

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012

6:45 PM  
Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #357-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000) from FY 2012 Free Cash to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund. [10-30-12 @ 12:42 PM]
- #358-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend a fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) reimbursable grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the purpose of surveying and documenting historic buildings in the City of Newton. [10/30/12 @ 12:42]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #359-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the FY 2013 Budget Reserve to the Parks & Recreation Forestry Vehicle Rentals Account for the purpose of responding to tree damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy. [10/30/12 @ 12:42 PM]
- #303-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend a State Brownfields Program Reimbursable Grant in the amount of twenty-two thousand one hundred fifty eight dollars (\$22,158) and authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-two thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$22,158) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of purchasing environmental insurance to support the creation of a multi-purpose recreational pathway through a 99-year lease between the City and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) for an unused MBTA Right of Way parallel to Needham Street. [09/24/12 @ 5:00 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #320-12     ALD. SALVUCCI AND GENTILE requesting a discussion with the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department regarding the billing and collecting of street opening permit fees. [09/28/12 @ 10:28 AM]

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**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#323-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting local acceptance of the following sections of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 related to tax exemptions:

- The provisions of Chapter 59 section 5 added by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 49, Section 5, Clause 17D by up to 100% of the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, and to fix that annual increase at 100% of the CPI: to be effective for exemptions granted any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2013.
- Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (the whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses, and surviving minors by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2013.
- Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2013.
- Chapter 59, Section 5N to establish a Veteran's Tax Work-Off Program that will authorize a qualifying veteran or a proxy, if the qualifying veteran is physically unable to perform the work, to work-off up to the maximum reduction of the real property<sup>7</sup> tax bill based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year. .
- Chapter 59, Section 5K, (Senior Tax Work-Off Program) and the amendment to Section 27-20 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton 2012 to allow the maximum reduction to be based on 125 hours of service, rather than \$1,000, as well as discussion of adopting a provision to allow a proxy to perform the work on behalf of a qualifying senior who is physically unable to perform the volunteer service.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#324-12      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the following:

- (1) To present the following levy limit override and debt exclusion ballot questions to the voters in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) and (k):
  - Shall the City of Newton be allowed to assess an additional \$8,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding municipal and school operating and capital expenses to support increased student enrollment, fund street and sidewalk paving, fund public safety personnel, address the condition and capacity of Zervas Elementary School, fund the relocation of the fire Department Wires Division, and fund the replacement of Fire Headquarters and Fire Station 3 in Newton Centre for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - Shall the City of Newton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to renovate or replace the A.E. Angier Elementary School?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - Shall the City of Newton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to renovate or replace the Cabot Elementary School?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) A request to call a special election to present the levy limit override and debt exclusion ballot questions to the voters and set a date of March 12 2013, for such special election.
- (3) A Request to appropriate from Budget Reserve the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for the purpose of funding the costs of a special election to present the levy limit override and debt exclusion ballot questions to the voters.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#322-12      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY14-FY18 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/09/12 @ 2:38 PM]

#317-12      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY14 - FY18 Five-Year Financial Forecast for Board of Aldermen review/acceptance. [10/09/12 @ 2:38 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #281-12      HARRY SANDERS requesting creation of an ordinance to allow pawnbrokers in the City of Newton pursuant to G.L. c. 140 section 70 with potential for non-fixed location of business. Secured property storage would not entail retail walk-in; model would entail possible satellite locations enabling the possibility of integrating Newton students. [08-31-12 @ 12:25 PM]
- #280-12      ALD. CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON & MERRILL requesting that (A) the City accept G.L. c. 59 section 5N of the Acts of 2012 and (B) create an ordinance establishing a program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services in exchange for a reduction in real property tax obligation. [09-10-12 @ 6:44 PM]

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #257-12      RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.

**REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC., ZAP, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #256-12      ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO & SWISTON proposing an ordinance promoting economic development and the mobile food truck industry in the City of Newton. [08/06/12 @ 4:46 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #254-12      ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO, DANBERG, KALIS, CROSSLEY proposing an ordinance relating to plastic bag reduction that would add a fee to single-use plastic and paper bags that are not at least 40% post-consumer recycled content, at certain retail establishments in Newton. [07/18/12 @ 4:34 PM]
- #248-12      RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **ARTICLE IV. PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, Secs. 2-182 through 2-205**, be amended to make it consistent with state law.
- #247-12      RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that Chapter 18 MEMORIAL FUNDS AND TRUSTS be reviewed relative to the consequences and practices of special legislation passed by the General Court in 2007, Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2007, in which the City sought and was granted an exemption from G.L. Chapter 44 §54, which intent was to allow the City greater flexibility in terms of investments.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#185-12     ALD. BAKER, BLAZAR, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & DANBERG requesting that the Board of Aldermen adopt a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that, when the Mayor seeks future Board approval for bonding the cost of additional capital facilities or equipment for the schools, he include in that funding request, as well as in the city-wide Capital Improvement Plan, the estimated costs needed for funding the capital technology needs of the Newton Schools, including the appropriate portions of the estimated project costs of the School Committee's three-year district-wide technology plan not anticipated to be funded by the Information Technology Department budget; the anticipated technology grants from Boston College for the elementary schools; and/or estimated revenue from the E-rate Technology Reimbursement Program. [06/11/12 @ 11:23 PM]

#102-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from cable contract receipts for the purpose of constructing Phase I of III to connect all city facilities with high-speed fiber infrastructure for continued reliance on the IT network. [04-09-12 @ 3:40 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#54-12(2)    PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE proposing that Chapter 26, Section 71 (b)(1) & (2) and Section 73(c)(2) of the City of Newton Ordinances be amended by increasing the assessment minimum from five hundred dollars (\$500) to no more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000). [10/17/12]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#41-10(2)    COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the Newton Community Farm Barn Rehabilitation Project.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#39-12     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to establish a revolving account with an annual expenditure limit of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of receiving funds collected by the Newton Schools Foundation in connection with the sale of naming rights for Newton Public School buildings and facilities and to be distributed for the sole purpose of public school education technology and curriculum purposes. [01/30/12 @ 4:18 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#383-11(4)   HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that Section 29-80 (b)(1) of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2007 be amended by revising the stormwater rates as follows: single-family residences \$25 per year, two-family residences \$37.50 per year, and multi-family (3 units or more), commercial, industrial, and institutional properties (to include non-profits) would be charged at a rate of \$25 per Equivalent Residential Unit of 2,600 square feet of impervious surface on the property to take effect on July 1, 2012. [04-09-12 @ 2:39 PM]

- #140-11     ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting acceptance of MGL Chapter 59 §5c which allows communities to shift the tax burden away from homeowners who live in lower than average valued single and multi-family homes to owners of higher valued homes, second homes, and most apartment buildings. {04-15-11 @ 3:07 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB FACIL. & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #130-11     PAUL COLETTI, ALD. SANGIOLO, DANBERG, & JOHNSON requesting Home Rule Legislation to create a Capital Preservation Fund for the City of Newton modeled on the Community Preservation Fund to address the capital needs of the City. [04/11/11 @9:42 PM]  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Lennon not voting) on 10/18/11**  
**PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 5-0-3 (Fischman, Baker, Blazar abstaining) on 03/21/12**

- #130-11(A)   PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting the Finance Committee review alternate proposed Home Rule Legislation language related to the creation of a Capital Preservation Fund.  
**PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED & REFERRED TO FINANCE 7-0-1 (Blazar abstaining) on 03/21/12**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY&TRANS & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #363-10(2)   ALD. ALBRIGHT proposing a trial of parking meter free Saturdays between Thanksgiving and New Year for the shopping areas to support shopping at local businesses in Newton. [02-10-12 @9:13 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #311-10(A)   HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of three million three hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$3,035,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan projects as follows: [11/29/ 10 @ 3:23 PM]  
Architectural Design and Engineering/ Next Scheduled Fire Station     \$400,000  
A-2 - HELD 6-0 \$270,000 for final design bidding and construction admin on 12/08/10

**REFERRED TO LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #276-10     ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, LINSKY requesting a review of guidelines for mitigation fund provisions to maximize the use of such funds on behalf of the city together with mechanisms by which the city can better track such funds to ensure they are used in a timely fashion.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES**

#245-06      ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an amendment to the City Charter to require the Mayor annually to prepare and submit to the Board of Aldermen a long-term financial forecast of anticipated revenue, expenditures and the general financial condition of the City, including, but not limited to identification of any factors which will affect the financial condition of the City; projected revenue and expenditure trends; potential sources of new or expanded revenues; anticipated municipal needs likely to require major expenditures; and a strategic plan for meeting anticipated municipal needs, to include, but not be limited to, any long or short-term actions that may be taken to enhance the financial condition of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman



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October 29, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$1,850,000 from July 1, 2012 Free Cash to the "Rainy Day Stabilization Fund". Free Cash was certified on September 7, 2012 in the amount of \$4,939,145.

With this addition, the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund will now total slightly more than \$8,000,000 or 2.5% of the FY13 City of Newton Municipal Operating Budget. As you know, it is my intent to continue to appropriate funding on an annual basis to this account until such time as it is equal to at least 5% of the Operating Budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to accept, appropriate, and expend a reimbursable grant in the amount of \$15,000 awarded by the Massachusetts Historical Commission to the City of Newton to survey and document historic buildings in the City of Newton.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

March 16, 2012

Brian Lever  
Senior Preservation Planner  
Newton Planning and Development Department  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

RE: MHC Survey and Planning Grant Program FY 2012 Full Application

Dear Brian:

I am pleased to inform you that your proposed project has been selected for an allocation of \$15,000 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission's FY 2012 Survey and Planning Grant Program. This award will support the Newton Early Industrial Period Architectural Survey Phase I.

Please keep in mind that project work can begin only after the MHC executes a contract with you that specifies the scope of grant-assisted work and defines responsibilities and deadlines under applicable laws and regulations.

Please respond in writing to Michael Steinitz, Director of the Preservation Planning Division at MHC, no later than Friday, April 6th with your intention to accept the grant allocation.

MHC will contact all Local Project Coordinators in April to schedule a Coordinators meeting to review the provisions and requirements of the grant contract, to discuss your work program and to discuss consultant procurement procedures. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for all Local Project Coordinators as a condition of the grant. A Local Project Coordinators Manual will be forwarded separately.

The Commission looks forward to working with you toward the successful completion of your project. Please contact Peter Stott or Michael Steinitz at MHC with any questions regarding the grant program or this award. We sincerely hope that this grant allocation will help you achieve your preservation goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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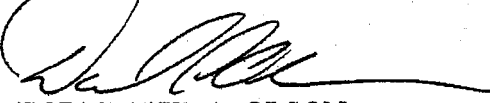
March 21, 2011


ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee through its Chairman Nancy Grissom; the Committee on Community Preservation through its Chairman Alderman Susan Albright; and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund's fiscal 2011 historic reserve and expended under the direction and control of the Director of Planning and Development for a survey of Newton's remaining buildings from the early industrial period, 1830-1840.

FROM:	CPA Historic Reserve (21R10498-5790B) .....	\$37,500
TO:	Historic Bldg Assessment 1830-1840 (21B11518-5301) .....	\$37,500

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved  
24 ~~days~~ 0 days

  
(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

  
(SGD) SETT D. WARREN  
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Date: 3/31/11



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Candace Havens  
Director

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 26, 2012

**TO:** Alderman Gentile, Chair Finance Committee  
Members of the Board of Aldermen

**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director Planning and Development Department  
Brian Lever, Senior Preservation Planner  
Katy Holmes, Preservation Planner

**SUBJECT:** Historic Preservation Grant Acceptance

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**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the grant funding to proceed with documenting historic buildings in the City of Newton in order to evaluate their significance. This information will be valuable to the Newton Historical Commission in its administration of the Demolition Delay Ordinance, the potential for the establishment of historic districts, and provide information to property owners on their property's history.

**Background:**

In June 2011, the Board of Aldermen approved \$37,500 in CPA funding for a historic building documentation project focusing on buildings constructed between 1830 and 1840. Planning Department staff used this funding as a match for a state historic preservation grant for \$15,000. Of the 36 communities to apply for funding, Newton was one of 11 winners. Planning staff will use these funds to break the project into two phases with the intent of surveying more historic buildings at no additional cost to the City. The documentation work will be completed by a consultant and the revised project scope will examine buildings constructed between 1830 and 1850.

To complete the second phase of the project, Planning staff will apply for an additional \$15,000 of state grant funding. In total this project will be completed in two phases utilizing a combination of CPA funds (already approved) and two MHC Survey and Planning grants over two years and survey 300 properties.

Proposed Project Budget:

CPA Funds	\$37,500 (already approved and includes \$2,500 for staff time)
MHC FY12 Grant	\$15,000 (awarded, requires Board acceptance)
MHC FY13 Grant	\$15,000 (application pending)

Total Project Budget    \$67,500

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November 6, 2012

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board amend Docket #359-12 *HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the FY 2013 Budget Reserve to the Parks & Recreation Forestry Vehicle Rentals Account for the purpose of responding to tree damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy. [10/30/12 @ 12:42 PM]* by adding the following:

- A request to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from July 1, 2012 Free Cash to account number 0160211-5273- Parks and Recreation Vehicle Rentals.

As you know, the original docket request was only an estimate. I believe the cost for emergency tree work as a result of Hurricane Sandy will approximate \$500,000. The Administration is tracking all incurred costs, and hopes to receive up to 75% reimbursement from FEMA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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**STORM INFORMATION**

**Duration:** Monday October 29th 6am -  
 Tuesday October 30th 7am  
**Rain:** 3 to 4 inches  
 45-50 mph Sustained winds, 62  
**Wind:** mph gusts

Compared to Irene

similar duration  
 similar rain  
**60%** stronger than Irene

**DAMAGE INFORMATION**

**First Down Tree:** 9:00am Monday October 29th

945 locations through November

**Number of damage reports:** 5th

similar number

**Number of whole or partially blocked roads:** 152 reports

160% more than Irene

**Significant trees on houses:** 50 reports

500% more than Irene

**Trees/ limbs on wires:** 176 reported locations

13% more than Irene

**EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL**

**Number of Log Loaders:** 14

8% more than Irene

**Number of Bucket Trucks:** 12

34% more than Irene

**Number of Cranes:** 1

same as Irene

**Pickup Trucks:** 5

400% more than Irene

**Chaser Vehicles:** 9

34% more than Irene

**TOTAL:** 41

70% more than Irene

**Contractual Personnel:** 56

25% more than Irene

**City Personnel:** 16

60% more than Irene

**Contractual crew hours:** 1715

30% more than Irene

**Parks and Rec. Staff Hours:** 700

65% more than Irene

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Debris Dump Sites:** Rumford Ave. Recycle Center,  
 Elliot Street DPW Yard  
 \*\*Debris will require chipping and disposal.

**Damage Assessment:** Each stump and down tree location must be inspected.

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

	Quant.	Hours	Cost	Total Cost
<b>Sunday, October 28, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	1	8	\$ 290.00	\$ 2,320.00
Log Loaders	0	0	\$ 290.00	\$ -
Cutter Crew	0	0	\$ 225.00	\$ -
Chaser	0	0	\$ 105.00	\$ -
Crane	0	0	\$ 255.00	\$ -
<b>Monday, October 29, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	4	18	\$ 290.00	\$ 20,880.00
Log Loaders	6	18	\$ 290.00	\$ 31,320.00
Cutter Crew	3	18	\$ 225.00	\$ 12,150.00
Chaser	2	18	\$ 105.00	\$ 3,780.00
Crane	0	0	\$ 255.00	\$ -
<b>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	11	15	\$ 290.00	\$ 47,850.00
Log Loaders	12	15	\$ 290.00	\$ 52,200.00
Cutter Crew	3	15	\$ 225.00	\$ 10,125.00
Chaser	3	15	\$ 105.00	\$ 4,725.00
Crane	1	11	\$ 255.00	\$ 2,805.00
<b>Wednesday, October 31, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	11	11	\$ 290.00	\$ 35,090.00
Log Loaders	12	11	\$ 290.00	\$ 38,280.00
Cutter Crew	3	11	\$ 225.00	\$ 7,425.00
Chaser	2	11	\$ 105.00	\$ 2,310.00
Crane	1	11	\$ 255.00	\$ 2,805.00
<b>Thursday, November 01, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	10	12	\$ 290.00	\$ 34,800.00
Log Loaders	10	12	\$ 290.00	\$ 34,800.00
Cutter Crew	3	12	\$ 225.00	\$ 8,100.00
Chaser	2	12	\$ 105.00	\$ 2,520.00
Crane	1	12	\$ 255.00	\$ 3,060.00
<b>Friday, November 02, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	9	10	\$ 290.00	\$ 26,100.00
Log Loaders	4	10	\$ 290.00	\$ 11,600.00
Cutter Crew	3	10	\$ 225.00	\$ 6,750.00
Chaser	2	10	\$ 105.00	\$ 2,100.00
Crane	0	0	\$ 255.00	\$ -
<b>Saturday, November 03, 2012</b>				
Bucket Trucks	2	10	\$ 290.00	\$ 5,800.00
Log Loaders	1	10	\$ 290.00	\$ 2,900.00
Cutter Crew	0	0	\$ 225.00	\$ -
Chaser	1	6	\$ 105.00	\$ 630.00
Crane	0	0	\$ 255.00	\$ -



**Urban Forestry Response Summary to Sandy**

#359-12

	Quant.	Hours	Cost	Total Cost
11/5/2012 - 11/9/2012				
Bucket Trucks	2	40	\$ 290.00	\$ 23,200.00
11/13/2012 - 11/16/2012				
Bucket Trucks	2	32	\$ 290.00	\$ 18,560.00

**Estimated Contractual Cost \$ 454,985.00**

**Debris Grinding (Estimate)**

	Days	Cost	Total Cost
Elliot Street			
Grinder	3	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 18,900.00
Loader	3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Rumford			
Grinder	3	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 18,900.00
Loader	3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

**Estimated Debris Disposal Cost \$ 49,800.00**

**Employee Costs (OT)**

Storm Response, 11 Employees	\$ 15,000.00
Post Storm Hazard Inspections	\$ 4,000.00

**Estimated Overtime Cost \$ 19,000.00**

**Uprooted Stumps**

Extent of damage and repair to be determined.  
Currently assessing the damage will have report by November 15, 2012

**Total Storm Cost Estimate \$ 523,785.00**



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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from FY13 Budget Reserve to Account 01602011-5273 – Parks & Recreation Forestry Vehicle Rentals. As you know, the City sustained a significant amount of tree damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy and required several contracted crews to restore power to the City's residents as quickly as possible.

This amount is an estimate as of this date, and may need to be adjusted before final approval by the Honorable Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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September 24, 2012

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board approve an appropriation in the amount of \$22,158.90 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of purchasing environmental insurance to support the creation of a multi-purpose pathway through a 99-year lease utilizing an unused MBTA Right-of-Way (ROW). The purpose of purchasing insurance is to add additional financial protection to the City in the event that hazardous materials are exhumed during the removal railroad ties and rails in the conversion of a .97 mile long rail bed to a pedestrian pathway running parallel to Needham Street. Under the terms of the lease, the City is required to release and indemnify the MBTA for pre-existing hazardous materials unless the City obtains environmental insurance.

Under the State's Brownfields Program, a matching grant for this insurance has been secured and will pay for a 5-year policy covering liability up to \$3 million (total cost is \$41,035). The expectation is that the City will engage a contractor to convert this land to a pedestrian pathway and should hazardous materials be encountered during that process, proper disposal of materials will be required. As hazardous materials are typically disposed of on a "per ton" basis, the cost to dispose of such materials could quickly add up and this policy will mitigate the City's exposure.

Based on the former use of this ROW and timeline for establishing this pedestrian walkway, I think it only prudent to take this additional step to protect the City from any potential exposure. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

- cc: Bob Waddick, Assistant City Solicitor
- Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation
- David Turocy, Commissioner of Public Works
- Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer

There was concern that the override questions were being put on the ballot before the MSBA approved the project or there was a more definite estimate. It is possible that the override votes could wait until the MSBA approved the project and its budget. The City has 120 days to get local approval.

It was pointed out that there was a recently constructed elementary school in Dedham that was funded through a debt exclusion override, which went through a similar process. The Dedham School is comparable but not the same size. The Committees asked that further information on the Dedham project be provided. Mr. Valcarce agreed to provide the information. The owner's project manager could also provide the Committees with information regarding the budgeting process for the schools. They have worked on twelve similar types of school building projects.

It was pointed out that the Committees are scheduled to have another update on November 7, 2012 and then there will be an opportunity to continue the conversation regarding the debt exclusions. It is a difficult process with a large amount of risk involved. There was a motion to hold the item in both Committees, which carried unanimously in both Committees.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#320-12      ALD. SALVUCCI AND GENTILE requesting a discussion with the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department regarding the billing and collecting of street opening permit fees. [09/28/12 @ 10:28 AM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:**      The City has not received any payments from National Grid for street opening permits since 2003. The Commissioner of Public Works ordered a halt to non-emergency National Grid work and met with National Grid representatives on October 12, 2012 regarding the unpaid permit fees. The Public Works Department was able to provide copies of all of the unpaid National Grid street opening permits. National Grid concurred that they should have been paying all street opening permit fees since 2003. National Grid has \$232,300 of unpaid street opening permit fees. National Grid will pay the outstanding \$230,300 once they have reviewed and verified each of street opening permits.

The Commissioner stated that National Grid has completed its review of the 2012 permits and will be providing a check in the next week to pay the 2012 balance. The Commissioner expects that all outstanding fees will be paid by the end of this calendar year. The Public Works Department and National Grid have agreed that the Department of Public Works will bill National Grid on a monthly basis and National Grid will pay each bill within 30-days.

It was suggested that the item be held for an update in February 2013. The Committee would like to ensure that National Grid has paid all outstanding fees and that the new invoicing system is working. Therefore, the Committee voted unanimously to approve a motion to hold.