


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: October 20, 2017
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 10/23/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interactive workshop on Fair Housing Compliance, at the Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m, Room 205
Tuesday 10/24/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 10/25/17	
Thursday 10/26/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205

- Zoning & Planning Committee:** On **Monday, October 23rd** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. Items on the agenda include **#104-17** recommendation to establish a Newton Highlands Historic District and **#136-17** recommendation to establish a West Newton Historic District and **there is a request by both petitioners to withdraw without prejudice**. Following these two items the Committee is hosting the **Fair Housing Compliance: Considerations for Land Use, Zoning, Planning Decisions: Interactive Workshop** Presented by: Jennifer M. Goldson, AICP, Founder of JM Goldson Community Preservation & Planner. The workshop items include: Fair Housing and Zoning, Overview of Protected Classes, and how zoning and permitting applies. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov or **Elizabeth Valenta** at evalenta@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1145.
- Land Use Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 24th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#223-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend Board Order #64-02 to amend the site plan at **1080 Walnut Street**; **#282-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to exceed the floor area ratio at **45 Chester Street**; **#49-16(2)** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend Council Order #49-16 to amend the site plan at **103 Court Street**; **#132-14(2)** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend Board Order#132-14 to amend the site plan at **49-51 Winchester Street**; **#284-17** and **#285-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review and allow a change of zone to construct a multi-family structure with 20 units at **392-396, 400, and 402-404 Langley Road**; **#261-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to exceed the floor area ratio at **14 Pond Avenue**; **#229-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow auto sales at **454-458 Watertown Street**; **#228-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to extend the nonconforming use to legalize an existing third unit at **69-71 Cherry Street**; **#201-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to construct a three-story mixed use building incorporating nine residential units and commercial space at **386-394 Watertown Street**. The Committee will also hear consistency rulings regarding the following approved special permits: **#214-10** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to remove a loading bay to allow for a new commercial tenant at **200-230 Boylston Street**; and **#16-16** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to exceed the floor area ratio at **30 Caroline Park**. **Contact Neil Cronin** at 617.796.1141 or ncronin@newtonma.gov.
- Newton Historical Commission:** On **Thursday, October 26th**, the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following full demo requests will be heard: **Needham/Oak Streets, Bldgs. 12, 13 and 14; 37 Radcliffe Road, 400 Langley Road, 18 Jameson Road, 84 North Street, 19 Quirk Court, 1728 Commonwealth Avenue**. Partial Demolition request to be heard: **330-334 Walnut Street (NR), 34 Park Street**. Waiver request to be heard: **57 Walnut Street**. Violations to be addressed: **39 Stanton Avenue, 37**

Radcliffe Road. A detailed agenda for the October 26th hearing can be found at <http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/85509>. **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.

- **Zoning Redesign:** Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at <http://www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning>. Have more questions or ideas? Come to our Zoning Redesign Drop-In Session on **Wednesday, November 15th** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 106 (1st floor main entrance). Contact City of Newton staff at 617-796-1140 or zoningredesign@newtonma.gov with questions.
- **FY17 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER):** The FY17 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 Program Year became available for public review on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. To review a complete draft, please visit http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/resources/special_reports_n_studies.asp. Comments on the proposed plans will be accepted at the public hearing or in writing to **Rachel Powers**, Community Development Programs Manager, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459 or via email at rpowers@newtonma.gov through October 16, 2017.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The regular-round CPA [full proposal for the Newton Cemetery's Whipple-Beal Cast Iron Fence](#) is now online for a public hearing on **November 16th**. Written comments for the CPC to read before the hearing, as well as regular agenda requests or written materials for the November meeting, are due on **October 27th**. For additional information, go to www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa or **contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.
- **1294 Centre Street:** Conceptual plans for the redevelopment of this property and an adjacent rear property are available at www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet. Sign-up for [updates](#) online.
- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion:** To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst.
- **Village Enhancement Projects:** To review materials and stay up-to-date on the **West Newton Square Enhancements Project** and the **Walnut Street Enhancements Project**, visit the respective project websites at www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq and www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet