

# 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:

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9/25/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pop-up Planning Department 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Newtonville &amp; Newton Upper Falls Village Days</li></ul>
<b>Monday</b> <b>9/26/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning and Planning Committee &amp; Planning and Development Board, 7:45 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9/27/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)</li><li>• Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m. – <b>cancelled</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9/28/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Newton Square Enhancements Project, 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1326 Washington St.</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9/29/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)</li></ul>

- **Pop-Up Planning Department at Village Days:** On **Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>** 11:00am – 5:00 p.m. staff will be at Newtonville and Newton Upper Falls Village Days (4:00 p.m. in Upper Falls) and want to talk with you about your neighborhood. Come find our table to discuss our different initiatives and planning projects. Draw your favorite building in Newton as part of the #NewtonPatternBook.
- **Taft Avenue Lottery:** An affordable housing lottery will be held on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.**
- **Zoning and Planning Committee & Planning and Development Board:** The Committee and Board will meet jointly on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Room 207, to hear the following items: **#222-13(3), #222-13(4), #222-13(5)** to review and consider amendments to the **Garage Ordinance A-78**. **Contact James Freas at 617.797.1137 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov).**
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#216-16**, to extend a nonconforming two-family use and further increase the already nonconforming FAR at **17-19 Pulsifer Street**; **#217-16**, to extend a nonconforming two family use to construct an additional two-family structure onsite at **50-52 Rowe Street**; **#262-16**, to further increase a nonconforming front setback at **112-114 Carlisle Street**; **#263-16**, to create a rear lot subdivision at **100 Christina Street**; **#286-16**, to further increase a nonconforming setback at **115 Waban Street**; **#285-16**, to establish an accessory apartment within an existing single family home at **133 Harwich Road**; and **#284-16**, to further increase the nonconforming FAR at **7-9 Arundel Terrace**. A detailed agenda

can be found at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/landuse/2016.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/landuse/2016.asp). **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).

- **West Newton Square Enhancements Project:** The next public meeting will be **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at First Unitarian Church**, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton. **6:30pm – 8:00pm**. At this event we will be reviewing design concepts and layout options for West Newton Square. Be a part of the design process with the City of Newton. This project will plan, design, and construct roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements in the heart of historic West Newton Square for construction in 2017. Go to [www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq](http://www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq) to learn more. **Contact** [westnewtonsq@newtonma.gov](mailto:westnewtonsq@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1127.
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following locations will be discussed for **wetland permit issues**: 27 & 55 Boylston Street, 56 Greenwood Street, and 55 Grace Road, **Wetland administrative actions** will be taken. **Administrative decisions** will include: review of meeting minutes. **Updates** will be given. A detailed agenda can be found at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015\\_agendas\\_n\\_minutes.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp). **Contact Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or [jsteel@newtonma.gov](mailto:jsteel@newtonma.gov).
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board will meet on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers (Room 207). The following petition will be heard: **#1-16**, Waban AMA Realty Ventures LLC to construct 48 rental units including 38 market rate units and 10 affordable units on land located at **1521 Beacon Street**. Please also note that the Board's regularly scheduled hearing on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> was cancelled as no petitions were received. Additional information can be found on our website: [www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/default.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/default.asp) & [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/current/devrev/hip/beacon\\_street.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/current/devrev/hip/beacon_street.asp). **Contact Adrianna Henriquez** at 617.796.1133 or [ahenriquez@newtonma.gov](mailto:ahenriquez@newtonma.gov).
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The agenda for the CPC's next meeting on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** includes only Committee business; no project decisions or proposal funding votes are scheduled. The agenda is online from the program website, [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa), under [Committees & Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#). The full pre-meeting packet will be posted by September 27<sup>th</sup>. For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).