

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 7/18/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chamber
Tuesday 7/19/16	
Wednesday 7/20/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10)
Thursday 7/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness Continuum of Care Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham, 3:00 p.m., Room 211• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205

- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, July 18th** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber on the following item: **#182-16**, Citizens petition to prohibit zoning changes without surrounding owner's approval. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtona.gov.
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, July 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room (B10). The following sign applications will be reviewed: **283-291 Centre Street** – kidsWell Pediatric & Urgent Care, **148 California Street** – Planet Fitness and **143 Rumford Avenue** – conceptual review for commercial development. **Contact Rachel Blatt** at 617.796.1128 or rblatt@newtonma.gov.
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will have a **site visit** at **374 Hammond Street** on **Wednesday, July 20th** at 6:00 p.m. to review the existing site and structure conditions and potential changes to previously approved plans. The Commission will hold their regularly scheduled **meeting** on **Thursday, July 21st** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **374 Hammond Street**, to review proposed changes; continuation; **34 Beacon Street**, to renovate house; replace windows, roof and siding; add front dormer, rear mudroom and breezeway; and add half story to garage; **29 Gate House Road**, to replace windows, side and rear entry doors and to install new French door to deck; **413 Hammond Street**, to move carriage house and rebuild chimney; **101 Old Orchard Road**, to repave driveway ex post facto; **408 Hammond Street**, to connect existing stone walls in-kind and install black ornamental fence behind stone wall; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Leads 2040: A Blueprint to Promote Affordable, Diverse Housing and Economic Growth:** On Thursday, June 23rd the Newton Housing Strategy Report was released and marks the beginning of a housing conversation series and community engagement with members of

the Newton community. The webpage www.newtonma.gov/housingstrategy has a link to a “factbook” about the housing strategy, which the Planning Department team developed to make this information accessible for a wide audience. Comments or questions are welcome and can be sent to housingstrategy@newtonma.gov.

- **New Parking Payment Application – Passport:** The City of Newton is launching a new parking app called Passport that will allow an alternative payment method for parking meters throughout the City. Watch for new decals on meter stands indicating you will now have the option to pay by phone using an app called Passport. **For more information, go to** www.newtonma.gov/parking.
- **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.**