


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:

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| Monday 11/28/16 | • Zoning and Planning Committee & Planning & Development Board, 7:45 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207) |
| Tuesday 11/29/16 | • Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207) • Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10) |
| Wednesday 11/30/16 | |
| Thursday 12/1/16 | • Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204 • Newtonville Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205 • The Farm Commission, cancelled |
| Saturday, 12/3/16 & Sunday, 12/4/16 | • Newton Zoning Redesign Open House, Newton Innovation Center, 124 Vernon Street. Saturday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m./Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |

- **Zoning and Planning Committee and Planning & Development Board:** The Committee/Board will hold a joint public hearing on **Monday, November 28th** at 7:45 p.m. in in the Council Chamber (Room 207). The following items will be discussed: #222-13(6), #222-13 (5), #222-13(7) to further delay of the effective date of the Garage Ordinance to April 1, 2017 and additional amendments to the Garage Ordinance. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1131 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee:** The Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear petitions **#179-16 and #180-16** for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval and to rezone the site from Business 1 and 2 to Mixed Use 4 to construct a mixed use, transit oriented development consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of sixty feet and five stories, incorporating 171 residential units, approximately 39,745 sq. ft. of commercial space, approximately 2,030 sq. ft., of office/community space and 346 on-site parking stalls at **241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room, basement level. The following demolition delay waiver requests will be heard: **655 Beacon Street, 24 Jules Terrace, 36 Nickerson Road, 59 Grove Hill Park**. **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, December 1st**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following matters will be discussed. **Wetland permitting issues:** Norwood Ave stormdrain outfall, 31 Harwich Rd., 55 Wayne Rd., and 27 & 55 Boylston Street, and 73 Beaconwood Rd. **Administrative issues:** Zoning Reform presentation, review of meeting minute.

Updates 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.

- **Newtonville Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, December 1st** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **24-26 Foster Street**, to demolish garage and rear two-story porch and build new two-story rear addition, continuation; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at **617.796.1129** or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Zoning Redesign:** Join the Planning & Development Department for a two-day open house about zoning in Newton on **Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Sunday December 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Newton Innovation Center, 124 Vernon Street. Stop by for an hour or more! Learn how context-based zoning can identify areas for preservation, enhancement and transformation in Newton. Preview initial Pattern Book findings. Engage with historic Newton materials. Participate in a visual preference survey. Identify context areas with an interactive map. **To RSVP [Click Here](#).** For additional information and a parking map visit our website <http://courbanize.com/newtonzoning>.
- **New Affordable Housing Opportunity:** The City of Newton is accepting applications for an affordable three-bedroom condominium in Newton. The unit will be awarded through a lottery. **Applications must be received by December 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** at Newton City Hall in the Planning Department (B10). Additional information and the application can be found on our website at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/affhousing/default.asp. **Contact Malcolm Lucas** at 617.796.1149 or mlucas@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The agenda for the CPC's next meeting, at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 8th** in City Hall Room 204, includes: [Jackson Road New Senior Housing](#) (Newton Corner, Newton Housing Authority request for off-cycle consideration); [Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program](#) (discussion about possible restructuring); [236 Auburn Street](#) (Auburndale, CAN-DO pre-proposal for affordable housing and historic preservation); and [Echo Bridge Historic Railing](#) (Newton Upper Falls, MWRA pre-proposal for historic reconstruction).
No public hearings or funding votes are scheduled at this meeting. The CPC uses pre-proposal discussions to determine whether and when it will consider each project's full proposal, and to advise project sponsors. The Committee holds a public hearing on each full proposal before voting on whether to recommend funding to the City Council.
The program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa has links to the full agenda and pre-meeting packet under [Committees & Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#), and has full-text versions of the new pre-proposals under [Proposals & Projects – Pending](#). For assistance, **contact Program Manager Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.
- **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.