



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton **In City Council**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual webinar meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

#304-20

Appointment of Mitchell Fischman to the Newton Traffic Council

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the appointment of Mitchell Fischman, 41 Brush Hill Road, as a member of the Newton Traffic Council for a term to expire on July 31, 2023. (60 days: 09/11/2020)

#303-20

Appointment of Jeremy Freudberg to the Newton Traffic Council

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the appointment of Jeremy Freudberg, 102 Clark Street, as an alternate member of the Newton Traffic Council for a term to expire on July 31, 2023. (60 days: 09/11/2020)

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

#232-20 Requesting a discussion with the Administration on walking/biking streets
COUNCILORS DOWNS, AUCHINCLOSS, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, KELLEY, LEARY, KRINTZMAN, NOEL, DANBERG, AND NORTON requesting a discussion with the Administration on creating walking/biking streets with local traffic only during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency to allow for safe social distancing and recreation.

Chair's Note: Requesting a briefing and conversation with the administration on the investigation into the incident with Mr. Tim Duncan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob D. Auchincloss, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

#304-20

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rfuller@newtonma.gov

June 15, 2020

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Mitchell Fischman of 41 Brush Hill Road, Newton as a member of the Newton Traffic Council. His term of office shall expire on July 31, 2023 and his appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Application Form**Profile**

Mitchell

First Name

L.

Middle Initial

Fischman

Last Name

Email Address

41 BRUSH HILL ROAD

Home Address

Suite or Apt

NEWTON

City

MA

State

02461

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?☒ Ward 8

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

MLF Consulting LLC

Employer

Principal

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Newton Traffic Council: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have always been interested in improving Newton traffic conditions. I served on the Board of Alderman from 2001-2014 with a term spent on the Alderman Traffic and Public Safety Committee which included implementing traffic calming, resident permits, parking regulations and public safety measures. I also served on the Newton Economic Development Commission and as chair for 2-3 years focusing on improving Needham Street traffic and development. I am an urban planner and permitting consultant, and have been a resident of Newton since 1974.

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Mitchell L. Fischman, Principal Mitchell L. Fischman Consulting LLC

Consulting Role:

~~Permitting Manager for Major~~
Projects in Boston on Behalf of
Private and Institutional
Developers

Education:

MBA, Finance and Real Estate,
Northeastern University, 1981

~~MLPP, Graduate School of Public~~
and International Affairs,
University of Pittsburgh, 1972

BA, Political Science, University of
PA, 1964

Registrations/Certifications:

Certified Planner, AICP

Professional Affiliations:

American Institute of Certified
Planners

American Planning Association

Massachusetts Association of
Consulting Planners

Current Experience:

Mitchell L. Fischman Consulting
LLC (2010-Present)

City of Newton:

Armory Reuse Committee (2019-
Present)

Board of Aldermen
(2001-2013)

Economic Development
Commission (1987-1996)

Address/Office:

41 Brush Hill Road
Newton, MA 02461

Mr. Fischman has over 50-years of experience in planning, environmental consulting and real estate development in the public and private sectors. He supervises teams of planners, scientists, engineers and surveyors on various environmental, planning and permitting projects, particularly those requiring close coordination with local and state agencies, and community interest groups.

He served on the Newton Board of Aldermen from 2001-2013, and made by the City Council in 2019.

His past experience includes senior level planning and development positions at the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) from 1972 to 1987 including Deputy Director for Development and Urban Design, Director of Institutional Planning and Development, and Project Manager for Downtown and Back Bay Projects. During his 15-year tenure at the BRA, he was active in both real estate and institutional development projects throughout Boston. Between 1987-1996, he was a permitting/planning consultant for HMM Associates/Earth Tech. Between 1996-2008, he was Vice President of Daylor Consulting Group and a permitting/planning consultant. Currently he is the principal at Mitchell L. Fischman Consulting LLC as an independent planning and permitting consultant.

Mr. Fischman has directed permitting and planning efforts for numerous private sector and institutional clients throughout the city of Boston. He has also completed permitting assignments for major Boston colleges and universities, Boston teaching hospitals and new residential, office, retail, hotel and industrial projects. He has prepared environmental impact assessments for city, state and federal agencies, working closely with MEPA and Boston Redevelopment Authority/Boston Planning and Development Agency (BRA/BPDA) officials (under Article 80) to resolve challenging issues including permitting, transportation, infrastructure, urban design, historic resource and neighborhood concerns.

Mr. Fischman has also significant municipal and regional planning experience with municipal master and site planning projects which have led to construction of new public improvements or major revisions to existing regulatory frameworks. He has directed master planning efforts in several Massachusetts communities.



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June 15, 2020

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Jeremy Freudberg of 102 Clark Street, Newton as an Alternate member of the Newton Traffic Council. His term of office shall expire on July 31, 2023 and his appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Newton, MA Boards & Commissions

Application Form**Profile**

Jeremy

First Name

Middle Initial

Freudberg

Last Name

Email Address

102 Clark Street

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Newton

City

MA

State

02459

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?☒ Ward 6

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Red Hat

Employer

Software Engineer

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Newton Traffic Council: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?


I am interested in transportation/traffic matters and would be honored to serve my city by addressing those matters. David Koses recommended, on the basis of my knowledge and enthusiasm, that I offer my name for consideration as the alternate resident member of the Newton Traffic Council.

JeremyFreudberg_BriefResume.pdf

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Jeremy Freudberg

102 Clark Street - Newton, MA 02459



WORK EXPERIENCE

2019–pres. Software Engineer, Red Hat

I dig deep into cloud, Linux, and container technologies to enhance Red Hat's product suite with support for non-x86 hardware.

2017–pres. Project Team Lead, OpenStack Sahara Project

I am the leader of an open-source software project (big data as-a-service) and coordinate all technical and administrative aspects of that project.

2016–2019 Research Assistant, Massachusetts Open Cloud

I immersed myself in the field of cloud computing, and along the way launched new efforts and mentored interns.

TEACHING AND PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher for MIT Educational Studies Program
 - Introductory course on land, rights-of-way, and other legal aspects
 - Introductory linguistics course
- Presenter at software conferences
(OpenStack Summit, Dataverse Community Meeting, DevConf US)

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* in Linguistics and Computer Science, Boston University
 - Recipient of departmental awards
 - Leader of undergraduate Linguistics Association
 - Contributor to and reviewer for various student journals at Boston College

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Poll Worker, City of Newton

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DOCKET REQUEST FORM

2020 APR 9 PM 1:18
DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council **NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.**

To: Clerk of the City Council
 CITY CLERK
 NEWTON, MA. 02459

Date: 4/6/2020

From (Docketer): Councilor Downs

Address: 854 Chestnut St., Waban 02468

Phone: 617-257-8270

E-mail: adowns@newtonma.gov

Additional sponsors: Councilors Auchincloss, Albright, Bowman, Kelley, Leary, Krintzman

1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):

Councilors Downs, Auchincloss, Albright, Bowman, Kelley, Leary, Krintzman, Noel, Danberg, Norton requesting discussion with the Administration on creating walking/biking streets with local traffic only during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency to allow for safe social distancing and recreation

2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:

- ☐ Fact-finding & discussion
☐ Appropriation, transfer,
☐ Expenditure, or bond authorization
☐ Special permit, site plan approval,
☐ Zone change (public hearing required)

- ☐ Ordinance change
☐ Resolution
☐ License or renewal
☐ Appointment confirmation
☐ Other: _____

3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion |

4. This item should be taken up in committee:

- ☒ Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency:

Our recreational spaces are crowded in good weather and health measures dictate that we help people social distance. Drivers going normal speeds (>20 mph) can't easily stop for people on st.

- ☒ As soon as possible, preferably within a month
☐ In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
☐ When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
☐ Following public hearing

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5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One half hour or less | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Up to one hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than one hour | <input type="checkbox"/> An entire meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than one meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended deliberation by subcommittee |

6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, *especially relevant Department Heads*):

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

☒ Deborah Youngblood _____☐ _____☒ James McGonagle _____☐ _____☒ Nicole Freedman _____☐ _____☒ Bob Lee _____☐ _____☐ _____☐ _____

7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:

8. I ☒ have or ☐ intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. *

TAG suggested list of streets. Bike Newton map of quiet streets

(*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)

Please check the following:

9. ☐ I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
10. ☐ I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
11. ☐ I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.

Andrae Downs

Signature of person docketing the item

[Please retain a copy for your own records]

Danielle Delaney

From: Andreae Downs
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Danielle Delaney
Subject: Backup material--here you go
Attachments: Neighborway Map draft.png

All:

The attached is a map compiled by Bike Newton of streets that already have minimal traffic, connect to useful destinations (or other streets) and could be candidates for shared streets.

The concept of shared streets is being taken up all across the country and around the world as a way for people to get exercise during the COVID shut down with social distancing and without fear of being plowed down by speeding cars and trucks. This is NOT a block party, but a “keep moving” street.

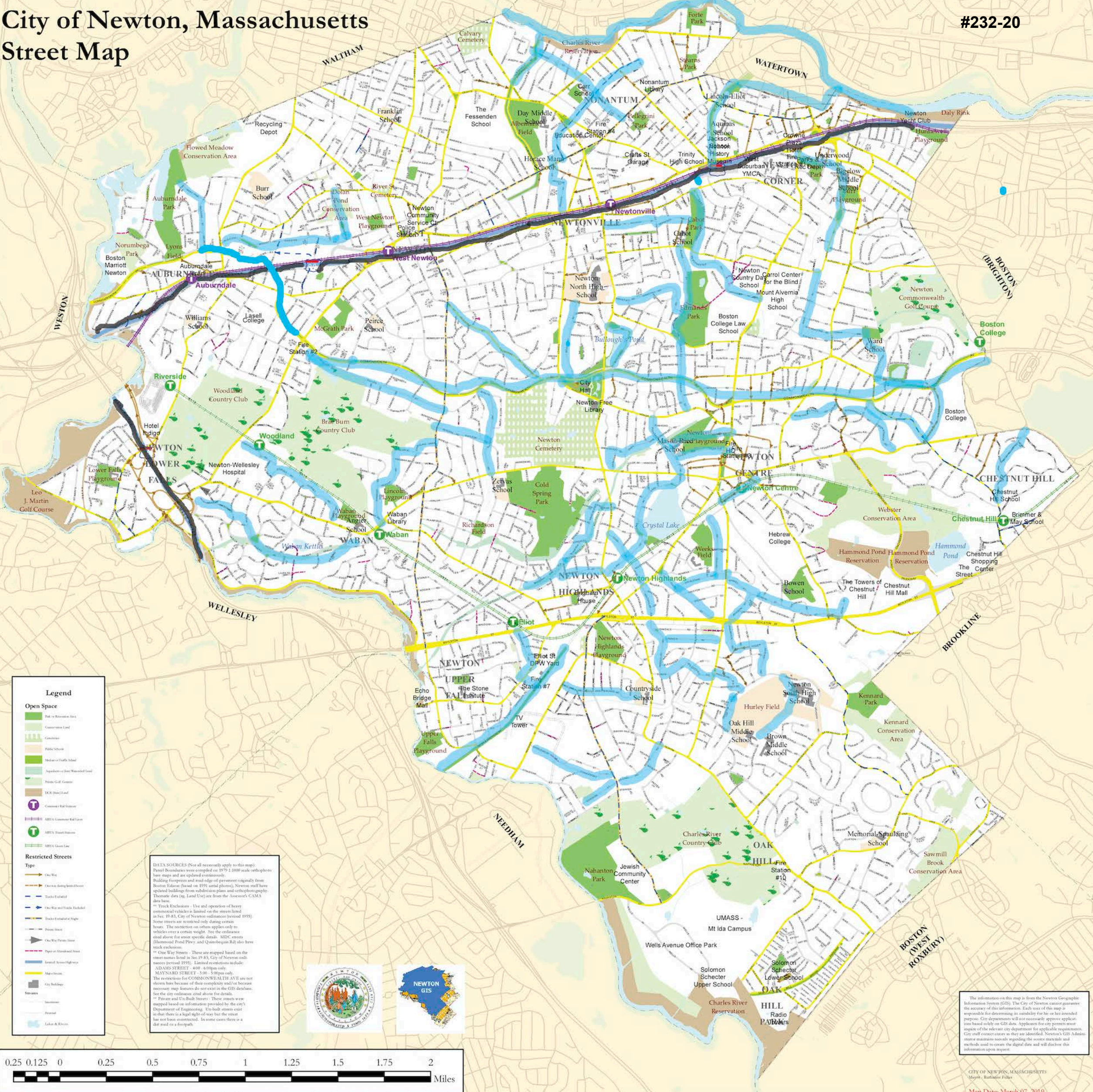
If you wish, I can also send some slides of demonstration projects around this area that have so far been successful at allowing people some room without creating a gathering spot.

Andreae Downs
Newton City Council

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Street Map

#232-20



Legend

Open Space

Park or Recreation Area

Conservation Land

Cemetery

Public School

Median or Traffic Island

Aquarium or State Watershed Land

Drinks Golf Course

DOR (State) Land

Commuter Rail Station

MBTA Commuter Rail Line

MBTA Bus Stop

MBTA Green Line

Restricted Streets

Type

One Way

One Way during limited hours

Truck Excluded

One Way and Truck Excluded

Truck Excluded at Night

Private Street

One Way Private Street

Open or Abandoned Street

Limited Access Highway

Main Street

City Building

Streets

Unimproved

Paved

Lake or River

DATA SOURCES (Not all necessarily apply to this map):
Parcel boundaries were compiled on 1979 1:1000 scale orthophotos
base maps and are updated continuously.
Building footprints and road edge of pavement originally from
Boston Edison (based on 1991 aerial photos). Newton staff have
updated buildings from subdivision plans and orthophotography.
Thematic data (e.g. Land Use) are from the Assessor's CAMA
data base.
** Truck Exclusions - Use and operation of heavy
commercial vehicles is limited on the streets listed in
Sec. 19A.1, City of Newton ordinance (revised 1995).
Some streets are restricted only during certain
hours. The restriction on others applies only to
vehicles over a certain weight. See the ordinance
listed above for street specific details. MDC streets
(Hammond Pond Pkwy and Quinobegun Rd) also have
truck exclusions.
** One Way Streets - These are mapped based on the
street names listed in Sec. 19A.5, City of Newton
ordinance (revised 1995). Limited restrictions include:
ADAMS STREET - 400 - 400pm only
MANNARD STREET - 500 - 500pm only.
The restrictions for COMMONWEALTH AVE are not
shown here because of their complexity and/or because
necessary map features do not exist in the GIS database.
See the city ordinance cited above for details.
** Private and Unimproved Streets - These streets were
mapped based on information provided by the city's
Department of Engineering. Unimproved streets exist
in that there is a legal right-of-way but the street
has not been constructed. In some cases there is a
dirt road or a footpath.



The information on this map is from the Newton Geographic
Information System (GIS). The City of Newton cannot guarantee
the accuracy of this information. Each user of this map is
responsible for determining its suitability for his or her intended
purpose. City departments will not necessarily approve applica-
tion based solely on GIS data. Applicants for city permits must
inspect the relevant city department for applicable requirements.
City staff correct errors as they are identified. Newton's GIS Admin-
istrator maintains records regarding the source materials and
methods used to create the digital data and will disclose this
information upon request.

Danielle Delaney

From: Danielle Delaney
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Danielle Delaney
Subject: FW: Please Create An Open Streets Pilot Soon!

From: David A. Olson <dolson@newtonma.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Danielle Delaney <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>
Subject: FW: Please Create An Open Streets Pilot Soon!

From: Scott Oran <s>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:14 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@newtonma.gov>; Ruthanne Fuller <rfuller@newtonma.gov>; Samuel Nighman <snighman@newtonma.gov>; Jonathan Yeo <jyeo@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Please Create An Open Streets Pilot Soon!

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Honorable Mayor Fuller and Newton City Council Members:

Thank you for all your work to keep the city safe during this unprecedented time.

In addition, I encourage you to quickly act to pilot a Newton Open Streets program to encourage safe and appropriately socially distant outdoor activities like walking, running and cycling on some Newton streets free of vehicular traffic (but for local access and deliveries.) Similar Open Streets programs are being successfully adopted in other municipalities locally and nationally.

While the potential for crowding is surely a reasonable concern, with appropriate education, the self-policing that we expect from Newton's well-educated and cautious populace as well as public monitoring, Open Streets free of vehicular traffic can encourage the healthful outdoor activities our residents now crave during this unprecedented period of quarantine.

Created as a pilot in at least a handful of villages on an upcoming spring weekend will bring much needed joy— and an important sense of shared experience — to our residents without undue risk and provide valuable data about public behavior.

As an active cyclist and walker, I could especially imagine cycling and walking traffic free streets like Prince Street (West Newton), Albermarle Road (Newtonville), Waban Avenue (Waban), Lake Avenue (Newton Centre) and of course even the entire length of Commonwealth Avenue's Carriage Lane becoming ad hoc Open Streets in the first pilot. (Those more familiar than I with Newton's south side can nominate their own favorites.)

After a citywide trial (which is important so crowding does not occur), we can re-evaluate the benefits and risks of the Open Streets concept. I fully expect we will mostly wonder why we waited so long to act on this common sense idea.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Best,

Scott Oran

Danielle Delaney

From: Danielle Delaney
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Danielle Delaney
Subject: FW: Please Open Streets During Pandemic

From: David A. Olson <dolson@newtonma.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Danielle Delaney <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>
Subject: FW: Please Open Streets During Pandemic

From: Meryl Kessler <>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:54 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@newtonma.gov>; Ruthanne Fuller <rfuller@newtonma.gov>; Samuel Nighman <snighman@newtonma.gov>; Jonathan Yeo <jyeo@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Please Open Streets During Pandemic

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To the Honorable Ruthanne Fuller and Newton City Council:

Thank you for all you have done to keep the citizens of Newton safe and informed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am writing to urge you to develop and approve an "Open Streets" *pilot plan* to be implemented in response to the pandemic. A thoughtful Open Streets pilot plan would enable residents to use our roadways to maintain their mental and physical health while also enabling them to safely social distance.

As an avid walker throughout the City (primarily in West Newton, Auburndale, Newton Centre, and Newtonville), I have seen that the number of pedestrians and bicyclists on Newton's streets has substantially increased over the last couple of weeks, as the weather has improved. I have also seen that people frequently walk and ride in the middle of streets in an effort to distance from each other. Sometimes, the streets are free of cars, and walking and riding in them is safe; however, I have often seen cars trying to drive down streets full of people, causing a potentially dangerous situation. Sometimes these cars are traveling at high speeds. As the weather continues to improve, we can expect this situation to become only more fraught.

Because I understand concerns that opening certain streets may result in overcrowding, creating a contagion risk, I encourage you to begin with a pilot program before a full rollout. A pilot program can be modified based on experience or, if need be, shut down entirely should the risks be deemed greater than the benefits. Choosing several long streets in different parts of the city should mitigate congestion in any one area. Clear signage and messaging, as well as assistance from the police department to prevent overcrowding, should also be components of the plan. Other municipalities in Massachusetts—Boston, Brookline, Somerville, Cambridge—are already considering or moving forward with Open Streets plans, and Oakland, CA has already launched a very ambitious plan. There are therefore a variety of models we can consider in crafting a pilot.

Finally, I would nominate the Carriage Lane along Commonwealth Avenue as one street to close to through traffic at this time. This street is already heavily used by walkers and cyclists, and I have personally witnessed cars using it as a cut-through street, trying to zip through throngs of people. Unless the city is prepared to close the Carriage Lane

completely to walkers and cyclists (which it shouldn't), the most prudent and safest option would be removing cars from the mix of uses on that road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

**Meryl Kessler
147 Prince Street
Newton, MA 02465**