


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: December 30, 2016
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
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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:

Monday 1/2/17	New Years Day Observance – City Hall Closed
Tuesday 1/3/17	
Wednesday 1/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 205
Thursday 1/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Farm Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10)• Newtonville Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205

- **Fair Housing Committee:** On **Wednesday, January 4th** the Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. in **Room 205** to have a discussion about drafting a letter regarding their role in Newton's Zoning Redesign Project and other efforts. **Contact Malcolm Lucas** at 617.796.1149 or mlucas@newtonma.gov.
- **The Farm Commission:** On **Thursday, January 5th** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department's Basement Conference Room (B10). **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or email aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Newtonville Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, January 5th** the Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following request 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.

Links to Ongoing Projects:

- **West Newton Square Enhancement Projects:** This project is embarking on a plan to design and construct roadway, sidewalk and streetscape improvements in the heart of historic West Newton Square. Construction is slated to begin in 2017. For more information visit our website at www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq.
- **Zoning Redesign:** The City Council's Zoning Reform project began in 2011, a Zoning Reform Group was tasked by the Mayor and Board of Alderman to develop a plan for reforming Newton's zoning ordinance. Phase One of the zoning reform project was completed in 2014, which successfully reorganized the existing ordinance making it easier to understand, but it did not alter the content of the ordinance.

The Planning Department is currently working with City Council and Newton's community on Phase Two, Zoning Redesign. Go to our interactive website www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning to share information and gather your input for the Newton Zoning Redesign Project. We need your help as a community member to help inform this project. It's quick and easy: go to the project page, create a coUrbanize account, then click "Add Your Idea" to drop a pin and leave a comment on our map of Newton. Check that site for up to date project information.