



## NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – DECEMBER 2, 2016

### NEWS & NOTES

- **Zoning Redesign Open House** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* On **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.** and **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.** there will be an open house for the city's zoning re-design effort focused on the 'pattern book.' The goal of this exercise is to understand the city's existing development context which will ultimately serve as the foundation of a redesigned zoning ordinance. In addition to cataloging patterns that already exist; the pattern book will propose new development typologies that are considered appropriate for the city's future growth. Anyone can also participate by providing an on-line comment by connecting at the City's interactive Zoning Redesign website at [courbanize.com/newtonzoning](http://courbanize.com/newtonzoning). The open house will be held at the Newton Innovation Center, 124 Vernon Street in Newton Corner (old Newton Corner Branch Library).
- **Annual Nonantum Christmas Tree Lighting** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The Nonantum Children's Christmas Party Association invites you to their annual Christmas Tree lighting on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Santa Claus will be there to meet and greet the kids. Kids are also encouraged to bring their letters for Santa and they can put them in Santa's mailbox. *All letters must contain a return address!* The lighting will take place at Coletti-Magni Park, located at the corner of Watertown and Bridge streets. The event will begin at **6:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!
- **Committee of the Whole / Main Library Project** – On **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00p.m. to 7:45p.m.** we will be holding a Committee of the Whole which will be presided over by Councilors Albright and Blazar (Council representatives to the Main Library Working Group). The purpose of the COTW is for the Council to be briefed on docket item #388-16 - *HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the City Council authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for any state funds which might be able to make improvements and additions to the Newton Free Library and which will defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the library project; and to authorize the Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.*
- **Full Council Meeting** – Our next full Council meeting will be on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:45p.m.** immediately following the above-referenced Committee of the Whole.
- **Land Use Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** in the Chamber to discuss items #147-15(2) *Request for an Extension of*

*Time to exercise Special Permit (Benchmark Senior Living at Andover Newton Theological School); # 261-16(2) Special Permit Petition to allow site and building improvements at “The Street” and; #342-16 Special Permit Petition to allow self-storage and retail space at 143 Rumford Avenue.*

- **Public Facilities Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** in Room 204 to discuss items #395-16 Comcast petition for a Grant of Location on Huntington Road; #396-16 Comcast petition for a Grant of Location on Winthrop Street; #249-16 Cellco petition for Grant of Location for wireless communication equipment; #281-16 Cellco petition for Grant of Location for wireless communication equipment; #423-16 Verizon Grant of Location petition for wireless communication equipment and; Chairs Note: The Department of Public Works will present details to the City’s Roads Program - #200-15 Update on the strategic plan for street and sidewalk improvements.
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** in Room 205 to discuss items #335-16 Request for Ordinance amendments to require removal of snow from sidewalks; #394-16(A)&(B) Requesting two (2) new bus licenses for Lasell College and; #366-16 Requesting a review and update on Traffic Council responsibilities.
- **Programs and Services Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:45p.m.** in Room 211 to discuss items #414-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Michelle Freshman to the Advisory Council of Health; #415-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Asa Fanelli to the Advisory Council of Health; #416-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Lisa Terrizzi the Advisory Council of Health; #417-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Matthew Stafford to the Advisory Council of Health; #418-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Bradley Barnes to the Advisory Council of Health; #419-16 Mayor’s Appointment of Brenda Anders to the Advisory Council of Health and; #420-16 Mayor’s Re-appointment of Aric Parnes to the Advisory Council of Health.
- **Newton Police Annual Grand Ball** – *For those that RSVP’d* the annual Ball will be held on **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Marriott. Cocktail hour begins around **6:00p.m.**, awards ceremony will be at **7:00p.m.** and dinner will be served immediately following the ceremony.
- **Thank You Event for Poll Workers and Support Staff** – *All Councilors are invited to attend* – The Election Commission invites you to join them to thank the Poll Workers and Support Staff for the tremendous job that they did to implement early voting and the make 2016’s three elections run so smoothly. The event will take place on **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** in the War Memorial Auditorium. The evening will include refreshments and awards to key poll workers and interns who did an outstanding job this year.

## **REMINDERS & WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

- **None at this time**

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