


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

Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer

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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 11/07/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Tuesday 11/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 11/09/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, 8:45 a.m., Room 211
Thursday 11/10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- **Newton Zoning Redesign:** Join Sasaki Associates on a **Pattern Book Walk** on **Monday, November 7th** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m while they collect data about the physical form of Newton. Hear first hand about the pattern book methodology and how it informs the Newton Zoning Redesign process as you walk one of the five tour routes. Meet at the Newton Centre Green by the parking lot. Be ready to walk! **Contact Lily Canan Reynolds** at 617-796-1140 or lreynolds@newtonma.gov.
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet on **Monday, November 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on their agenda: Committee report and discussion of the rezoning request for Washington Place project; Appointment of member to serve on Housing Development Proposal Review Committee; Discussion of Garage Ordinance; Discussion of potential changes to Newton's Rehabilitation Guidelines; Discussion of the proposed Accessory Apartments Ordinance; Approval of October meeting minutes. **Contact Rachel Powers** at 617.796.1125 or rpowers@newtonma.gov.
- **FY16 DRAFT Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER):** As recipients of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, the City of Newton and the WestMetro HOME Consortium are required by HUD to prepare an Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, analyzing the progress made in achieving the goals set forth in the FY16-FY20 Consolidated Plan. On Monday October 24, 2016 staff from the Housing and Community Development Division presented the CAPER to the Planning and Development Board and allowed for public comment. The FY16 DRAFT Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report is currently available for public review and comment at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/reports/. **Comments on the report** will be accepted in writing to **Rachel Powers** at Community Development Programs Manager, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459 or via email at rpowers@newtonma.gov **no later than Tuesday, November 8, 2016.**

- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, November 8th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Discussion of Washington Place Project; Updates on N2 Innovation District, Northland Proposal for Needham Street, Economic Director search; Newton Economic Development Collateral Materials; Approval of minutes. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on **Wednesday, November 9th** at 8:45 a.m. in Room 211. The following items are on the agenda: Discussion of current matters including Washington Place, 1615 Beacon Street, 236 Auburn Street, Northland, Zoning Reform Project, Engine 6, Draft Fair Housing Review and other matters that may be brought forward; Discussion of role for current Partnership **Contact Phil Herr** at ppherr@msn.com.
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, November 10th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following locations will be discussed: **Wetland issues** at Rockland Street at Winchester, 19 Patten Circle, 380 Quinobequin Road, and 27 & 55 Boylston Street; **Wetland Administrative actions** at 140 Countryside Road and 128 Cabot Street; Review of meeting minutes; **Updates** will be given on wetland matters, conservation areas, issues around town, and administrative matters. A detailed agenda can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp. **Contact Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or jsteel@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, November 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **Echo Bridge**, to replace historic railing in-kind; to replace chain link fencing with galvanized steel railing (continued from July 2016); Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Northland Open House:** On Wednesday November 2, 2016 Northland Investment Corporation presented a vision for the redevelopment of Northland's parcels in the N2 Innovation District. Go to www.newtonma.gov/NorthlandOpenHouse to view a video recording of the presentation and see concept boards. There will be a **second open house** at Marshall's Plaza parking lot (Needham St.) on **Saturday November 19th** from 11am-3pm.
- **Fair Housing Event:** Join us on **Thursday, November 17th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville. **"Is Fair Housing Still Relevant? Current Issues and Enforcement Activities"** is the topic that will be presented by Genevieve C. Nadeau, Chief Rights Division: Office of the Attorney General.
- **Coming Soon – Department Website Updates:** The Planning and Development Department will be making some changes to our website soon in order to make it easier to navigate. The first round of changes will focus on the navigation bar on the left hand side. More information will be shared in this report as we move forward.