

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

FROM: Barney Heath, 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 9/19/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Startup Harvest at Newton Innovation Center, 5-7p.m., 124 Vernon St.• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205
Tuesday 9/20/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee – Special Permit Discussion, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Room 211• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)• Real Property Reuse Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 9/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10)
Thursday 9/22/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m, Cafeteria (B11)
9/23/16 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lasell Neighborhood Council, 8:30 a.m., Lasell College, Irwin Annex, 5 Cheswick Road

- **Startup Harvest at the Newton Innovation Center:** On **Monday, September 19th**, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Kick-off the first week of Fall 2016 at the NIC Startup Harvest, an open house at the Newton Innovation Center in Newton Corner, 124 Vernon Street. Learn about innovative ideas sprouting from the MassChallenge 2016 Finalists. Enjoy food, drinks, awesome networking opportunities and presentations from several MassChallenge 2016 finalists. Speakers include Newton Mayor Setti Warren and MassChallenge CEO John Harthorne. The event is free but please register at www.masschallenge.org/events.
- **Taft Avenue Lottery:** An affordable housing lottery will be held on **October 3rd** at 12n, Room 211 to select tenants for a two unit-rental project at Taft Avenue. The project includes one 2-BR unit and one 3-BR unit, and the lottery selection process will include a preference for homeless families. Funding for the project has been received from the City of Newton's Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Community Preservation Act programs. **Questions can be directed to Robyn at 617.923.3505, X5.**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, September 19th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **355 Hammond Street – Certificate of Appropriateness:** Request to install stone landscaping wall ex post facto; **101 Old Orchard Road, Certificate of Appropriateness:** Request to repave driveway ex post facto. Approval of location of brick walkway; **408 Hammond Street, Certificate of Appropriateness:** Request to install black ornamental fence behind stone wall and change driveway configuration. Continuation; **533 Hammond Street, Certificate of Hardship:** Request to install aluminum gutters; **29 Gate House Road, Certificate of Appropriateness:** Request to install two skylights; **87 Reservoir Avenue, Certificate of Appropriateness:** Request to install fence; **8 Nancy Road, Certificate of Appropriateness:** Replace screen porch with enclosed space. Remove aluminum enclosure at front entry and install columns at the overhang; **34 Beacon Street, Certificate of**

Appropriateness: Request to renovate house: replace windows, roof and siding; add front dormer, second story deck, rear mudroom, and breezeway; and build new garage. Continuation. Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.

- **Community Preservation Committee:** Requests to be on the agenda, and written materials for the CPC to read in advance of the meeting, are due on **Monday, September 19th** for the CPC's next scheduled meeting on **Thursday, October 6th**. **Contact Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 20th** at 5:30 p.m. in Room 211 to continue their discussion on the special permit process. At 7:00 p.m. the Committee will move to the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear petition **#261-16 SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL** to allow site and building improvements including constructing new buildings to allow for existing and new commercial uses consisting of banking, office, medical office, theatre, health club, retail, restaurant and parking, to allow buildings in excess of 20,000 sq. ft., allow a building 57' in height, site plan review for buildings within 300' of a great pond, allow parking within a setback, extend special permit #230-14, update signage special permit #417-12, allow a waiver of parking stall depth, and allow reduced parking facility lighting and waiver of interior landscaping requirements at **1-55 Boylston Street, "The Street" CHESTNUT HILL SHOPPING CENTER LLC**,. A detailed agenda can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/landuse/2016.asp. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, September 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room, Basement Level. The following sign applications will be heard: **77 Rowe Street**, Finagle Bakery & Café + Test Kitchen; **51 Winchester Street**, The Conservatory at Highlands; **1081 Washington Street**, Mattress Firm; **2344 Washington Street**, Lightship Wealth Strategies, Inc; **180 Needham Street**, Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza; **650 Washington Street**, Newtonville Gas & Repair. **Contact Rachel Blatt** at 617.796.1127 or rblatt@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following full demo requests will be heard: **364 Cabot Street**, **50 Farwell Street**, **16 Dalby Street**, **26 Dalby Street**, **367 Dudley Road**. Demolition waiver requests to be heard at: **655 Beacon Street**, **74 Gardner Road**, **138 Arnold Road**. A detailed agenda can be found at: www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/agenin/histage/2016_agenda_n_minutes.asp **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (B11). The following items are on the agenda: 260 Elliot Street, to approve the repair and restoration work and to discuss the proposed rear addition; 365-381 Elliot Street (Mall at Echo Bridge), to install a new vestibule; 234 Elliot Street, to install pre-fabricated shed on rear of lot. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Lasell Neighborhood Council:** The Council will meet on **Friday, September 23rd** at 8:30 a.m. at Lasell College, Irwin Annex, 5 Cheswick Rd. The following items are on the agenda: Project updates on the Boat House, President's House, Academic Buildings, Lights for Grellier Field; Construction parking plan; Nominations for replacement of open Council position. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtonma.gov.