contact the Inspectional Services Department** at 617.796.1060.