

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Rice, Danberg, Fuller and Freedman

Absent: Ald. Salvucci

Also present: Ald. Blazar, Crossley and Lappin

City staff present: Matthew Cummings (Chief of Police Chief), Joseph LaCroix (Chief of Fire), Thomas Daley (Public Works Department), Maureen LeMieux (Chief Financial Officer), Alice Ingerson, (Community Preservation Fund), Sarah Ecker (Director of Community Affairs), David Wilkinson (Comptroller) Donnalyn Khan (Interim City Solicitor) Dolores Hamilton (Director of Human Resources), Robert Rooney (Chief Operating Officer), Ann Cornaro ( Director of Information Technology), Nancy Grissom ( Chair of Community Preservation Committee) and Amy Yuhasz (Community Development Manager)

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#118-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of making repairs to two Fire Department ladder trucks. [04/13/10 @ 7:09 PM]

**PS&T APPROVED 4-0 AS AMENDED 04-21-10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0 AS AMENDED @ \$33,000 FOR REPAIR OF SIX FIRE TRUCKS**

**NOTE** The Mayor submitted a letter dated April 22, 2010 requesting an amendment to the above request. The original requested amount was for \$30,000 for the repair of two fire ladder trucks based on estimates. However, the Fire Department actually has six trucks in need of repair and two towing bills for two trucks. The estimate for the repair of the vehicles is between \$25,000 and \$33,000. Therefore, the request should be amended to \$33,000. The Fire Chief provided a list of the repairs needed for each of the trucks as well as repair estimates for each of the trucks, which was attached to the agenda.

Chief LaCroix explained that the department actually had seven trucks in need of repair but the department was able to fund a transmission repair to Ladder 1 in the amount of \$15,975 from the department's utilities account. Ald. Gentile inquired if there was a delay on receiving Ladder 1 back from the repair shop because the department did not have the funds to pay for it when it was ready. Chief LaCroix stated that Ald. Gentile was correct. Ald. Gentile would rather the Chief come to the Board for repair funding as soon as it is needed rather than trying to find funding within the department's budget and delaying the return of equipment.

Ald. Danberg asked if the Fire Department had a contract with a towing company. The Chief explained there is not a contract but there is only one towing company within the City that has the necessary equipment to tow fire trucks. Ald. Danberg suggested that the

Chief look into entering into a contract with that towing company, as it might generate savings. Ald. Linsky asked what types of repairs are done at the repair bays at Station #7. The Chief responded that the Fire Department mechanics repair anything that they can handle; however, they cannot do repairs that are very extensive, such as transmission repair.

Ald. Rice moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#119-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in unexpended funds from the salary account of the Police Department to the capital outlay and improvement account in the Police Department. [04/13/10 @ 7:09 PM]

**PS&T APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL on 04/21/10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** The Police Chief joined the Committee and explained the request for a transfer from the Police Department's salary account to their capital outlay and improvement account. There was summary of the item that was provided by David Wilkinson, which was attached to the agenda. There are four vacant positions in the Police Department and the Chief has agreed not to fill them until July 1, 2010. The Police Department will generate \$125,000 in unused salary funds, which will be transferred into an equipment replacement account to be used to buy replacement cruisers. The capital outlay account will be reduced by \$125,000 in FY'11 but will be restored in FY'12 to fund the recurring replacement of police vehicles.

Ald. Fuller was a little concerned that funding capital improvements through vacant positions could become a regular practice to the detriment of the department. Chief Cummings assured Ald. Fuller that this is a unique situation and would not become common practice. The Chief added that he would begin looking at the new hire list before July 1, 2010 to determine the best candidates. He will speak to the Mayor in June and hopes to offer police officer positions to three candidates on July 1, 2010 and send them to the first available Police Academy Class.

Ald. Danberg moved approval, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#120-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice budget in the Department of Public Works. [04/13/10 @ 7:08 PM]

**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 04/21/10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** Public Works Commissioner Tom Daley reviewed the request for \$72,000 with the Committee. The Department provided a breakdown of snow and ice expenses and a chart of what has been spent to date, which were attached to the agenda. This is the first request for

additional snow and ice monies for the Department of Public Works this year. The City received 43" of snow this season as a result of eleven snow events. The last snowfall that required plowing was February 17, 2010. The cost of the snow contractors has risen 61% this year and the City only used outside contractors for four of the snow events. The Department of Public Works handled two plowable storms entirely in-house, which generated significant savings, as the City did not have to pay any contractors. The \$72,000 will cover all snow and ice expenses this fiscal year.

Committee members asked the Commissioner how projected snow watch costs are used. Snow watch costs are associated with paid on-call employees, who are required to monitor the weather and respond to situations that may occur due to the weather. The snow watch is rotated through the department employees as determined by a Public Works Supervisor.

Committee members also asked how last year's costs related to this year's costs. The Commissioner responded that this year's snow costs were \$57,000 per inch, which is slightly greater than last year's cost of \$53,000 per inch; however, the cost per inch in 2008 was \$58,000. Ald. Danberg questioned the loss of Public Works people due to lay offs and the impact it would have on snow operations. The Commissioner is not anticipating any issues related to snow operations due to the lay-offs.

Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#111-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Needham for Trommel Screening rental services for a three-year period (to be used to process compost to be used for resale in the coming year). [03/30/10 @ 4:08 PM]

**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 04/21/10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** The item is a request to enter into an Inter-municipal agreement with Needham for the rental of a trammel screener, which is used in the composting process. The City has entered into the same type of agreement with Needham in 2005. Needham rents the screener for \$1,800 per week. Mr. Daley provided an overview of the composting process and the need for the screener. The compost is generated from the yard waste collection program and yard waste collected at parks. The screener is used after the compost has been shredded and cooked to sift out the stones and sticks, which creates a finer material. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has committed to selling \$50,000 of compost in FY'11 in order to save a position within the department. The DPW also uses a portion of the compost for road construction.

When the City had a more favorable contract, the City trucked the yard waste to Norton for disposal. However when the contract ended it was determined that the DPW would compost at the Rumford Avenue Yard. Mr. Daley provided the attached photos of the compost piles. The DPW is regularly using equipment to turn, grind, and aerate the compost; therefore, a large amount of compost is ready to be screened. Once the compost is screened, it will free up space for the yard waste collection this spring.

Committee members asked who bought the compost the last time the City sold it. Commissioner Daley responded that a landscape company purchased all of it and the DPW currently has another company interested in purchasing the new compost. The City does not have the capability to sell compost to the residents but are investigating the possibility.

Ald. Fuller moved approval of the agreement, which carried unanimously. Ald. Gentile requested that the Commissioner provide the Board of Aldermen with the cost to purchase a new trommel screener and how much the City spent on the trommel screener rental previously.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#80-08(3) ALD. SALVUCCI AND DANBERG requesting that the City's one-year trial commercial parking permit program (City Ord. 19-205) be made permanent, with associated modifications based on the trial results. [01/12/10 @ 4:23 PM]

**PS&T APPROVED 8-0**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** Traffic Engineer Clint Schuckel provided the attached summary of the proposed changes to the ordinance related to the commercial parking permit program. The amendments would make permanent and expand the program for commercial parking permits to include Newton residents. The program provides long-term parking spaces for Newton business, their employees, and residents who wish to park and commute. Seventy-five percent of long-term meters in all parking lots and street spaces and 75% of the spaces in the Adams Street and Chapel Street parking lots are to be included in the program. The spaces would be available to the permit holder Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6 PM. The cost of a space would be \$1,200 per year if paid in full and \$1,280 if the fee were paid quarterly. The Police Department and Public Works Department would administer the program. The program does not change the number of short-term meters available for parking. Ald. Ciccone moved approval of the amendments, which carried unanimously.

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

#109-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the Law Department's budget for services provided by the City's outside labor counsel. [03/30/10 @ 4:12 PM]

**PROG & SERV APPROVED 7-0-1 (Ald. Linsky abstaining) ON 04/07/10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** City Solicitor Donnalyn Khan explained that this is a request for additional money to pay the department's outside labor counsel bills. The Law Department previously requested the same amount in February 2010 and at that time; Ms. Khan explained that the Law Department would need additional funds. The outside labor counsel costs have skyrocketed this year and Ms. Khan plans to hire an attorney with expertise in labor law, as well as another attorney to provide backup.

Ms. Khan has also implemented some policies regarding contact with the outside labor counsel. Only she and the Director of Human Resources may contact the labor counsel. She is also working with the unions to reach an agreement before going into any type of arbitration and involving outside counsel. She is happy to report that the Fire Union is working with the City to change the dynamics in terms of grievances. The City Solicitor's Office will be working with the other unions to resolve outstanding issues and grievances before they reach arbitration. The City Solicitor's Office has already made strides in cutting down the outside counsel fees.

The request for \$100,000 will cover the outside legal counsel costs until the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Khan has informed the outside labor counsel that there is a limit to the amount of funds that can be dedicated to paying them. Ald. Gentile was pleased that the department would not be back for additional funds. He encouraged Ms. Khan to work towards settling the police contract. Ald. Linsky expressed his appreciation that the City Solicitor is going the direction of hiring an attorney with the necessary labor experience. Ald. Danberg moved approval of the item, which carried by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed.

**REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#117-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from a severance account held by the Human Resources Department to a severance account held by the Law Department for the purpose of paying for severance related expenses in the Law Department. [04-13-10@7:09 PM]

**PROG & SERV 8-0 on 04/21/10**

**ACTION: APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** City Solicitor Donnalyn Khan explained that there was a recent decision made to let go of one of the Assistant City Solicitors, as the department is changing direction. She did not realize that the department had to cover the twelve-week severance package within its FY'10 budget. Severance package obligations must be met in the fiscal year that the severance occurs. The department does not have enough to cover the severance package or \$5,000 for placement services for the former City Solicitor. The Human Resources Department has a severance account within its department and the needed funds can be transferred to the Law Department to cover the severance related expenses. Ald. Freedman moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO COMM. ON COMM. PRES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#28-10 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$362,500, including \$2,500 for City of Newton legal costs, be appropriated from the fiscal 2010 community housing and general reserves of the Community Preservation Fund and expended under the direction and control of the Planning and Development Department, to create two units of perpetually affordable rental housing at 2148-2150 Commonwealth Avenue. [01/11/10 @ 4:23 pm]

**CMTEE ON COMMUNITY PRES. APPROVED AS AMENDED @ \$375,000 5-0-3 (Ald. Blazar, Fuller and Harney abstaining) on 03/23/10**

**ACTION:     APPROVED AS AMENDED @ \$375,000 5-0-1 (Gentile abstaining; Ciccone not voting)**

**NOTE:**       The total amount requested for the project has been amended to \$375,000 and the \$2,500 for legal fees has been withdrawn by the Law Department. Ald. Gentile explained that he requested that the Committee hold the item in Committee at the previous Board of Aldermen meeting as he still had questions related to the project. Ald. Gentile pointed out that this project is to provide affordable housing to homeless veterans and their families and should be easy to support but seven out of sixteen Aldermen abstained when voting on the project in two committee meetings, which raises red flags.

Ald. Freedman stated that the project does not look to be profitable and he is concerned because CAN-DO needs to operate in the black. Executive Director of CAN-DO, Josephine McNeil, explained that the organization was never expected to generate a huge profit but the recent market has hurt the organization. She referred Ald. Freedman to the pro forma that was attached to the agenda, which indicated that there is some cash flow in the project and it is a sustainable project.

Ald. Gentile was surprised to learn that the Newton Housing Authority would not be administering the program. Ald. Gentile recently heard that the veterans program targets people with substance abuse issues and psychiatric disorders and he is uncomfortable that there is no administering agency within the City. Ms. McNeil responded that a housing authority only administers the vouchers. The property owner handles any tenant issues. She explained that CAN-DO would contact the Veterans Administration Case Manager to address issues. The vouchers do not work any differently than any other Section 8 voucher programs. Ald. Gentile stated that he spoke with the Executive Director of Newton Housing, Jonathan Hacker, regarding tenant issues. Mr. Hacker stated that the Housing Authority does occasionally become involved. Ald. Gentile also asked if the Newton Housing Authority would be willing to administer the VASH vouchers if a city or town were willing to allow it. Ms. McNeil would be open to working with the Newton Housing Authority but believes that Newton would have to bill the other City or town for the collection of the voucher funds.

Ald. Gentile inquired what would happen if a veteran did not participate in the required Veterans Administration health program. Ms. McNeil explained that the veteran would be disqualified and she would have to evict the veteran from the housing. Ald. Gentile also asked how CAN-DO properties are managed. Ms. McNeil stated that the Newton Community Development Foundation (NCDF), a private non-profit manager for affordable housing, manages the transitional housing properties and CAN-DO manages the two family properties. Ald. Gentile asked if Ms. McNeil feels that the NCDF fees for property management are high. Ms. McNeil is in the process of comparing property management fees. She feels that NCDF provides services beyond what is typical of a property management company. She informed the committee that there is a plan to identify another property management company that might be willing to manage properties. Ald. Gentile stated that people are concerned with the financial health of CAN-DO and he would urge Ms. McNeil to keep an open mind about other property management companies. Ms. McNeil added that she is currently seeking somebody with

financial experience to serve on the CAN-DO Board and is working on providing additional financial information for the Planning and Development Board to review.

Ald. Danberg felt that it is important for the City to help CAN-DO be as financially stable as possible. CAN-DO serves an important purpose by providing affordable housing. It appears that CAN-DO is on the right path to achieve financial stability. Ald. Fuller added that due to the information provided to the Board of Aldermen throughout the process, she is now has enough information to support the project. Ald. Linsky also likes the project and it is nice that it is a new type of program for homeless veterans; however, he would feel better if the program was more transitional. Ms. McNeil explained that CAN-DO has supportive services through Veterans Administration. It is hoped that one of the members of the families placed in the housing is a female veteran. Moreover, the Second Step program has agreed to provide support to a female veteran.

Ald. Gentile asked if either of the units is handicap accessible. The units are not wheelchair accessible, as both units are on two floors but do meet federal disability requirements. Ald. Crossley pointed out that the unit is on a steep site and the house is very old. It would be almost impossible to convert it for wheelchair accessibility without rebuilding. The Chair of the Community Preservation Committee also stated that there are a low percentage of handicapped veterans, who participate in the VASH program. Ms. McNeil added that should it become an issue it is possible that another CAN-DO property could accommodate somebody with disabilities.

Ald. Freedman asked if the project would require CAN-DO to petition the Board for a special permit. The project can be done by right. Ald. Freedman also would like information on the duration of the mortgage. The mortgage loan is currently for one year but will convert to a 25 or 30-year mortgage once funding is achieved. Ald. Gentile pointed out that CAN-DO has been carrying the costs on the property since November, which is not a good business practice. He asked if there was a broker involved in the property transaction. CAN-DO generally uses Sandy Fromme as their real estate agent, as she has served on the CAN-DO Board and is familiar with CAN-DO's mission. Ald. Gentile encouraged CAN-DO to look at other real estate agents, as it seems almost inappropriate to use one exclusively. Ald. Gentile requested that Ms. McNeil provide the Board of Aldermen with a letter stating that CAN-DO is willing to work with the Newton Housing Authority if the Newton Housing Authority is able to administer the VASH vouchers. Ms. McNeil provided the letter, which is attached.

Ald. Freedman moved approval as amended, which carried by a vote of five in favor, one abstention and one not voting.

**Clerk's Note:** Please note there is information regarding the above item attached provided by Mr. Michael Lepie, P.O. Box 157, Waban

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee through its Chairman Allan Ciccone, Jr. and the Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) be and is hereby appropriated from Budget Reserve to the Fire Departments Expenses account to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief for the purpose of funding repairs to Fire Department apparatus:

FROM:	Budget Reserve (0110498-5790).....	\$33,000
TO:	Fire Expenses (0120106-52403).....	\$33,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation Public Safety and Transportation Committee through its Chairman Allan Ciccone, Jr. and the Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125,000) be and is hereby transferred from the salary account of the Police Department to the capital outlay and improvement account of the Police Department to be expended under the direction of the Chief of Police for the purpose of purchasing police vehicles:

FROM:	Police Salaries (0120103-511001).....	\$125,000
TO:	Police Cruiser Replacement (C201042-58501).....	\$125,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chairman Sydra Schnipper and the Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) be and is hereby appropriated from Free Cash to the Department of Public Works salaries account and the Department of Public Works expenses account to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice budget:

FROM:	Free Cash	
	(01-3497).....	\$72,000
TO:	DPW Salaries	
	(0120106-52403).....	\$34,688
	DPW Expenses	
	(0140110-5532).....	\$37,311

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor



















CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chairman, Ald. Sydra Schnipper, and the Finance Committee through its Chairman, Ald. Leonard J. Gentile, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Needham to rent a Trommel Screen (to be used for composting).

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

# Docket # 80-08(3): Summary of Proposed Changes in City Ordinance 19-205

#80-08(3)

	Trial Program	Proposed Program	Ordinance Section
Program Name	Commuter Parking Permits	Prepaid Community Parking Permits	19-205a
Dates Effective	June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010	June 1, 2010 until changed or rescinded by BOA	19-205a
Administered by	Clerk, DPW, Police	DPW, Police	19-205a
Eligible spaces	50% of long-term meters in municipal lots except Cypress 10 spaces in Adams, Chapel lots (each)	75% of long-term meters in ALL lots and street spaces 75% of spaces in Adams, Chapel lots (each)	19-205a
Persons eligible	Newton businesses and their employees	Newton businesses and their employees <b>Newton residents</b>	19-205b
Issuance	By initial lottery, limited to 2 per business First come, first serve if spaces open after lottery	Existing permit holders can renew Additional spaces created to <b>meet demand</b> up to 75% limit Chronological wait list, if 75% limit reached	19-205c
Fee	\$ 960 per year (\$80/month), if paid annually up front  DAILY RATE: \$80/month= \$4/day, \$100/month= \$ 5/day	\$ 1,200 per year (\$300/quarter), if paid annually up front \$ 1,280 per year (\$320/quarter) if paid quarterly  MAX METER RATE= 50 cents/hr x 10 hours = \$ 5/day Permit spaces would be free on Saturdays	19-205d
Display	Per Newton Police	No changes	19-205e
Permit days/times	Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	<b>Monday thru Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm</b>	19-205f
Revocation	Illegal transfer, business closes, non-payment	No changes	19-205g
Penalties	\$25 fine or towing at Police discretion	No changes	19-205h
Permits sold	66  Locations: Newton Centre= 39, Newton Corner= 22	??	N/a

4/8/10

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES:

CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDINANCE NO.

April , 2010

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC as follows:

1. Delete in its entirety Section 19-205 **Commercial parking permits**, as most recently amended by Ordinance Z-53, and insert in its place the following section:

**19-205. Prepaid Community Parking Permits.**

(a) Community Parking Permit Administration

- (1) There shall be a prepaid Community Parking Permit program (hereafter, "program"), which shall be operated in accordance with the terms of this section. Such program shall commence on June 1, 2010.
- (2) The program shall be administered by the chief of police or his designee, for all businesses and residents which meet the program criteria for eligibility.
- (3) Community parking permits (hereafter, "permits") shall be issued for parking spaces as specified by subsection (a) (4). The Commissioner of Public Works shall determine the exact location of parking spaces to be made available for Community permit parking.
- (4) Permits shall be issued at the following locations:
  - a) Up to 75% of all metered spaces, with a time limit of greater than four hours, located both in municipal lots and on streets.

b) Up to 75% of all unmetered spaces in the following municipal parking lots: Adams Street and Chapel Street (Nonantum).

c) The above spaces will continue to operate as metered parking spaces (4a) or as unmetered time limit spaces (4b) unless a permit is purchased.

(b) Eligibility for Permit

The following individuals shall be deemed eligible for a permit:

- (1) All owners of businesses including non-profit organizations (hereafter “business” or “businesses”) operating from an address within a district zoned for business in the city of Newton may apply for a permit that authorizes its holder to park in an assigned space. A permit holder must be an owner or employee of the business, and need not be a Newton resident to qualify for a permit.
- (2) A resident of the City of Newton who applies for a permit for a vehicle which is registered to a residential address located within the City of Newton.
- (3) Applicants shall produce such evidence as the Police Department considers reasonable to verify eligibility.
- (4) The vehicle to which a permit is affixed must be a passenger vehicle registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Newton business applicants, or within the City of Newton, for resident applicants. Permits may not be used for the parking of commercial vehicles as defined in section 19-174.

(c) Issuance of Community Parking Permits

- (1) Prior to the start of a new permit year, existing permit holders shall be given a reasonable opportunity to renew their permits. Thereafter, permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis until the maximum number of permits for a village center has been issued. If the maximum number of permits has been issued for a village center, the Police Department shall maintain a chronological list of all owners who indicate in writing their interest in a Community parking permit for a particular location. When a Community parking space becomes available at the requested location, it shall be offered to the first eligible applicant whose name appears on the chronological list for that village center.

(2) A permit application must be submitted to the Police Department. Thereafter, in order to renew a permit, a renewal application must be submitted with payment of the corresponding fee.

(3) A Community parking permit shall be valid for a period of not more than one year from its date of issuance.

(d) Community Parking Permit Fees

(1) An annual fee will be charged for the issuance of each permit. The fee shall be \$1200.00 per year if paid in a single installment prior to issuance of the permit. The fee shall be \$1,280.00 per year if paid in quarterly installments of \$320.00 each. If a quarterly payment is not received when due, the Police Department shall revoke the associated permit. If late payment is received and the permit is reinstated, an additional charge of \$25.00 may be administered to defray the cost of reinstalling a parking meter and then removing it.

(2) For a nominal fee to be determined by the chief of police, permit holders may purchase duplicate permit stickers for the assigned space to allow for shared use of that space by multiple users. All duplicate permit holders shall meet the criteria defined in subsection (a).

(3) The annual fee for the permit shall be payable prior to issuance, and shall be pro-rated if issued after June 1.

(4) No permit shall be issued under this section unless and until the applicable permit fee has been paid.

(e) Display of Community Permit

The chief of police shall establish rules governing the display of Community parking permits. A Community parking permit that is not placed in the required location or visible shall not be a valid permit.

(f) Effect of Community Permit

(1) A permit shall provide its holder the right to park in an assigned space between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(2) A permit shall not be valid during the period of a declared snow emergency.

(3) The holder of a permit shall immediately notify the Police Department if the business to which it is assigned ceases to operate in Newton or

changes its business location, or if the holder no longer resides in the City of Newton and/or owns a vehicle registered to an address in the City of Newton.

- (4) Until its expiration, surrender or revocation, a permit shall remain valid for the length of time the assigned holder continues to meet the criteria of subsection (a).

(g) Conditions for revocation of permit.

- (1) A permit shall be revoked if it is found that it has been transferred to another business, or is being utilized by a person that is not an employee of the business to which it was issued, or in the case of a resident applicant, is being utilized by a non-resident or on a vehicle not registered to a residential address in the City of Newton.
- (2) A permit shall be revoked if the business to which it is assigned ceases to operate in Newton.
- (3) A permit may be revoked if it is found that the vehicle on which the permit is affixed is parking regularly at a location to which it was not assigned.
- (4) A permit shall be revoked if the applicable permit fees are not paid when due.
- (5) It is the responsibility of the owner of the business to which the permits are issued to ensure that employees use the permits in accordance with this section and the terms of their permits.

(h) Penalties.

The penalty for parking in violation of the provisions of this section shall be \$25.00 per offense as provided in section 19-9(2). Such vehicle shall be removed or towed to a convenient place and the owner of the vehicle so removed or towed away shall be liable for the cost of such removal and storage, if any, within the limits set forth in 19-226. The owner of any vehicle removed or towed under the provisions of this section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in section 19-8 of this chapter.

2. Delete, in its entirety, the last clause in paragraph (2) of Section 19-9 and insert in its place the following language:

“parking in a designated Community parking space without a permit (section 19-205).”



Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN LYNCH KAHN  
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Approved:

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON  
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2010

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Programs and Services Committee through its Chairman Amy Mah Sangiolo and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), to be appropriated from Free Cash, be and is hereby appropriated, granted, and expenditure authorized under the direction of the City Solicitor for the purpose of supplementing the Law Department expenses account as follows:

FROM:	Free Cash	
	(01-3497).....	\$100,000
TO:	Law Department Expenses	
	(0110801-5309).....	\$100,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000), be and is hereby transferred from the salary account of the Human Resources Department to a severance account held by the Law Department to be expended under the direction of the City Solicitor:

FROM:	HR Dept. Salaries	
	(011091-515002.....)	\$24,000
TO:	Solicitor Salaries	
	(0110801-515002).....)	\$24,000

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(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

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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 three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$375,000) is hereby appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources and General Reserves to be expended under the direction and control of the Planning and Development Department to create two permanently affordable units of rental housing at 2148-2150 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, as described in the Community Preservation Committee’s funding recommendation dated March 2010.

FROM:	CPA Fund Balance (21-3497).....	\$375,000
TO:	2148 - 2150 Commonwealth Ave Housing (21C11416-5797).....	\$375,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

April 27, 2010

Alderman Leonard J. Gentile  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Veteran House Project

Dear Alderman Gentile:

At the April 26, 2010 Finance Committee meeting, you asked that I write a letter to you with regard to administration of the VASH vouchers that will be used to provide a rental subsidy to the prospective veterans who will inhabit the 2 units at 2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue.

CAN-DO will rent the 2 units to homeless veterans and their families. Our partner the Boston VA Healthcare for the Homeless Office will provide vouchers to the veterans as long as they participate in case management and supportive services at the Jamaica Plains VA. The VA makes the determination of eligibility for the voucher. Once the veteran is eligible he/she can go to a local housing authority, that administers the VASH program, and complete an application. For this region the possible locations are Boston, Cambridge and Braintree.

At the first meeting when the project was considered, you expressed a desire for the VASH vouchers to be administered by the Newton Housing Authority. Since that time you have been informed by Jon Hacker of the Newton Housing Authority (NHA) that it is not currently one of the local housing authorities that administers the VASH vouchers and that it has no plans to become one.

Despite that you still would like them to have a role in the administration of the vouchers because you believe that would ensure more local control. You were told by Jon Hacker that in some instances housing authorities swap vouchers. It is my understanding that once the veteran is awarded a voucher you want such a swap to take place. None of us knows whether this program allows a swap in the same way as occurs with a regular Section 8 voucher. That determination will be made by the VA. But if such a swap can occur, CAN-DO has no problem with such a swap and will cooperate as needed.

Sincerely,

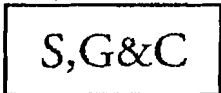


Josephine McNeil  
Executive Director

Cc: Jon Hacker

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NEWTON, MA 02159

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NEWTON, MA 02159

March 23, 2010

To the Management and Board of Directors of  
Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton  
Development Organization, Inc.  
West Newton, Massachusetts

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2009, we considered the Organization's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of an opportunity to improve operating efficiency. The following summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding this matter. This letter does not affect our report dated March 23, 2010 on the financial statements of Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization, Inc.

**Depreciation Expense**

We are aware that the Organization is required to provide on an annual basis a report of operating income and expenses by housing site. To assist in that reporting requirement, the Organization utilizes their accounting system to identify income and expenses by site on an ongoing basis. During the audit process it was noted that depreciation expense was recorded in total but not identified by specific site. As depreciation expense is a significant value and easily identified by site, recording by location is recommended.

SANDBERG, GONZALEZ & CREEDEN, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants

Stoughton, Massachusetts

BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE

APRIL 11, 2010

Re: Father Bill  
+ MainSpring

Executive Directors  
Salary ?

Developer fee ?

# Hingham panel set to vote on veterans home

By Molly A. K. Connors

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

**HINGHAM** — The Hingham Community Preservation Committee is expected to vote tomorrow night on a proposal to build a home at 111-113 Fort Hill St. that could house as many as six homeless or at-risk veterans.

The home, called Port Hill Veterans Supportive Housing, would be owned and operated by Father Bill's & MainSpring, a nonprofit that operates more than 200 units of affordable housing on the South Shore.

Father Bill's has requested \$250,000 from Hingham's community preservation funds for the \$1.8 million home. The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust has already committed \$50,000 to the project. The rest of the funding would come from private donations, grants and loans from the state, and a private mortgage.

If the preservation committee

approves the measure, the advisory committee is scheduled to review it Tuesday. If approved, the request will go on a supplemental warrant for the April 26 Town Meeting.

The issue has been closely watched in this affluent seaside town. Many officials have expressed support for the home. But other officials, neighbors, and the town's veterans advocates have three major concerns: Who would screen the residents, what kind of support would be provided, and how much the project might cost the town annually?

To address those concerns, a five-person ad hoc committee representing such constituent groups as veterans and neighbors was formed early last month and has been meeting to establish the conditions that Father Bill's should agree to in writing before the town agrees to partially fund the project.

Michael Lepie  
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4/28/10

Members Board of Alderman  
Newton, MA

Docket # 28-10

Re: Citizen for Affordable housing [Can-Do]  
**VETERAN HOUSE**  
**NEWTON, MA**

Members,

- Does Can-Do have a sustainable business plan ?
- Please think of Can-Do as a business .
- Can-Do has over \$6 million in debt .
- Can-Do's assets are \$4 million.
- Can-Do has close to zero in the bank.
- Can-Do's executive director salary is over \$100,000.
- Can-Do's developer fee is over \$100,000 .
- Is this a suitable location for the proposed use ?
- Is this location in full compliance and/or in the spirit of rule 504 ?
- Are the Tax Payers & Citizens getting value for their money spent ?
- Isn't this just a classic Ponzi Scheme using tax payers money ?
- Let's try to stop the waste .

Thank You ,



Michael Lepie  
Citizen & Tax Payer

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NEWTON, MA 02459