


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** December 15, 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  
Dori Zaleznik, Chief Administrative Officer

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 12/18/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use Committee Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 205</li><li>• City Council, 7:45 p.m., Council Chamber</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 12/19/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria (B11)</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 12/20/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 12/21/17</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 211</li><li>• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205</li></ul>

- **Land Use Committee:** On **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** the Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205 to hear a consistency request concerning the underground garage, landscaping, and building height associated with Special Permit **#119-15** at **28 Austin Street**. The Committee will also hear a request for an extension of time to exercise Special Permit **#190-12(2)** Special Permit/Site Plan Approval to construct a three-story, 13-unit multi-family structure and waivers to the parking requirements at **429 Cherry Street**. The Committee will also hear petition **#304-17** a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval to construct four attached dwellings at **336 Newtonville Avenue**. The Committee will also hear requests for auto dealership licenses. **Contact Neil Cronin** at **617.796.1141** or [ncronin@newtonma.gov](mailto:ncronin@newtonma.gov).
- **Community Preservation Committee:** On **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** the Committee will meet at 7:00 pm, City Hall Cafeteria (B11). The only substantive agenda item is now the Newton Housing Authority's [update asking to submit a revised off-cycle proposal](#) requesting \$2,500,000 for their [Jackson Road/Haywood House](#) (Newton Corner) new senior housing project. A new, future date will be announced for the public hearing on [proposed revisions to the Community Preservation Plan's funding guidelines](#).

The CPC's first meeting in 2018 has also been rescheduled, for **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. One and possibly both off-cycle proposals below will be scheduled for public hearings at this meeting. Proposals will be made available online by **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** on the program website, [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa), under [Proposals & Projects – Pending](#). Written comments on these proposals must be received by **January 8<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the pre-meeting packet, but additional comments will of course also be accepted at the hearings themselves.

- **confirmed January 23<sup>rd</sup> public hearing:** [Crescent Street](#) [Auburndale/West Newton] (affordable housing and community playground/park), est. \$2,675,000 for final design & construction
- **public hearing date to be confirmed by December 20<sup>th</sup>:** [Jackson Road/Haywood House new senior housing](#) [Newton Corner] (Newton Housing Authority), \$2,500,000

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- **Urban Design Commission:** On **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room (B10). The following sign reviews are on the agenda: **47 Lincoln Street** – Aer Nailbar, **60 Needham Street** – Burn Boot Camp, **1507 Washington Street** – Learning Prep School, **67 Crafts Street** – Hearty Teriyaki, **42-44 Langley Road** – Yosemite Eyewear, **141 Needham Street** – AAA, Piccadilly Square – **Comprehensive Sign Package**. **Contact Shubee Sikka** at **617.796.1139** or [ssikka@newtonma.gov](mailto:ssikka@newtonma.gov).

- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** the Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **32 Acacia Avenue** to replace 20 windows; **100 Suffolk Road** to approve existing utility boxes; **46 Woodman Road** to review second-story railing system design; to approve vent pipes, mounted speakers, and change to window location on left elevation of rear bump out; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at **617.796.1129** or [bkurze@newtonma.gov](mailto:bkurze@newtonma.gov).
- **Conservation Commission:** On **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following matters will be discussed. Wetland decisions regarding: infrastructure improvements for pending subdivision at **Carlson Avenue**; informal discussion about **benches at Ware's Cove**; demolition of single family home and construction of duplex at **73 Beaconwood**. Administrative decisions: Approval of 11/30/17 meeting minutes. Updates will be given on wetland matters, conservation areas, administrative matters, and issues around town. A detailed agenda can be found at [2017 Agendas and Minutes](#). **Contact Jennifer Steel** at **617.796.1134** or [jsteel@newtonma.gov](mailto:jsteel@newtonma.gov).
- **Newton Historical Commission:** On **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. The following full demolition requests will be heard: **96 East Side Parkway**, **105 Pine Ridge Road**, **24 Moreland Ave**, **42 Greenough St**, **69 Charles St**, and **11 David St**. The following partial demolition request will be heard: **133 Park St** to replace front porch, add rear addition. Administrative decisions: Approval of minutes from November 16, 2017. **Contact Katy Hax Holmes** at **617.796.1143** or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@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? **Contact us** at [zoningredesign@newtonma.gov](mailto:zoningredesign@newtonma.gov) or **617-796-1120** with questions.
- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project:** To view the most recent concept design for the housing project and to 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).
- **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 project [updates](#) online.
- **Needham Street Vision Plan:** To review materials, sign up for email updates, and to stay up-to-date on the Needham Street Vision Plan, visit [www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet)
- **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).