#### CITY OF NEWTON

### IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

### **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

### PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

7:00 PM Room 222

### REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#220-14 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Human Resources Full-time Salaries Account to the following accounts:

### REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#221-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two million six hundred ten thousand dollars (\$2,610,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of completing energy efficiency projects at several municipal and school buildings in accordance with the City's Capital Improvement Plan. 06/02/14 @ 10:05 AM]

All other items before the Committees will be held without discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Crossley, Chairman Public Facilities Committee

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman Finance Committee



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Newton City City

June 02, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Acct # 0110901-511001 Human Resources Salaries to the following accts:

\$50,000

0111504-5230

Newton Public Schools Water, and

\$50,000

0111506-5210

City Hall Electricity

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren

Mayor



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June 02, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to authorize the following appropriation and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the purpose of completing energy efficiency projects at several municipal and school buildings in accordance with the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

<u>Item</u> Energy Efficiency Projects **Amount** \$2,610,000

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren

Mayor

DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE



## CITY OF NEWTON PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

52 ELLIOT STREET NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461-1605

### <u>MEMO</u>

TO: Josh Morse

Commissioner of the Public Buildings Department

FROM: Bill Ferguson

**Energy Project Manager** 

May 30, 2014

RE: Construction Funds for Energy Efficiency Upgrades at 18 buildings-FY15 CIP.

I am writing this memo to request \$2,609,844 from the FY 2015 CIP Energy Efficiency Program to implement energy efficiency conservation measures at 17 buildings. These buildings include twelve schools and five other City owned buildings. I am requesting these funds now in order to help us take advantage of the summer construction window, especially in the schools.

These energy efficiency projects will save the city money, improve the working environment and learning environment for employees, students and the public, and will reduce our carbon foot print. The projects that are included in this request will save \$292,410 in annual energy costs at today's energy prices. We will also be rewarded with \$504,546 in utility incentives. This results in a 5.8 year simple payback with energy and maintenance savings included. At the increased energy prices that we will be paying beginning in FY16, this payback is estimated at 4.6 years. In this respect our timing is perfect. We will be able to offset some of our imminent energy cost increases with reductions in our energy consumption.

In order to try to put the impact of these projects in context, I have prepared the following statistics:

- the buildings included in this request represent 38% of the total square footage owned by the City and 69% of the square footage of all the building in our energy efficiency plan,
- the kWh savings equal 7% of our total electricity use,
- the therm savings represent 7.5% of our total natural gas use,
- and we will be converting two additional buildings from oil to natural gas.

Following the process that was established for Cabot Elementary School and the Newton Free Library energy projects, the Public Buildings Department, in collaboration with our "Preferred Vendor" NStar, will make the improvements which are briefly described below.

- 1. Lighting fixture retrofits. We will be converting interior and exterior lighting to high efficiency long lasting LED lights.
- 2. Lighting controls. We will be adding occupancy sensors to all spaces including classrooms, conference rooms and offices. We will also be adding dimming controls to the first row of lights in each classroom to make more effective use of smart boards. We will also be adding controls to exterior lights.
- 3. Energy Management Systems will be installed to control boilers and ventilation equipment; and for room temperature control and set back.
- 4. Stream traps will be replaced and vacuum condensate return systems will be restored to save energy and improve building comfort through better balancing of heat distribution.
- 5. Air sealing and weatherization treatments will be undertaken.
- 6. The requested funds include a contingency of 10% of the project cost in order to address related repairs that we expect to discover during the implementation of these projects. This particularly relates to needed repairs of unit ventilators in classrooms which are integral to the cost saving identified above.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please let me know.

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