


Planning and Development Department Update

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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 3/6/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning and Development Board, postponed to March 13th
Tuesday 3/7/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Land Use Committee, 5:30 p.m. – Special Permit Process in Room 211/ 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing, Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 3/8/17	
Thursday 3/9/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- **New Affordable Housing Opportunities:** SEB LLC is accepting applications for nine affordable condominium units on Court Street in Newtonville. The project includes two 1-Bedroom affordable units, six 2-Bedroom affordable units and one 3-Bedroom affordable unit. These units will be awarded through a lottery. **Applications for the lottery must be received by May 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** to be eligible [Click Here!](#) Please note, the lottery is being handled by the lottery agent and not the City of Newton.
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board's meeting on Monday, March 6th has been **postponed until Monday March 13th**. **Contact Rachel Powers** at 617.796.1125 or email rpowers@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee:** On **Tuesday, March 7th** the Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 211 to continue their discussion on the special permit process. At 7:00 p.m. the Committee will move to the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hold the public hearing on the following petitions: **#17-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to further extend the nonconforming rear setback at **14 Llewellyn Road**; **#18-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to exceed the FAR at **26 Sterling Street**; **#313-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow a three story single family structure at **84 Roundwood Road**; **#19-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow a dormer greater than 50% of the exterior wall below at **129 Cabot Street**; and **#20-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to extend the nonconforming two-family use and exceed the FAR at **85 Fuller Terrace**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, March 9th** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **47 Linden Street**, to rebuild the back porch roof overhang and railing system; **1268 Boylston Street, Unit A**, approval for vinyl fence; violation; **23 High Street**, to install a new porch and windows on the side ell; to install new windows, clapboard and architectural details on the barn; and to install a new roof cricket between the side ell and barn; **969 Chestnut Street**, feedback on a proposed second story porch, rear addition and shed; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** On **Thursday, March 9th** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The agenda includes time for a final report on a 2-unit affordable housing project at [Taft Avenue](#) in West Newton (though this item is tentative) plus approval of the Fy18 annual budget and other committee business. A full agenda and pre-meeting packet are available online [Committees & Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#) and on the program website at www.newtonma.gov/cpa. For assistance, **contact Program Manager Alice Ingerson** at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.

- **Accessory Apartment Ordinance Updates:** On **Monday, March 13th** at 7:30 p.m. the Planning and Development Board will be holding a discussion/possible vote on the proposed Accessory Apartment Ordinance at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Additionally, the City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee will hold its discussion/possible vote on this proposed Ordinance on **Monday, March 27th** at 7:45 p.m. For more information visit our website at www.newtonma.gov/accessoryapartments or the Zoning and Planning Committee at www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/zoning/2017.asp.
- **Zoning Redesign Updates:** Starting this week, you will see signs around Newton asking you questions about the City. The campaign is part of the City Council's Zoning Redesign project, which kicked off in October last year. To participate, just pick up your cell phone and text in your idea. The goal of this texting campaign is to reach new people in Newton and invite participation in the Zoning Redesign project. This effort responds to requests from members of the public to employ new engagement methods. For those who are less likely to participate at a public meeting, this is a new way to share ideas about zoning quickly, easily, and on-the-go. For more information on Zoning Redesign and to see answers already submitted, visit <http://courbanize.com/newtonzoning>.
- **Walnut Street Enhancements Project:** The City of Newton is embarking on a project to plan, design, and construct roadway, sidewalk and streetscape improvements for Walnut Street in the heart of Newtonville for construction starting in 2018. Working with the community, the project intends to enhance the safety, character, and functionality of Walnut Street for all users. Project includes hardscape elements: the street, sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting.

We'd like to get your feedback! Are there places or design ideas that you think we should look to for inspiration? **Send in photos** of places that highlight elements you want to bring to Walnut Street to walnutstreet@newtonma.gov. This is your time to dream big and get creative with others. **Add your ideas to the interactive map** at www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet. **The deadline for submission is March 5th**.