


# 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

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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:

<b>Monday</b> <b>1/23/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1/24/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning Board of Appeals, Meeting, 6:30 p.m in Room 205/Public Hearing in the Council Chamber (Room 207) at 7:00 p.m.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1/25/17</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1/26/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)</li><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>

- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** On **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the Committee will meet at 7:45 p.m. in Room 205. The following items will be heard: **#343-16**, zoning Amendments relative to accessory apartments; **#108-15**, zoning amendments for accessory apartments supportive of seniors; **#64-13**, permitting for conversion of historic barns/carriage houses to accessory apartments; **#61-10**, discussion relative to bringing existing accessory apartments into compliance; **164-09(2)**, request for amendments to dimensional requirements for accessory apartments. A detailed agenda can be found at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/zoning/2017.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/zoning/2017.asp). **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov).
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** On **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**, the Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205 to include: elections, any necessary briefing from the Law Department about items in litigation and/or to adopt any changes to the City of Newton Rules of the ZBA. The Board may vote to enter into executive session to discuss strategy of litigation in the matter of **1615 Beacon Street LLC's** application for a comprehensive permit and subsequent appeal to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development from the Board's invocation of the 1.5% general land area minimum. Following the meeting, a **Public Hearing** will be held at **7:00 p.m.** to include: **#9-16** Aedin Culhane and Simon French, 47 Glen Avenue and Joy Baron, 41 Glen Avenue appealing an issuance of a building permit for construction of a two-family dwelling at 45 Glen Avenue, Newton, MA. **and #8-16** 1615 Beacon, LLC applying to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Newton, Massachusetts, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 20 through 23, as amended, for the issuance of a Comprehensive Permit authorizing the applicant to construct 23 apartment-style units and to renovate an existing 4-bedroom house, on land located at 1615 Beacon Street in Newton, Massachusetts. This matter was continued from November 17, 2016 when the Board opened the public hearing in this matter. To view a detailed agenda go to [www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/2017\\_hearings.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/2017_hearings.asp). **Contact Adrianna Henriquez** at 617.796.1133 or [ahenriquez@newtonma.gov](mailto:ahenriquez@newtonma.gov).

- **Land Use Committee:** On **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#428-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow two parking stalls within five feet of a street and waive the dimensional requirements for parking stalls at **113 Edinboro Road**; **#429-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend Board Order #284-16 at **7-9 Arundel Terrace**; **#430-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow a multi-family dwelling and locate two parking stalls within the front setback at **15 South Gate Park**; and **#431-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow three attached single family dwellings with waivers to the frontage, setbacks, and parking requirements at **377 Langley Road**. Contact **Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Historical Commission:** On **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205 for the first of two meetings in the January review cycle. The second will be held on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, where requests for waivers will be considered. The following proposal for a new local historic district (**LHD**) in **West Newton** will be accepted but not heard at this time, in accordance with the state ordinance. The following full demo requests will be heard: **69 Valentine Street, 247 Spiers Road, 1188 Chestnut Street, 8 Hazelwood Avenue, 138 Berkeley Street, and 15 Inis Circle**. One request to designate an additional Local Landmark will be considered for the National Register-listed property at **307-309 Lexington Street**. Partial Demolition requests to be heard: **45 Eliot Avenue and 21 Pickwick Road**. A detailed agenda can be found at: [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/agenin/histage/2016\\_agenda\\_n\\_minutes.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/agenin/histage/2016_agenda_n_minutes.asp) Contact **Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).