

# 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:

<b>Monday</b> <b>7/24/17</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7/25/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crescent Street Housing and Park Expansion, 4:00 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>7/26/17</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7/27/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li></ul>

- **Crescent Street Housing and Park Expansion:** On **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** the Crescent Street Working Group will meet at 4:00 p.m. in Room 204. Items on the agenda include property management, project budget, schedule and other business. To view the most recent presentation on concept design for the housing and park expansion (given June 15<sup>th</sup>, go to [www.newtonma.gov/crescentst](http://www.newtonma.gov/crescentst) .
- **Conservation Commission:** On **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. Wetland permitting decisions regarding: Routine maintenance on roadways, sidewalks, drainage pipes, stormwater drains, sewer, and water lines at **various locations throughout Newton**; Unpermitted Cutting at **Ware's Cove**; Restoration of an old gravel driveway and installation of a new curb cut at **525 Walnut Street**; Sewer service repairs and other site improvements at **300 Hammond Pond Parkway**; A minor plan change at **65 Harwich Road**; Demolition and construction of a single family home at **5 Vaughn Avenue**; Demolition of single family home and construction of duplex at **73 Beaconwood Road**; Certificate of Compliance for repaving **DCR's Charles River Greenway**; Revisions to a draft MOU for tree removal at **Newton Yacht Club, Nonantum Road**. Conservation area decisions: **Old Deer Park Trail**. Administrative decisions: Approval of 6/15/17 meeting minutes. Updates will be given on wetland matters, conservation areas, administrative matters, and issues around town. A detailed agenda can be found at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015\\_agendas\\_n\\_minutes.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp). Contact **Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or [jsteel@newtonma.gov](mailto:jsteel@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Historical Commission:** On **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**, the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following full demo requests will be heard: **1171-1173 Washington Street, NR; 27-29 Auburndale Avenue, 12 Ober Road, 108 Harwich Road, 738 Watertown Street, 19 Islington Road, 45 Claremont Street, 93-95 Withington Road, 58 Cottage Street**. Partial Demolition request to be heard: **29 Greenwood Street, LL**. Waiver request to be heard: **386 Watertown Street**. The barn at **31 Greenwood Street, LL**, will be the subject of a working session. A Section 106 review requested by the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be conducted on the proposed demolition of buildings at **Tower Road, Needham Street, and Claremont Street**. Proposed changes to the surrounding landscape at **1615 Beacon Street** will also be reviewed. A detailed agenda for the July 27<sup>th</sup> hearing can be found at: [www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/82799](http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/82799). Contact **Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).

- **CDBG Works, 2017 Report-US Conference of Mayors:** The City of Newton is featured in the “CDBG Works”, *June 2017 Report* issued recently by the US Conference of Mayors. The report highlights CDBG investments across the country and how this critical resource has contributed to revitalization efforts in communities like Newton. Please visit this link to check it out: <https://www.usmayors.org/2017/06/23/cdbg-works-how-mayors-put-cdbg-to-work/> . Please also contact **Rachel Powers, Community Development Programs Manager** at [rpowers@newtonma.gov](mailto:rpowers@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1125 for additional information about the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- **Zoning Redesign Drop-In Summer Sessions:** We are continuing our Zoning Redesign Drop-In sessions this summer. **Drop-In on Wednesdays, August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come by City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 106 (1<sup>st</sup> floor main entrance) to share your ideas with staff and ask questions about the City’s project redesign the zoning ordinance. Everyone is welcome! **Contact James Freas** at [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov) with questions. For more information on Zoning Redesign visit <http://courbanize.com/newtonzoning> or email [zoningredesign@newtonma.gov](mailto:zoningredesign@newtonma.gov).
- **1294 Centre Street:** Conceptual plans for the redevelopment of this property and an adjacent rear property are available at [www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet) . Sign-up for updates.
- **Local Historic Districts:** The Zoning and Planning Committee and the Planning and Development Board hosted a public hearing on June 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the recommendation from the Newton Historical Commission to establish a **West Newton Local Historic District**. This public hearing remains open. The proposed **Newton Highlands Local Historic District** was presented to the Zoning and Planning Committee and the Planning Board on May 8th. That public hearing also remains open. Additional information can be found on our website [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/current/devrev/hip/local\\_historic\\_districts.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/current/devrev/hip/local_historic_districts.asp). **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov) with questions regarding the approval process in Newton.
- **Walnut Street Enhancements Project:** Please visit our website at [www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet) to review materials from our meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Questions and comments are welcome at [walnutstreet@newtonma.gov](mailto:walnutstreet@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1140.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Newton Housing Authority's off-cycle proposal for **Jackson Road New Senior Housing (Haywood House)** [Newton Corner] is now on the program website, [www.newtonma.gov/cpan](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpan) under **Proposals & Projects – Pending**. The CPC's **PUBLIC HEARING** on this \$2 million CPA request is scheduled for **August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Written comments on the proposal will be forwarded to the CPC ahead of the hearing if received by **Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**, which also the deadline to submit any other requests or written materials for the August 9 meeting. For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1144.