


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: January 6, 2017
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development 
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 1/9/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Council Chamber, Room 207
Tuesday 1/10/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Room 207• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 1/11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Development Board, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Room 207
Thursday 1/12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Preservation Committee – postponed to January 19th• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Room 207• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** On **Monday, January 9th** the Committee will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to discuss the following petitions: #53-16(2), zoning ordinance technical amendments; #415-16, zoning amendment to confirm with M.G.L. changes to special permit requirements. **Contact James Freas at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.**
- **Commission on Disability:** On **Monday, January 9th** the Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: CDBG Report, Handicap Parking Fines Report, Treasurer's Report, ADA Coordinator's Report, Election of Commission Officers, AP@-16 and AP#-16 request for accessible parking space, Variance application at 1210-1230 Washington Street, Leaf Blower Ban. **Contact Jini Fairley at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.**
- **Land Use Committee:** On **Tuesday, January 10th** at 7:00 p.m. the Committee will meet in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#340-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to further increase a nonconforming front setback, nonconforming two-family use, and nonconforming structure to construct a mudroom at **15 Cottage Court**; **#308-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to further increase the nonconforming setback to construct a garage at **79 Kenwood Avenue**; **#392-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend Board Order #416-12(3) and increase the operational controls for the fitness studio use at **242-244 Commonwealth Avenue**; and **#261-16(2)** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to alter a nonconforming structure, to allow buildings in excess of 20,000 square feet and allow development within 300 feet of a Great Pond. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** On **Tuesday, January 10th** at 7:00 p.m. the Commission will meet in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **61 Central Street**, to remove front entry, demolish rear chimney, replace one picture window with double hung windows and one picture window with French doors, and remove and add windows; **81 Woodland Road**, to remove stone patio and install deck and railing, install new fence and gates, and install direct vent fireplace; **49 Grove Street**, to review left rear railing system and trim details replaced without Commission approval;

Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.**

- **Economic Development Commission:** On **Tuesday, January 10th** at 7:30 p.m. the Commission will meet in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Economic Development Updates; Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2016; Review of Letter For Washington Place Project; Review of the Annual Report draft; EDC Officer Nominations. **Contact Barney Heath at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtonma.gov.**
- **Planning and Development Board:** On **Wednesday, January 11th** at 7:00 p.m. the Board will meet in the Council Chamber (Room 207) on the following agenda items: CDBG Substantial Amendment for Carroll Center Accessibility Improvements Project; **#53-16(2)**, public hearing regarding technical amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30; **#180-16(2)**, continuation of public hearing for change of zone for Washington Place project. **Contact Rachel Powers at 617-796-1125 or rpowers@newtonma.gov.**
- **Conservation Commission:** On **Thursday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m. the Commission will meet in Room 204. The following matters will be discussed. **Wetland permitting issues:** 46 and 34 (rear) Farwell Street - landscaping, 140 Countryside Road - pool installation; 27 & 55 Boylston Street - pond side building construction; and 73 Beaconwood Road - enforcement resolution. **Administrative issues:** Gas pipeline sign-on letter, MACC annual conference, 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.**
- **Land Use Committee:** On **Thursday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m. the Committee will meet 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 160 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**. Additional information can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/landuse/2016.asp. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, January 12th** at 7:00 p.m. the Commission will meet in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **15 Summer Street**, to review and approval of final drawings and details for the steeple restoration. Continuation.; **12 Rockland Place**, to build garage at the rear of the lot. Continuation.; **47 Linden Street**, to Request to replace wood siding. Violation.; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's meeting originally scheduled on January 12th has been **postponed** to **Thursday, January 19th** in City Hall Room 204. . The meeting will start at 7:45 p.m. with committee business, followed by the **public hearing** at approximately 8:00 pm on design funding for the [Crescent Street](#) affordable housing & community park project (West Newton/Auburndale). The full text of this proposal is on the program website, www.newtonma.gov, under [Proposals & Projects – Pending](#). The full agenda and pre-meeting packet are on the website's [Committees & Meetings](#) page. For assistance, **contact Program Manager Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.**