


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** November 3, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** City Council  
Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer  
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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>11/6/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning &amp; Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 204</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11/7/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Election Day</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>11/8/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retail Business Meeting with Passport Parking, 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Room 211</li><li>• Programs &amp; Services Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 211/Council Chamber (Rm 207)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11/9/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WestMetro Home Consortium, 9:00 a.m., Room 211</li><li>• Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Working Group, 4:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Newton Innovation Center (NIC) Legal Insights for Entrepreneurs, Startups and Emerging Companies, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., NIC, 124 Vernon Street, Newton Corner</li><li>• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204</li><li>• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, <b>cancelled</b></li></ul>

- **Planning & Development Board:** On **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. the Board will meet in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Public Hearing/Vote, #284-17, petition for change of zone at 392-396 Langley Road, 400 Langley Road and 402-404 Langley Road; Discuss/Vote, #140-14, zoning amendment for Lodging House; #136-17, acceptance of removal of petition establish a West Newton Historic District; #104-17, acceptance of removal of petition establish a Newton Highlands Historic District; Discussion of Needham Street area vision plan; Discussion of proposed amendment to Newton's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance; Updates on Zoning Redesign; Updates on the proposed Food Truck Ordinance. **Contact Rachel Powers** at 617.796.1125 or [rpowers@newtonma.gov](mailto:rpowers@newtonma.gov).
- **Retail Business Meeting with Passport Parking:** On **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 – 6:30 PM, at Newton City Hall in Room 211, there will be a retail business parking meeting with Passport to review the program. Passport now offers the options for businesses to prepay customer parking - this is to incentivize consumers to visit business and to increase shopping during holiday periods. For more information or questions, please visit [www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/85762](http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/85762) or contact us at [economicdevelopment@newtonma.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@newtonma.gov).
- **Programs and Services Committee:** On **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** the Committee will meet to discuss #276-17, Proposed ordinance to all **food trucks** in Newton. A detailed agenda can be found on the Committee's website at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/programs/2017.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/committees/programs/2017.asp) **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1120 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Innovation Center (NIC) Legal Insights for Entrepreneurs, Startups and Emerging Companies:** On **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, the Newton Innovation Center at 124 Vernon Street, Newton, MA will be holding an event for **businesses of all sizes** and at various stages of growth - face legal issues. For early stage companies, it is imperative to have information necessary to make decisions that will lay the proper groundwork for their companies and put structures in place for long-term success. Snacks and refreshments will be served! To sign up for this event, **please register at** [https://attend.com/nic\\_legal\\_clinic](https://attend.com/nic_legal_clinic).

- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Working Group:** On **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m., the Crescent Street Working Group will meet in Room 204 to discuss next steps in terms of the Site Plan Approval process, and to prepare for its upcoming presentation to the Community Preservation Committee, where the Working Group will provide the CPC with critical project updates. To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive project updates, go to [www.newtonma.gov/crescentst](http://www.newtonma.gov/crescentst). **Contact Amanda Berman** at 617.796.1147 or [aberman@newtonma.gov](mailto:aberman@newtonma.gov).
- **Conservation Commission:** will meet on **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following matters will be discussed. Wetland decisions regarding: a new deck and tree cutting at **14 Buswell Park**; a Commission on **Policy on Hiring Outside Consultants under MGL Ch 44 Section 53G**; construction of a 6-lot subdivision at **56 Farwell Street**; and demolition of single family home and construction of duplex at **73 Beaconwood Road** (to be continued to 11-30-17). Administrative decisions: Approval of 9/28/17 meeting minutes. Updates will be given on wetland matters, conservation areas, administrative matters, and issues around town. A detailed agenda can be found at [http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2017\\_agendas\\_n\\_minutes.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2017_agendas_n_minutes.asp) Contact **Jennifer Steel** at 617.796.1134 or [jsteel@newtonma.gov](mailto:jsteel@newtonma.gov).
- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** On **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** the Consortium will meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211. The agenda includes HOME Budget update and availability of funding, discussion of ongoing and pipeline project, review recommendations and vote on CHDO Operating Funds allocations, and discussion of various regulatory and programmatic issues, and introduction to the upcoming Assessment of Fair Housing. **Contact Liz Valenta** at 617.796.1145 or [evalenta@newtonma.gov](mailto:evalenta@newtonma.gov).
- **Zoning Redesign:** Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at [www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning](http://www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning). Have more questions or ideas? Come to our Zoning Redesign Drop-In Session on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 106 (1<sup>st</sup> floor main entrance). Contact us at [zoningredesign@newtonma.gov](mailto:zoningredesign@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1120 with questions.
- **28 Austin Street Liaison Committee:** On **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>** the 28 Austin Street Liaison Committee will meet at 7:00pm at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 205. Contact us at [austinstreet@newtonma.gov](mailto:austinstreet@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1127 with questions.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The agenda for the CPC's next meeting on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m., City Hall Room 204) includes a PUBLIC HEARING and possible funding vote on the [full proposal for the Newton Cemetery's Whipple-Beal Cast Iron Fence](#) (\$60,000 requested); an [update on the Crescent Street affordable housing and playground expansion project](#), with a request to submit an off-cycle full proposal for an additional \$2,640,000 in CPA funds for final design and construction; and an [update on the Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program](#), proposing to revise the program's purpose from creating new affordable housing to preserving the affordability of units already in the program, retaining \$735,000 for the new purpose and returning \$845,745 in unspent funds for other CPA-eligible housing purposes. The full agenda and pre-meeting packet are online under [Committees & Meetings – Current CPC Meetings](#) at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa). For assistance, **contact Alice Ingerson**, Program Manager, at [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov) or 617.796.1144.
- **New Affordable Homeownership Opportunity:** The Planning & Development Department's Housing and Community Development Division is accepting applications to purchase an affordable single family home at 101 Hawthorn Street in Nonantum. The property has 3 bedrooms, 1 full and 1 half baths. Nearby schools include Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School, Bigelow Middle School and Newton North High School. Applications for this property must be received by **November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible. Visit the project's website at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/affhousing/default.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/affhousing/default.asp) or contact us at 617.796.1120.
- **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](#) online.
- **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](http://www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq) and [www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet).