



## NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – OCTOBER 21, 2016

### NEWS & NOTES

- **Finance Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** in Room 211. The committee will be discussing the following items: #320-16 Request to appropriate \$50,000 to settle a claim \*Note: A motion for Executive Session may be entertained when this item is discussed; #356-16 Appropriate \$135,000 for upgrades to the Police Department's firing range; #354-16 Authorization to settle a \$12,955.88 claim by Frasier Engineering Services; #352-16 Expend a \$33,500 grant from the Recycling Dividends Program; #357-16 Reallocate \$250,467.24 for decommissioning two elevated storage tanks; #358-16 Appropriate \$46,590,000 for the renovation of the Cabot School; #31-15 Proposing an ordinance to limit leaf blower use; #31-15(3) Discussion of Financial Impact of Leaf Blower Ban on Newton's Budget; #355-16 Appropriate \$261,366.07 from bond sale premiums to reduce Angier debt; #306-16 Request to review and possibly adjust the City Clerk's salary; #257-16 Delegate quinquennial perambulation to City Engineer and GIS Administrator and; #333-16 Request to temporarily increase the number of Police by one position.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45p.m.** in Room 205. The committee will be discussing the following items: #270-16 Request to amend the demolition delay ordinance; #122-16 Discussion with ISD regarding procedures to protect abutters during demo projects; #222-13(5) Zoning amendments to the garage ordinance; #222-13(3) review of the garage ordinance and; #343-16 Zoning amendment relative to accessory apartments.
- **Land Use Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at \*5:30p.m.\*** in Room 211. The committee will continue a discussion with Planning on how to improve the Special Permit process and enforcement by Inspectional Services. At **7:00p.m.** in the Chamber, the committee will be discussing the following items: #263-16 Special Permit Petition for a rear lot subdivision at 100 Christina Street; #311-16 Special Permit Petition to exceed FAR at 235 Woodcliff Road; #312-16 Special Permit Petition to establish accessory apartment at 74 Waban Street; #313-16 Special Permit to allow three-story single-family structure at 84 Roundwood Rd and; #262-16 Special Permit Petition to increase nonconforming setback at 112-114 Carlisle Street.

### REMINDERS & WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **Traffic Simulation for the Washington Place (Orr Building) Proposal** – All Councilors are invited to attend – Randy Hart will be available to show the traffic

simulation for the Washington Place (Orr Building) proposal on **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** **at 6:15p.m.** in Room 205.

- **Comptroller Search Committee** – As you are all aware by now, Comptroller David Wilkinson will be leaving city service sometime next spring. David has been an incredible resource for all of us and it is impossible to properly thank him for all that he has done (however, at the appropriate time, we will). Knowing this, it is important to begin the process as soon as possible of looking for his replacement. Last week, I met with David and Finance Chair Gentile (whom I've asked to Chair the Search Committee) to discuss some ideas that David suggested regarding the search. Per David's input, we have come up with the following list of members of the search committee based on which departments/personnel David most often interacts with. I feel it is a very strong group that will bring a variety of professional experience to the interview table.

- Finance Committee Chair;
- Finance Committee Vice-Chair / Chair of Audit Committee;
- Treasurer;
- Mayor's Office;
- Human Resources;
- Resident member of Audit Committee;
- Information Technology;
- City Clerk;
- Comptroller's Office

David will also be working with H/R on the job description and qualifications for the job posting. I will be certain to keep you posted with more developments as this moves forward. Any questions please let me or Chair Gentile know.

- **Capital and Communication Discussion with the School Committee and Department** – *All Councilors are invited to attend.* We will be holding the rescheduled joint discussion with the SC/SD on **\*Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** at the Newton North High School library. If you have suggestions regarding the agenda below, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- **Enrollment Update, both S/T and L/T** – This helps set the table for the conversation on facilities, as enrollment issues are one of the 2 key drivers of our facilities plan;
- **Short-Term Facilities Needs** - This will address any short-term issues, such as modulars or other “small” projects that may be needed. We may also touch on the Student Assignment working group and key priorities (for example, the north side in general and Franklin specifically);
- **Update of Long-Term Facilities Plan** – We will update our plan from last Fall, and it will tie to both enrollment issues and quality-of-facilities issues. We may also touch on the work of the Student Assignment Working Group;
- **Communication** – We have discussed communication between the SC/SD, the administration and the Council in the past. However, in light of recent issues, the need for early and widespread communications and an understanding of the processes and timing necessary for project approval/completion requires revisiting current procedures.

