

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development



RE: Friday Report

CC: City Council

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 3/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Needham Street Vision Plan, 5:00 p.m., Barry Price Center (27 Christina St)• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 205
Tuesday 3/13/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 211• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 3/14/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austin Street Liaison Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 205
Thursday 3/15/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning Redesign Event, "Building Shape, Size, and Form in Neighborhoods and Village Centers", 6:30 p.m., Newton Free Library-Druker Auditorium (330 Homer St)• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205

- **Needham Street Area Vision Plan:** The next meeting of the Community Engagement Group is **Monday, March 12th** at 5:00 p.m. at the Barry Price Center (27 Christina Street). The meeting topic is design and built form. To review materials, sign up for email updates, and to stay up-to-date on the Needham Street Area Vision Plan, visit www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet or email needhamstreet@newtonma.gov.
- **Commission on Disability:** On **Monday, March 12th** the Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Approval of February 12th Meeting Minutes, CDBG Report, CDBG Funding Ideas, Handicap Fines Report, Operation Access Update, Treasurer's Report, ADA Coordinator's Report, AAB Variance for Avalon-Newton Highlands, and AAB Variance for Suzuki School of Newton. **Contact Jini Fairley** at **617.796.1253** or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** On **Monday, March 12th** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following items are on the agenda: **#144-18**, Zoning amendment to allow parking facilities, accessory and non-accessory, single and multi-level in the Mixed-Use District by special permit; **#143-18**, Zoning amendment to delay the effective date of the garage ordinance to December 1, 2019; RKG will give a presentation on Inclusionary Zoning; The Planning Director will provide updates on the Needham Street Vision Plan **#75-18**, Zoning Redesign event series updates. **Contact James Freas** at **617.796.1137** or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Economic Development Commission:** On **Tuesday, March 13th** the Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Economic Development Updates, Chair Updates, Open Meeting Law Presentation/Training, Approval of February Meeting Minutes. **Contact Kathryn Ellis** at **617.796.1122** or kellis@newtonma.gov.
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** On **Tuesday, March 13th** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **280 Central Street**, to install a fence; **17 Leighton Road**, to amend previously approved deck railing system; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at **617.796.1129** or bkurze@newtonma.gov.

• **Community Preservation Committee:** On **Tuesday March 13th** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. The agenda and pre-meeting packet are now available from the CPA program's home page, www.newtonma.gov/cpa. The main agenda item is a **public hearing** on [proposed revisions to the program's current funding guidelines](#), which have been online since November 2017 from the program's [Guidelines & Forms](#) page. If you wish to comment on these guidelines but cannot attend the hearing, please **contact Alice Ingerson** at aingerson@newtonma.gov or **617.796.1144**.

Upcoming Deadlines: Proposal sponsors hoping to submit a full proposal for the regular annual funding round in **fall 2018** must submit requests by **March 29th** for the required initial meeting with staff, so they can submit eligible pre-proposals by **May 25th**.

• **Land Use Committee:** On **Tuesday, March 13th** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#136-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to exceed the FAR at **2 Terrace Avenue**; **#137-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to construct a four-story, mixed use building incorporating 18 residential units, to allow the minimum lot area to be reduced, and allow waivers to the parking requirements at **189-193 Adams Street and 19 Quirk Court**; **#138** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow a comprehensive sign package at **49-63 Union Street, 93-105 Union Street, 1280 Centre Street, 47-61 Langley Road, and 790-794 Beacon Street**; **#71-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend **Board Order #515-61** to amend the site plan to construct parking facilities with waivers to the parking requirements at **John F. Kennedy Circle**. **Contact Neil Cronin** at **617.796.1141** or ncronin@newtonma.gov.

• **28 Austin Street:** On **Wednesday, March 14th** the Austin Street Liaison Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. They will be discussing project construction and design updates. For more information on the Austin Street project and to sign up for email updates, visit www.newtonma.gov/austinstreet or email austinstreet@newtonma.gov.

• **Zoning Redesign:** On **Thursday, March 15th** join us at the next event in our series, "Building Shape, Size, and Form in Neighborhoods and Village Centers" at 6:30 p.m. at the Newton Free Library – Druker Auditorium, 330 Homer Street. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning. Have more questions or ideas? **Contact us** at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov or **617.796.1120**.

• **Conservation Commission:** On **Thursday, March 15th** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following matters will be discussed. Wetland decisions regarding: an addition onto a single-family home at **93 Vine Street**; construction of a single-family home on the rear lot of a two-lot subdivision at **156 Otis Street**; construction of a 6-lot subdivision at **56 Farwell Street**; demolition of single family home and construction of duplex at **73 Beaconwood**; and a Certificate of Compliance re-sign request for work at **74 Longwood Road**. Administrative decisions: Commission Roles Rotation proposal vote; Approval of the proposed dog park location at the Norumbega Conservation Area; Approval of 2/22/18 meeting minutes. Updates will be given on wetland matters, conservation areas, administrative matters, and issues around town. A detailed agenda can be found at [2018 Agenda & Minutes](#) . Contact **Jennifer Steel** at **617.796.1134** or jsteel@newtonma.gov.

• **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, March 15th** the Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **Stone Avenue**, to replace sidewalks and curbing on the west side of Stone Avenue between Hammond Street and Lee Road; **96 Beacon Street**, to repair brick retaining wall, expand patio area, extend side fence, and install metal fence and gate. Continuation; **32 Acacia Avenue**, to replace 20 windows. Continuation; **14 Meigh Road**, to install steel chimney pipe and cap; **48 Reservoir Avenue**, to to change window and door designs and details for previously approved project. Continuation; **350 Beacon Street**, to replace casement windows; to install grass paver turnaround; **46 Chestnut Hill Road**, to amend previously approved plans for rear addition and pool with changes to the east and west elevations and the garage canopy. Continuation; **152 Suffolk**

Road, to renovate the existing house, build a two-car and one-car garage, and make landscaping and hardscaping changes. Continuation; **46 Woodman Road**, to install condensers; approval of second-story railing system design and for as-built; Continuation; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at **617.796.1129** or bkurze@newtonma.gov.

- **Sustainability + Preservation: Energy Efficiency for Old Houses:** Can you make your home more energy efficient while still respecting its historic character? Yes! Join Historic Newton on **Wednesday, March 21st** at 6:30pm at the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds (286 Waverley Ave) in a program that covers how to blend reducing your carbon footprint with comfort and preservation. The panel will include Stephanie Horowitz (ZeroEnergy Design), Paul Eldrenkamp (Byggmeister Design & Build), and Nick Falkoff (Auburndale Builders), with moderator Katy Hax Holmes, City of Newton's Preservation Planner. Free admission. For more info contact **617.796.1450** or www.historicnewton.org
- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project:** To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive project updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst. **Contact Barney Heath** at **617.796.1131** or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **160R Stanton Avenue Redevelopment Project:** In November 2017, JCHE was designated by the City of Newton to develop the water tower parcel to expand the Golda Meir House with additional affordable apartments and services for seniors, as well as 9-12 units of housing for the chronically homeless. To review materials and to stay up-to-date on this project, visit our website: [160R Stanton Ave](http://www.newtonma.gov/160RStantonAve). **Contact Barney Heath** at **617.796.1131** or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance Update:** To review materials and stay up-to-date on this project, go to [www.newtonma.gov/Inclusionary Zoning](http://www.newtonma.gov/InclusionaryZoning) **Contact James Freas** at **617.796.1137** or jfreas@newtonma.gov
- **Needham Street Corridor Project (MassDOT roadwork):** This project proposes roadway reconstruction and transportation safety improvements including new pavement, sidewalks, traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle lanes and stormwater management. Email needhamstreet@newtonma.gov to sign up for occasional project updates.
- **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.