

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Norton, Brousal-Glaser, Rice, Blazar, Fuller and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Ciccone

Also present: Ald. Leary

City staff present: Sally Pellegrum (Director of the Cousens Fund), Captain Marc Gromada (Police Department), Sergeant Jay Babcock (Police Department), Robert Garrity (Director of Sustainability), David Turocy (Commissioner of Public Works), Maureen Lemieux (Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer) and David Wilkinson (Comptroller)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#401-14 ANTONIO BIANCHI, 15 Colonial Avenue, Newton reappointed as a Constable for a term of office to expire on November 1, 2017. (60 days 01/02/14) [10-15-14 @ 4:16 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Rice not voting)**

NOTE: Mr. Bianchi is being re-appointed as a constable for the City of Newton. He has provided all of the necessary paperwork including an updated constable bond. Ald. Blazar moved approval, which carried unanimously.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#402-14 DORIS BREAY, 19 Blake Street, Newtonville, re-appointed as a Trustee of the Newton Cousens Fund for a term to expire on June 1, 2017. (60 days 01/02/14) [04/11/11 @5:27 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: Director of the Cousens Fund Sally Pellegrum provided the Committee with a history of the Cousens Fund. When Horace Cousens passed away in 1901, he left the City money to establish a fund to help people purchase homes. He also gave the City a lot of land. The fund no longer provides money for home purchases due to the increase in the properties in the City. However, the fund is now a benevolent fund, which provides one-time financial assistance of up to \$750 for people experiencing a hardship. It also helps those people find other means of assistance if necessary.

Ms. Pellegrum explained that there are three wonderful and experienced trustees for the fund, which meet on a regular basis. The trustees of the fund make the decision to approve or not to approve a resident's application for aid. The trustees are also the trustees of a small fund called the Arthur Daniel Fund that was established to help people in need.

The Cousens Fund currently has \$2.2 million in its brokerage account at Morgan Stanley. The fund receives money from the Community Development Block Grant Program and receives small monetary donations. The Cousens Fund is preparing to go out to bid for fund management services and the Board will be receiving a docket item requesting authorization to enter into a contract for a term of three years with an option for two additional three-year terms.

The Mayor is reappointing Doris Breay as a trustee of the Newton Cousens Fund for a three-year term of office. Ms. Breay has served as a trustee since 2006 and provided a detailed resume to the Committee, which was attached to the agenda. The resume details Ms. Breay's experiences and qualifications to serve as a trustee. Ald. Norton moved approval of the reappointment, which carried unanimously.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#403-14 MARK DERBY, 1540 Commonwealth Avenue, West Newton, re-appointed as a Trustee of the Newton Cousens Fund for a term to expire on June 30, 2016 (60 days June 19, 2011). [04/11/11 @5:27 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Mayor is reappointing Mark Derby as a trustee of the Newton Cousens Fund for a two-year term of office. Mr. Derby has served as a trustee since 2008 and provided a detailed resume to the Committee, which was attached to the agenda. Mr. Derby is a certified public accountant with a strong investment background. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the reappointment, which carried unanimously.

#367-14 SGT. BABCOCK, requesting an amendment to Sec. 19-200, C.(3) of the City of Newton Ordinances to implement a \$5.00 permit fee for resident sticker and visitor permit in the municipal lot parking program effective January 1, 2016. [10/09/14 @ 2:07 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Captain Marc Gromada presented the request to establish a \$5 fee for resident stickers and visitor permits for the municipal lot overnight parking program. There has been a recent increase in the number of people requesting the municipal parking lot stickers because the overnight parking fine was recently increased from \$5 to \$25. Captain Gromada provided the attached breakdown of the Police Department's administrative costs of issuing each sticker, which totaled \$5.01. Sergeant Babcock consulted with the Human Resources Department regarding the employee costs for administering the program. The current stickers are free and the proposed fee would not go into effect until January 2016, which will give the Police Department and residents an opportunity to plan ahead for the change.

There was some concern that the fee seemed low. It was explained that State Law requires that the City only charge a fee that covers only the actual cost of the program. In addition, the people who apply are trying to remove their cars from the streets in order not to violate the overnight parking ban. The residents who apply for these stickers usually do not have driveways.

Chief of Staff Maureen Lemieux asked that the Committee hold the item until she has an opportunity to discuss the proposed fee with the Mayor. It was also suggested that The Police Department coordinate with Human Resources and the Executive Department to review the proposed fee and make sure that it is set at an appropriate level to cover the cost of the program. Ald. Blazar moved hold, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Note: The Chairman suggested that a leaflet be created to inform overnight parkers that the fine for overnight parking has increased to \$25. Captain Gromada and Sergeant Babcock will look into the possibility of a leaflet program.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 9/17/14

#254-12(2) THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE recommending an ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags at certain retail establishments in the City of Newton. [01/10/14 @ 3:36 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 8-0 on 9/17/14

ACTION: **HELD 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: The Programs & Services Committee unanimously approved the ordinance to establish a ban of single-use plastic bags at certain retail establishments. The item is before the Finance Committee for the fine portion of the proposed ordinance. The proposed fines are a warning for the first offense, \$100 fine for the second offense, \$200 for the third offense, and \$300 for the fourth and any subsequent offense. The item was discussed and held by the Committee on November 3, 2014 for answers to questions raised during that discussion (report attached) including what type of outreach has been done to the effected retail stores in the City.

Ald. Leary and Norton provided the attached copy of a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed ordinance. For further information and details on the substance of the ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags, refer to the attachment.

During the previous discussion, Committee members asked for a list of the retailers contacted regarding the proposed ban. The outreach to stores began in 2012 when the original ban on plastic bags was first proposed. There were some telephone calls made to larger retail stores at that point but there was not a large response from the contacted stores. When the item was re-docketed, the group working on establishing the ban focused on informing smaller retailers. Smaller shops around the City were canvassed and the large retail companies are aware that a plastic bag ban is on the horizon. The group also contacted Greg Reibman, President of the Newton/Needham Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Reibman provided the attached statement in March 2014. The proposed ordinance incorporates Mr. Reibman's suggestions regarding allowing small retail establishments fewer than 3,500 square feet with only one location an exemption. In addition, bags that are at least 3.0 Mils in thickness are also exempt from the ban, such as the heavier plastic bags used by a number of smaller retailers. The Committee also requested information on whether supermarkets would continue to provide recycling for the single-use plastic bags if they are banned. The working group spoke with representative of Shaw's Supermarkets and Wegman's Supermarket and those establishments would continue to offer their current recycling program.

Committee members would like more specific information on the outreach including a list of retailers and the locations of the retailers that are going to be impacted by the ban and what kinds of outreach has been done. There continued to be some concern that some retailers are unaware that the plastic bag ban is being proposed and that the Committee would be approving an ordinance that would significantly influence retailers without giving retailers an opportunity to have any input or comment on the ordinance. It was suggested that the Committee hold the item until the requested information is provided. Ald. Fuller moved hold on the item, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#374-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from Free Cash to fund the installation of additional lighting around City Hall and the War Memorial. [10/15/14 @ 3:01 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 WITH AN EMERGENCY PREAMBLE on 11/05/14

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0 WITH AN EMERGENCY PREAMBLE (Lappin not voting)

NOTE: The Public Facilities Committee unanimously approved the above request for funding the installation of supplemental lighting around City Hall with an emergency preamble in order to create a safer environment around City Hall for members of the public and employees, as quickly as possible.

Director of Sustainability Robert Garrity reviewed the request with the Committee. The funding would be used to purchase and install 15 lights around City Hall in both the front and rear of the building. The attached plan depicts the location of the proposed lights. The new lights would be similar to the existing lamps located at either end of City Hall Drive.

If the new lights do not provide enough light to illuminate the sidewalks on Homer Street due to the lower grade of the sidewalks, the City can increase the wattage of the existing streetlights on Homer Street without creating a light impact on the neighboring houses. There was some concern that there were not enough lights to light up the paths through the City Hall ponds from Walnut Street to City Hall. Once the lights are installed, Mr. Garrity will evaluate the lights and address any issues. Committee members asked if it would be possible to turn off some of the lights between 12 AM and 5 AM, which should not be a problem. The lights along the path were reviewed by the Conservation Commission and approved with the condition that they go off at 2 AM.

Ald. Rice moved approval, which included an emergency preamble to waive the requirement that no item be passed until twenty days have elapsed in order to address a safety concern. The Committee approved motion with the preamble unanimously.

REFEERED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#408-14 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to borrow up to nine hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$917,000) from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and authorization to expend an MWRA grant of two million seven hundred fifty-one dollars (\$2,751,000) as part of the MWRA interest free loan/grant program for the purpose of funding of sewer improvements to reduce infiltration and inflow. {10/28/14 @1:43 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 11/05/14

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Commissioner of Public Works David Turocy explained that the above request is for authorization to borrow up to \$917,000 at 0% interest and expend a grant of \$2.751 million from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to reduce inflow and infiltration into the City's sewer system. The City has participated in the previous eight phases of the MWRA 55% loan / 45% grant program.

This phase of the program is being offered to municipalities as an interest free loan/grant at 25% loan / 75% grant. The City is positioned to take advantage of this phase of funding before other communities due to its ongoing improvement plan for the sewer infrastructure. It is beneficial to the City when the State helps fund sewer infrastructure repairs because it allows the City to be more aggressive in funding other capital needs, such as the storm water infrastructure.

The attached memo from Commissioner Turocy provides information on how the funds will be used. Ald. Blazer moved approval on the item, which carried unanimously.

REFEERED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#407-14 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting an amendment to the Water Revenue Budget by decreasing the Water Revenue Account by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and increasing the Transfer from Other Sources/Accumulated Water Fund Surplus by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). [10/29/14 @ 11:20 AM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 11/05/14

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0-1 (Fuller abstaining; Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: The objective of this docket item is to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 anticipated revenue budget for the City's Water Fund, by reducing anticipated water rate revenue and increasing the use of water surplus, as a financing source. There is no change in the expenditure budget for the fund. The change brings the estimated revenue for the year in line with last year's actual revenue collections, plus the rate change approved by the Board, effective July 1, 2014. Ald. Rice moved approval of the item, which carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed, and one abstention. Ald. Fuller abstained from the vote as she missed a portion of the discussion.

#404-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to the transfer funds from different accounts to various municipal departments to fund items contained in the newly ratified collective bargaining agreement between the City of Newton and AFSCME Local 3092. [10/27/14 @ 5:12 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Chief of Staff Maureen Lemieux asked that the Committee hold the item as she is still working on a list of a number of small transfers to small departments that are necessary to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the City and AFSCME Local 3092. Ald. Blazar moved hold, which carried unanimously.

#405-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to increase the spending limit of the local Cultural Council from thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), which was approved as part of the operating budget in Board Order #403-13(2), to thirteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$13,530) to provide additional funding for cultural events. [10-/27/14 @ 5:12 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: The City has received a grant for the past 30 years from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to help fund cultural events within the City. The Fiscal Year 2015 budget has a spending limit of \$13,000 however, the local Cultural Council received an addition \$530 in grant funds from the State this year. The council's spending limit for Fiscal Year 2015 needs to be increased by the \$530 in order for the Council to spend the additional money. Ald. Fuller moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#406-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to enter into a five-year contract with the successful bidder for online bill pay processing services. [10/27/14 @ 5:12 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: The working group established to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the City with a vendor to provide expanded online payment options for residents and customers has finished its work. The RFP has been sent out and the bids are expected to be opened in the near future. The Administration would like to enter into a five-year contract with the successful vendor for online payment services in order to provide continuity. The contract would contain a clause for the City to terminate the contract if it is not satisfied.

The online payment service will not cost the City anything, as the vendor will collect any fees directly from the residents. It is expected that there will be a flat fee associated with debit cards used for payment and a percentage fee associated with credit card fees used for payment.

Chief of Staff Maureen Lemieux will fill the Committee in on the contract, both when the bids are opened and when the contract is awarded. With that, Ald. Fuller moved approval, which carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 8:37 PM and all other items before the Committee were held without discussion. Draft Board Orders for the above items that are recommended for Board of Aldermen action are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2014

ORDERED:

That in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor and with the confirmation of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, be it known that ANTONIO BIANCHI is hereby re-appointed as a CONSTABLE for the City of Newton for a term to expire on November 1, 2017.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2014

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That in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor and with the confirmation of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, be it known that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed as trustees of the Cousens Fund for terms to expire as noted:

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**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC BUREAU**

**BREAKDOWN & COST
OF
MUNICIPAL LOT PARKING PROGRAM**

➤ **STICKER COST TO NPD:
\$1.90 (PER STICKER)**

➤ **CLERK COST TO NPD:
\$3.11 PER APPLICATION (PROCESSING)**

TOTAL COST - \$5.01

➤ **PROCESSING:**

A) ASSISTING CITIZEN W/ APPLICATION

**B) INPUTTING APPLICATION INFORMATION INTO THE
TRAFFIC BUREAU SYSTEM**

➤ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A) INCREASE OF APPLICATION REQUEST

B) CURRENTLY FOR 2015, 25% INCREASE

C) DUE TO ALL NIGHT PARKING FINE INCREASE (\$25.00)

➤ **CURRENT COST OF A MUNICIPAL STICKER = FREE**

Newton Plastic Ban Ordinance:

Why do it, What's in it, and FAQ

Ald's Alison M. Leary & Emily Norton
November 2014

What's Wrong with Plastic Bags?

- Becomes litter
- Rarely recycled
- Deadly to animals
- Displace food supplies in marine environments
- Persists forever in environment
- Made from fossil fuels



Litters Our City



Photos were taken on California St, Bridge St, and along the Charles River between spring 2013-winter early 2014.



Rarely Recycled



Plastic bags go here, in the **trash**

Deadly to Animals



Displaces Food Supplies

- > 180 species of animals have been documented to ingest plastic debris, including birds, fish, turtles and marine mammals
- The bodies of almost all marine species, from microscopic plankton to marine mammals, now contain plastic
 - Sea turtles mistake them for jellyfish
- Ingestion of plastic leads to wounds (internal and external); impairment of feeding capacity; blockage of digestive tract followed by satiation and starvation; general debilitation often leading to death.

Sources:
• <http://www.westford.com/plasticban/Newton-FAQ.html>
• <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/plastic-not-so-fantastic/>

Persists Indefinitely

- Plastic is attractive because it's cheap, easy to manufacture, versatile, & impervious to water – but the downside means it lasts indefinitely
 - “Single-use” product lasts for centuries
- When in the ocean it lasts even longer, due to reduced UV exposure and lower temperatures of aquatic habitats
 - UV light & salt in seawater cause plastic to emit toxic chemicals such as PCBs and DDT, which cause endocrine disruption in marine animals... many of which are eventually eaten by humans
- Due to its longevity, even when sent to a landfill, its chemicals can leach into the land, contaminating groundwater

Source: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/high-levels-of-plastic-and-debris-found-in-waters-off-of-antarctica-98723287no-ist>

Made From Fossil Fuels

- Every year, Americans throw away ~100 billion plastic bags ... equivalent to dumping nearly 12 million barrels of oil.

Source: http://www.salon.com/2007/08/10/plastic_bags/

There Are Alternatives!

- Bring reusable bags
- Paper bags
- No bag for small purchases



What's In the Ordinance?

Proposed Ordinance

- Small businesses exempt
 - Only affects businesses > 3500 sq of retail OR with at least 2 locations under the same name
 - Supermarkets
 - Pharmacies
 - Package stores
 - Some local businesses such as Waban Market, Newtonville Books, Swartz Hardware

Proposed Ordinance, cont.

- Only lightweight plastic shopping bags at point of sale are impacted.
 - Thickness 3ml or less



Proposed Ordinance, cont.

- What bags are not impacted?
 - Barrier bags for produce and food hygiene.
 - Dry cleaning bags
 - Thicker retail plastic bags >3ml in thickness.
 - Newton Tab bags

Proposed Ordinance, cont.

- **Enforcement:** Any Retail Establishment which violates any provision of this Section or any regulation established by the Commissioner shall be liable for a fine as follows:
 - First offense, warning;
 - Second offense, \$100.00;
 - Third offense, \$200.00; fourth and subsequent offenses, \$300.00.
 - Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

Frequently Asked Questions

Expected Impact

- Wegmans goes through 7,680 lbs of plastic bags per month at Chestnut Hill.
 - At 1000 bags/lb... 7.68M bags/month
 - 34% of customer plastic bags are recycled
- Shaws
 - 70-80% of their customers that take bags prefer paper;
 - Paper is 5X more expensive than plastic, so there would be a cost impact to them;
 - They will continue to offer plastic bag recycling if we ban plastic bags.

Isn't Paper Just as Bad?

- Producing any product, incl paper, uses energy.
 - Reusable bag is best
- However paper biodegrades, plastic never breaks down.
- Requiring 80% recycled content in paper minimizes environmental impact.
- Paper bags are frequently recycled; plastic bags are rarely recycled.

Why Not Just Recycle Them More?

- Low value makes recycling economically impractical.
- Few options for recycling
 - City of Newton does not collect them curbside.
 - Few stores accept them for recycling.
- Even tripling our estimated 5% recycling rate would do little to improve a very low recycling rate.

Is This Govt. Overreach?

Government has banned numerous materials over time due to heightened awareness/understanding of environmental impacts:

- DDT
- CFCs – ozone hole
- BPA
- Lead in gasoline

Isn't This a Big Change?

- When recycling was first introduced, it was derided by those who didn't want "to have to pick through their garbage." Now it is second nature.
- Prior to the invention of plastic, no one carried a plastic bag; **it is simply a change in habit.**

Enforceable?

- Stores will have ample time (6 mos) to use up existing stock and no reason to purchase more.
- No need to expend staff time on inspections – enforcement will be complaint driven.

Isn't Statewide Better Approach?

- State-wide ban would be ideal
- But path to statewide is town-by-town, city-by-city
- CA's statewide ban was preceded by bans in San Jose, Sunnyvale, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Santa Clara Cty, and many other communities
- It is expected that Newton's ban, on top of Brookline, Newburyport, Marblehead etc. will eventually lead to a statewide ban.

Other Communities with Bans

- CALIFORNIA passed statewide ban
- MASSACHUSETTS - 5 ordinances covering 5 municipalities.
 - Brookline - Effective Dec 1, 2013.
 - Great Barrington - Effective Jan 2014.
 - Manchester - Effective July 1, 2013.
 - Marblehead - Passed Jan 2014.
 - Nantucket - Plastic bag ban in effect since 1990.
- Other communities considering bans include Cambridge, Medford, Newburyport, Northampton, Provincetown, Somerville, Watertown and Wellesley.

Elements of Other Communities' Bans

Municipality	Stores Affected	Thickness of Bag
Brookline	2,500 sf or greater	2.5ml
Newburyport	All retail stores	3 ml
Manchester	All retail stores	3 ml
Marblehead	All retail stores	3 ml
Nantucket	All retail stores	All non-biodegradable bags

Chamber of Commerce Statement

The Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce has a long history of environmental activism.

We promote green products and services at our annual "Green Expo" at the Harvest Fair and provide exhibition space to green non-profits and school groups who would not otherwise be able to participate.

We honor businesses that have adopted green practices or developed green products at our annual Green Business Awards Breakfast.

The Chamber's very active Environment Committee, under the leadership of Peter Smith, also actively works with local businesses by connecting them with incentive programs that encourage adopting carbon footprint reducing retrofits and best practices. Both New England Mobile Book Fair and National Lumber can tell you first-hand how Peter Smith helped them find products and programs that have made significant changes to their energy consumptions.

The Chamber's Board of Directors also fully appreciates this committee's intentions to eliminate plastic bags from our waste stream and shares your goal. We are as concerned as you all are about this problem.

Our board, however, does want to convey that this proposal can and will pose a genuine hardship on many Newton's businesses.

In addition to the added cost, restaurant operators have expressed concerns that plastic packaging is often preferable to paper for takeout purposes because it provides added leak protection.

Other merchants have shared with me concerns that six months is not enough time to draw down existing inventory and that they need time to find suitable alternatives to plastic.

By way of example, here are four different plastic bags used by Indulge!, a small independent candy shop in Newton Highlands. As Linda Gulman at Indulge! explained to me, cost is an important reason why she uses some of these packages. But so is presentation. This bag, for example, shows off her content and it is sturdy. It could not be replaced with any old plain brown bag, she's going to need to find a sturdy bag with handles that's also attractive. This change will impact her bottom line. And she is not alone.

Other retailers have different challenges. An independent merchant in Auburndale who sells large pillows tells me it's going to be challenging to find a paper bag large enough to accommodate the sheer size of his products.

Given the concerns facing these businesses as well as the enforcement issues outlined by Health Commissioner Zaleznik in today's Newton TAB, the Chamber urges a phased-in approach.

We urge that the board adopt a measure similar to that adopted in Brookline, which exempted any retail space under 2,500 square feet or stores that have at least three locations in that town. We're not certain 2,500 square feet or three outlets is the correct number for Newton but we support the concept.

Ultimately, the best solution would be if the Mass Legislature would adopt appropriate legislation to address this issue. That would eliminate competition Newton merchants will face from business in Watertown, Brighton, Wellesley and other communities that do not have to comply with these regulations.

But for now, the chamber urges the Board to narrow the scope of this item to exempt Newton's smallest businesses.

--Greg Reibman, President, March 19, 2014

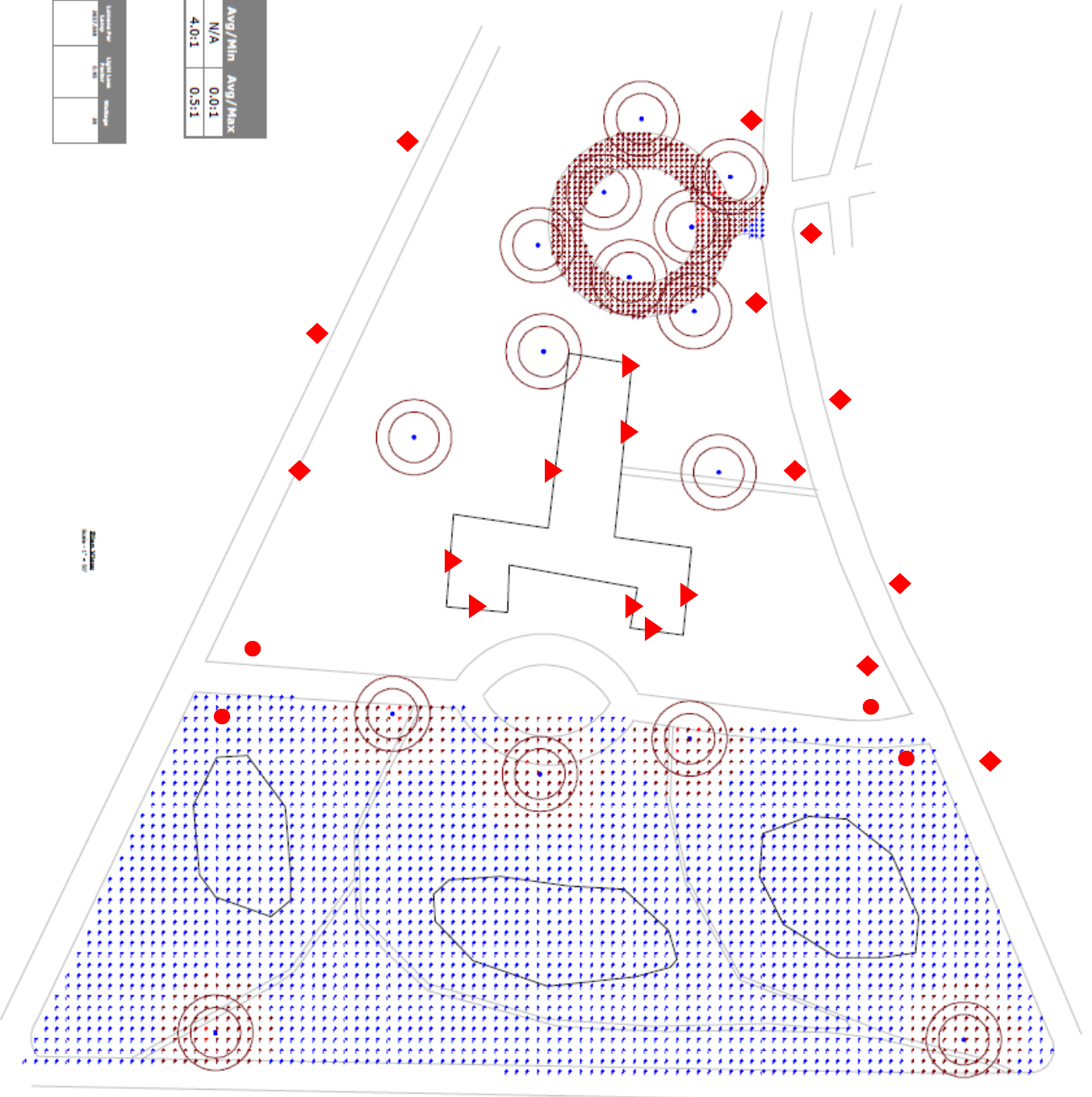
#374-14

- ◆ Streetlights
- Pedestal lights
- ▶ Building lights



Statistics						
Description	Symbol	Avg	Max	Min	Max/Min	Avg/Min
Calc Zone #3	+	0.0 fc	0.7 fc	0.0 fc	N/A	N/A
Circular Drive	+	0.4 fc	0.8 fc	0.1 fc	8.0:1	4.0:1

Luminaires Schedule						
Symbol	Quantity	Manufacturer	Catalog Number	Description	Lottery	Price
○	11	HANAUER	14200-02-00-00-00-00-00	14200-02-00-00-00-00-00		



Scale: 1" = 30'

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) be and is hereby appropriated from Free Cash to be expended under direction and control of the of the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

FROM:	Free Cash (01-3498).....	\$65,000
TO:	City Hall Exterior Lighting (C115033-52409).....	\$65,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date _____

CITY OF NEWTON
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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chairman Deborah Crossley and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to incur expenditures in an amount not to three million six hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$3,668,000) received from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. The sum of up to nine hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$917,000) has been made available to the City as an interest-free loan. The remaining funds, two million seven hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$2,751,000), have been received as an outright grant to the City the purpose of funding sewer improvements as outlined in the Water/Sewer Strategic Plan.

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(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Board Order #403-13(2) is hereby amended as follows:

Reduce Water Fund

Water Rate Revenue 2015
(28-4210).....(\$500,000)

Increase Water Fund

Water Surplus
(28-3498).....\$500,000

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(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date _____

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Board Order #403-13(2) is hereby amended to increase the authorized spending limit of the local Cultural Council from thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), which was approved as part of the operating budget in Board Order #403-13(2), to thirteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$13,530) to provide additional funding for cultural event:

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Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date_____

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to solicit bids and enter into a contract for online bill pay processing services for a period of five (5) years in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30B, Section 12.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
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