

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

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

Absent: Ald. Ciccone

Also present: Ald. Merrill

Staff present: David Wilkinson (Comptroller), Sarah Ecker (Director of Community Affairs), and Maureen Lemeiux (Chief Financial Officer), Arthur Cabral (Interim Public Buildings Commissioner), Cindy Stone (Director of the Newton History Museum), Susan Abele (Curator, Newton History Museum), Thomas Daley (Commissioner of Public Works), and Elizabeth Dromey (Director of Assessing)

#56-07(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the following amendments to the Newton North High School New Construction Project Appropriation Schedule included in Board Order #56-07(2) approved April 22, 2008:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1) Classroom Furniture to be changed to Furnishings, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E)	\$1,387,500 \$1,387,500
2) Computer Server Hardware	\$925,000
Audio-visual Equipment	\$925,000
To be combined and changed to Information Technology Equipment	\$1,850,000

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

NOTE: The Mayor is requesting that the line item Classroom Furniture be changed to Furnishings, Fixtures, and Equipment, as the current account name does not adequately reflect the use of the funds. The School Department ran into difficulties when they tried to purchase some field equipment from the Classroom Furniture account. The name change will make it cleaner to track and record purchases for furniture and equipment.

The Director of High School Construction and Strategic Planning, Heidi Black, submitted a letter attached to the agenda requesting that the funds within the Computer Server Hardware Account and Audio-visual Equipment Account be combined and the account name be changed to Information Technology Equipment. Ms. Black's letter explained that by creating one line item for technology equipment purchases will expedite the purchase of the equipment, as transfers from one account to another will not be required.

Ald. Fuller requested that all purchases be carefully tracked. The Comptroller responded that it his responsibility to monitor the purchases and funds within the accounts. Ald. Danberg moved approval of the item which carried unanimously.

#130-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from Human Resources Department unemployment account to the Human Resources Department severance account for the purpose of funding all liabilities associated with the FY'10 personnel reductions.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1 (Linsky abstaining)**

NOTE: Dolores Hamilton joined the Committee to discuss the request for a transfer of funds from the unemployment account to the severance account within the Human Resources Department. The \$45,000 will be used to provide additional funding for expenses associated with severance packages for all of the employees laid off since January 1, 2010. As the lay offs occurred in Fiscal Year 2010, the severance agreement obligations must be funded through the FY 2010 budget.

The unemployment account has some additional money available to transfer, as three former employees have found jobs and are no longer collecting unemployment. The Committee was satisfied that the transfer was necessary and Ald. Rice moved approval, which carried by a vote of six in favor and one abstention. Ald. Linsky abstained, as he was not present for all of the discussion.

REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

#113-10 THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that \$5,200 be appropriated from the FY10 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves and expended under the spending authority of the City Clerk, to preserve and restore the original frame and 19th century portrait of James F. C. Hyde, Newton's first mayor. [03/22/10 @ 4:58 PM]

COMMITTEE ON COMM. PRESERVATION APPROVED 7-0 ON 5/3/10

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

NOTE: City Clerk/Clerk of the Board David Olson reviewed the request for \$5,200 for Community Preservation Act funds to restore a picture of the first Mayor of Newton, James F.C. Hyde. The portrait was donated to the City by the family of Mr. Hyde at the completion of City Hall. The portrait used to hang in Room 209 and was damaged from removal from the wall multiple times in order for people to use the wall for media presentations. To save the picture from further damage it was placed in the attic of City Hall; however, the portrait was forgotten and not properly stored. Susan Abele of the Newton History Museum discovered the portrait in the attic, removed it and stored it in the climate controlled vault at the library. Mr. Olson would like to have the portrait restored as it is an important piece by a well-known Newton artist and represents a piece of Newton's history. Once the picture is restored, it will hang in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Mr. Olson obtained three quotes from three fine art conservators. The lowest quote was from Mark Serdivan, who the City has used before and was very pleased with the work. Ald. Rice moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO CMT ON COMM PRES., PUB. FAC. AND FIN. COMMITTEES

#83-10 THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of sixty three thousand, eight hundred forty five dollars (\$63,845) be appropriated from the FY10 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves to be expended by the Public Buildings Department to complete the design of storage and accessibility improvements for the archives at the Jackson Homestead. [03/09/10 @ 4:20 PM]
**COMMITTEE ON COMM. PRESERVATION APPROVED 7-0 ON 5/3/10
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0-2 (Gentile and Salvucci abstaining)
ON 05/05/10**

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1 (Salvucci abstaining)**

NOTE: Arthur Cabral, Public Buildings Commissioner, addressed the Committee. The design funds for the History Museum were discussed and held at a joint meeting of the Public Facilities and Finance Committees on April 7, 2010 for further information. The Public Facilities Committee discussed the item on May 5, 2010 and approved it, as all the requested information was received. Mr. Cabral submitted a memo and attachments dated April 27, 2010, which contained all of the requested information, which was attached to the agenda.

Mr. Cabral stated that the Community Preservation Committee and the Board of Aldermen approved the original appropriation of \$37,500 for design funds to rehabilitate and expand storage space at the Jackson Homestead in 2008. During the course of the design process, it was determined that the accessibility issues at the Jackson Homestead should be addressed. The additional \$63,845 would provide the money to complete the design with the inclusion of a ramp for accessibility and other accessibility upgrades. The architect's fees for the design are larger than usual as the design requires a higher level of effort to address renovations at a historic building. Mr. Cabral stated that the minimal level of preliminary work also impacted the fees.

Committee members asked if the Commissioner was comfortable with the construction estimate or does he feel that it may be much higher. Mr. Cabral believes that the construction estimate of \$375,000 is accurate. The Commissioner recently requested that the architect to review the construction numbers and the architect responded that the \$375,000 number is the appropriate amount for the construction. The Chairman stated that the Commissioner needs to stand by the \$375,000 for construction and he does not want to see the Public Buildings Department looking for any further construction money over the \$375,000.

Ald. Linsky inquired if the design contract was re-bid. Mr. Cabral explained that the architect was selected by the Designer Selection Committee, which does not go through the bid process. Ald. Fuller stated that she is much more comfortable with request for the additional design fees after reviewing the provided information. Ald. Rice asked if the 5% is enough to address any unknown issues. Mr. Cabral is hopeful that it is enough and he does anticipate any problems. Ald. Rice also inquired what the dotted line represented on the drawings. It was explained that it represents a crawl space located in the building.

Ald. Danberg moved approval, which carried by a vote of six in favor and one abstention.

REFERRED TO COMM. PRES., PUB FAC & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #147-08 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$359,400, including \$2,000 for legal costs, be appropriated from the FY'08 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves, for a project to rehabilitate and expand storage space for the research library and archives at the Newton History Museum, to preserve the existing collections, and enhance public access to the collections. [04-01-08 @ 4:10 PM]
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROVED 6-0 on 4-29-08
(A) DESIGN FUNDS ESTIMATE \$37,500.00 – BOA APPROVED ON 07/21/08
(B) BALANCE OF PROJECT ESTIMATE \$321,900.00 – HELD PUBLIC FACILITIES VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON PART B 8-0 on 05/05/10

ACTION: **HELD 7-0**

NOTE: The original request for the Newton History Museum project included both design and construction costs. The Board of Aldermen approved \$37,500 for design fees on July 21, 2008 and held the balance of \$321,900. The Community Preservation Committee has requested that the Board of Aldermen take a vote of no action necessary on Docket Item #147-08(B). The Community Preservation Committee felt that it would be cleaner to start fresh when a firm construction cost was known. The Public Facilities Committee unanimously voted no action necessary on the item. Ald. Linsky felt that the Finance Committee should hold the item as a placeholder until a new item is filed for the construction money. The Committee agreed with Ald. Linsky, therefore, a motion of hold carried unanimously.

NOTE: Alice Ingerson, Community Preservation Planner, provided information on the Community Preservation Fund at the request of the Chairman. The information was attached to the agenda and included the FY 2010 2011 available funds, the FY 2011 budget, the FY 2012-2017 funding forecast, the cumulative appropriations, and achievements for FY 2003-2009 and the FY 2003-2009 cumulative sources of funding for the Community Preservation Program. Ms. Ingerson explained that the community preservation funds are rolled over from year to year and at this point it looks like there will be a little over \$3 million rolled over into FY 2011.

The program is budgeting for a 30% match from the State. Ms. Ingerson also informed the Committee that there is legislation pending to guarantee a higher percentage from the state and to expand the types of projects, which community preservation funds can be used.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #133-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) from Free Cash to the Public Buildings Department for the purpose of funding actual and anticipated costs associated with the restoration of City Hall as a result of the severe rain storms in March of this year.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 ON 05-05-10

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

NOTE: Commissioner of Public Buildings Arthur Cabral spoke on the request for \$120,000 to restore the basement of City Hall. There was substantial damage caused by flooding as a result of the severe rain storms in March. Mr. Cabral provided a breakdown of the restoration costs, which were attached to the agenda. Mr. Cabral stated that the Public Buildings Department has begun the work and funded it through existing accounts within the department. However, the Public Buildings Department needs to replenish those accounts, as those funds were already dedicated elsewhere. Commissioner Cabral requested that the Board of Aldermen vote an emergency preamble with the item in order to release the funds immediately, as the department needs the funds to continue functioning.

Mr. Cabral stated that the City is expecting reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the City's insurance company to cover at least a portion of the money expended to address storm related damage. It is not possible to determine how much reimbursement the City will receive and it is not likely that any of the reimbursements will arrive before July 1, 2010. Comptroller David Wilkinson informed the Committee that if the reimbursements come in before August 2010, they will be certified as Free Cash for FY10 and if it comes in after August 2010, it will become 2011 revenue and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen can determine whether to appropriate it or place it in a reserve fund. Ald. Freedman felt that there was a high certainty that the City will receive at least some of the money spent through reimbursement. He would like the administration to be aware that he would like to see the reimbursements reflected in the FY 11 budget. Mr. Wilkinson will make the Committee aware of any reimbursement money that is received and to which accounts it is distributed.

#129-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend twelve thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$12,154) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the Public Buildings Department full-time salaries account.

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0 (Linsky not voting)

NOTE: The above request for supplemental funds from Budget Reserve for the Public Building Departments salaries account is related to a contract settlement with union members. The appropriation to provide retroactive pay increases for union members was not enough to cover the costs within the Public Buildings Department. The initial shortfall was approximately \$46,000; however, through salary savings as a result of attrition and an employee out on worker's compensation the Public Buildings department was able to cover all but the requested \$12,154. Ald. Fuller asked if there were money in Wage Reserve, would this request be funded through that account. Mr. Wilkinson stated that it is up to the Mayor to determine which accounts to use to fund requests. With that Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#131-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY'09 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for fifty-six thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$56,378) and appropriate fourteen thousand ninety-four dollars (\$14,094) from Free Cash to the federal grant fund for the purpose of providing the local share of the grant program, which will be used to provide emergency vehicle operations training.

ACTION: HELD 7-0

NOTE: The item was held without discussion, as the Fire Chief was unable to attend the meeting.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#134-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Sewer MWRA Assessments line item to the Sewer Main Repair/Installation Overtime account to fund a projected shortfall in the Sewer overtime account.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 (Albright not voting) on 05-05-10

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

NOTE: Public Works Commissioner Daley presented the request to transfer funds within the sewer enterprise fund. The transfer is necessary to fund a projected shortfall in the sewer overtime account. The shortfall is due to a lack of funding provided for retroactive pay awarded as part of the Newton Municipal Association (NMEA) settlement. The Utilities Division was able to fund \$190,336 of the retroactive pay but is short approximately \$80,000. The remaining funds will be used to fund overtime costs related to the March rain storms. The Public Works Department is seeking reimbursement for a portion or all of the costs related to the storms from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) but it is not likely that the City will receive reimbursement by June 30, 2010. The shortfall in the account needs to be addressed before the end of year.

The Utilities Division has funds available in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) assessment account. The MWRA provides a preliminary estimate to the City on its sewer wholesale charge. When the City received the final MWRA sewer whole sale charge, it was less than the estimate by \$260,093. Therefore the \$100,000 is available for transfer to the overtime account.

Ald. Fuller asked if the City traditionally overestimates the sewer wholesale charge. The Commissioner explained that the amount budgeted is based on MWRA estimate given in February every year. Due to the timing of the estimate, the figure is used for the budget. Ald. Freedman moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

#132-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) from the Overlay Surplus declared on April 21, 2010 to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 state-mandated revaluation.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0-1 (Freedman abstaining, Salvucci not voting)**

NOTE: Director of Assessing Elizabeth Dromey presented the request to the Committee. Ms. Dromey provided information related to the overlay accounts and the revaluation, which was attached to the agenda. It is a request is to appropriate \$350,000 to address the Assessing Department's needs for the state-mandated revaluation for fiscal year 2011. The State requires cities and towns to perform revaluations every three years. The City of Newton is in the group of communities scheduled for revaluation in fiscal year 2011. However there has been a piece of legislation filed to move the City to fiscal year 2012, which has passed

in the State's House of Representatives but has not been taken up in the Senate. In any case, the Assessing Department needs to begin working on the revaluation now.

Ms. Dromey also included a break down of what the \$350,000 will be used to purchase. Some of the funds will be used to upgrade the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal Software used by the Assessing Department for valuations and to train the staff after the upgrade. The State frequently asks the Assessing Department to upgrade the software for revaluations. Ms. Dromey stated that she would also like to purchase four desktop scanners to provide scanning of the Assessing Department's residential paper files. In addition, the account is used to pay for expert witnesses, legal expenses, and special costs related to the revaluation like printing costs for pamphlets. The City has trials related to valuation coming up in the not to distant future and Ms. Dromey needs to hire experts to start determining worth of property. The department also needs to start sending out requests for production of documents and other revaluation related items.

One of the department's goals next year is to actively try to get all of those kinds of properties that are typically utility types of properties that have been under reporting what their assets are and the Assessing Department needs some outside help to audit their records. The Assessing Department has met with Boston and Brookline on new legislation that makes it easier for communities to share resources to audit books and utilize attorneys.

Ald. Gentile asked Ms. Dromey how much was budgeted for and how much was spent for the last revaluation, which is attached. Ms. Dromey responded that there used to be millions of dollars asked for because equipment was much more expensive. Costs for equipment and software have dropped significantly. Ms. Dromey believes she asked for approximately \$375,000 for the last revaluation. Ald. Gentile requested that Ms. Dromey provide the original appropriation from the last revaluation and the breakdown of how it was spent. The Comptroller explained that the funds that are not spent in the revaluation account each year is rolled forward to be used the following year. There is currently less than \$100,000 left in the account.

Ald. Gentile inquired why, if the costs are \$350,000 for the revaluation and if there is already \$100,000 in the account, would there need to be an appropriation for more than \$250,000. Ms. Dromey responded that there is not nearly \$100,000 in the account and it is likely that the remaining money will be spent by June 30, 2010. Ald. Gentile then asked why the legal services and expert witnesses are considered costs associated with the revaluation and would not just come out of the overlay account. Ms. Dromey explained that the legal expenses for expert witnesses, attorneys, and court costs have always come out of the revaluation account because the reason for the expense is directly related to people contesting the assessed value of their property. Part of the revaluation expense is defending the assessed values. The revaluation account gives Ms. Dromey the flexibility to hire the necessary experts or attorneys at anytime as the department cannot predict when cases related to the valuation are going to be heard. It gives her the time to set up the needed experts and attorneys. Litigation has always been covered under the revaluation account. There is no line item in the Assessing Department's budget for legal services. She believes that the rationale for separating the revaluation budget from the regular budget is because the department needs to gear up for the inspection cycles and there needs to be money immediately available.

Ald. Freedman thought that the revaluation account was unusual because though the revaluation is not annual, it is an ordinary expected operational expense of the department. It makes more sense to Ald. Freedman to include many of the line items in the break down in the operational budget. At least three of the items on the breakout (the scanners, certification of the appraiser and the web site programming) seem like they should be in the operating budget. Those items do not seem specific to the revaluation, although he is aware that they certainly help the revaluation process but they go beyond the revaluation.

Ms. Dromey responded that the \$30,000 for the appraiser certification is a stipend for three certified State appraisers on the staff. The City does not pay for classes or for the fee for certification from the State. It saves the City a significant amount of money to have the certified appraisers on staff, as the State appraisers can represent the City in some of the court matters.

Ald. Danberg asked Ms. Dromey if she has ever consulted with Maurya Sullivan, Telecommunications Planner, regarding being an expert witness for the City regarding telecommunication cases, as she is a telecommunications attorney. Ms. Dromey responded that she does not know if Ms. Sullivan is a litigator or has the necessary background. Ms. Dromey will investigate the possibility further but it may not be within Ms. Sullivan's purview.

Committee members had a hard time making a distinction between revaluation expenses and normal operational expenses. Ms. Dromey explained that the City has a revaluation and the funds in the revaluation account are used for that purpose. She would argue that the website is very revaluation related as the State requires the City to inform the public what the valuation is of their property and let them know how the values were determined. Statistical tests are required every year, which occasionally result in changes to property values. The change in property value could trigger an appeal, which can occur any year. The money for revaluation is used over three years and the department may need additional money for the revaluation next year.

The State requires that the City provide separate data on money spent each year on revaluation. Ald. Freedman stated that the funds could be converted from a special appropriation to an ongoing operational thing. He understands that there is an acute need for the funds right now but wondered if Ms. Dromey would be open to changing the appropriation. Ald. Fuller suggested that the Chief Financial Officer analyze the possibility. Sarah Ecker from the Executive Office stated that she not recommend making a change this year. She felt that the new Chief Financial Officer would need time to analyze that type of change. Ald. Fuller moved approval of the item with the understanding that the Chief Financial Officer report back to the Committee in the next three to six months with a recommendation on how the revaluation funds should be handled. The Committee voted six in favor and one abstention on the motion.

Draft Board Orders for each of the items with an action are attached. The Committee held all other items without discussion and adjourned at approximately 10:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2010

ORDERED:

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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 Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, a transfer of funds in the amount of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Human Resources Department unemployment account to the Human Resources Department severance account to be expended under the direction of the Human Resources Director to pay for all liabilities associated with the FY '10 personnel reductions be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	HR Dept. Fringe Benefits (0110901-5702).....\$45,000
TO:	HR Dept. Salaries (0110901-515002).....\$45,000

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 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 five thousand dollars two hundred dollars (\$5,200) 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 City Clerk to preserve and restore the original frame and 19th century portrait of James F.C. Hyde, Newton’s first Mayor, as described in the Community Preservation Committee’s funding recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

FROM:	CPA Fund Balance (21R10498-5790).....	\$5,200
TO:	2148 - 2150 Commonwealth Ave Housing (21B10103-5301).....	\$5,200

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Readings Waived and Approved

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City Clerk

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Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

, 2010

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; the Public Facilities Committee through its Chairman Alderman Sydra Scnipper; and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of sixty-three thousand eight hundred forty-five dollars (\$63,845) 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 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves, under the direction and control of the Public Buildings Department or its successor City agency with responsibility for capital projects, to complete the design of storage and accessibility improvements for the archives at the Jackson Homestead, as detailed in the Newton Community Preservation Committee's March 2010 funding recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

FROM:	CPA Fund Balance (21R10498-5790).....	\$63,845
TO:	2148 - 2150 Commonwealth Ave Housing (21B60304-5301).....	\$63,845

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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 one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) be and is hereby appropriated from Free Cash to the City Hall Basement Flooding Repairs Account to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings for the purpose of funding costs associated with the restoration of the City Hall basement:

FROM:	Budget Reserve (0110498-5790).....	\$120,000
TO:	Public Buildings Salaries (0111502-511002).....	\$120,000

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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 Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of twelve thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$12,154) be and is hereby appropriated from Budget Reserve to the Public Buildings Department full-time salaries account for the purpose of funding projected wages through the end of the fiscal year pursuant to the agreement reached with the Newton Municipal Employees Association in June 2009:

FROM:	Budget Reserve (0110498-5790).....	\$12,154
TO:	Public Buildings Salaries (0111502-511002).....	\$12,154

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Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

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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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be and is hereby transferred from the MWRA Sewer Assessment account to the Public Works Department Salaries account for the purpose of funding a projected shortfall in the Sewer Fund Overtime account:

FROM:	MWRA Sewer Assessment (27A10781-563001).....	\$100,000
TO:	DPW Salaries (27A401Y1-513001).....	\$100,000

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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 Finance Committee through its Chairman, Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) be and is hereby appropriated from the Overlay Surplus to the Property Tax Revaluation Update account to be expended under the direction of the Director of Assessing for the purpose of funding the State mandated Fiscal Year 2011 revaluation:

FROM:	Overlay Surplus (01-3497).....	\$350,000
TO:	Property Tax Revaluation Update (C106001-5301).....	\$350,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND

PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION SPECIAL APPROPRIATION
EXPENDITURE ACTIVITY AND CURRENT BALANCE

Fiscal Year 2004 to Date {1}

Balance Forward 6/30/2003	BO#	Budget Total	Expended							Encumbered	Unobligated Balance	
			FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010			
\$ 431,240.46	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 931,240.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 931,240.46
Full time salaries	-	-	-	-	-	1,125.81	2,727.12	-	-	-	-	(3,852.93)
Seasonal wages	-	-	6,665.20	331.20	-	25,488.38	19,471.87	20,281.09	20,472.23	-	-	(92,709.97)
Work by other departments (legal)	-	-	-	-	-	8,516.15	30,000.00	42,634.02	-	-	-	(81,150.17)
Stipends	-	-	-	-	30,115.74	30,000.36	30,115.74	30,115.75	25,731.08	-	-	(146,078.67)
Clothing allowance	-	-	-	149.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(149.99)
Computer equipment maintenance	-	-	2,916.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	-	532.00	-	-	-	-	(5,948.00)
Software maintenance	-	-	-	2,328.00	7,834.95	-	-	-	10,251.00	717.00	-	(21,130.95)
Consultants	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000.00	34,505.00	-	9,200.00	-	(54,705.00)
Legal services	-	-	25,712.48	-	14,636.06	7,004.58	2,970.00	3,368.59	2,206.00	22,794.00	-	(78,691.71)
Court costs	-	-	4,293.36	10,396.31	118,749.45	32,285.11	25,292.40	6,079.33	-	-	-	(197,095.96)
Vehicle use reimbursement	-	-	-	-	92.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	(92.00)
Postage	-	-	-	814.76	-	-	6,140.29	5,338.10	8,448.52	-	-	(20,741.67)
Printing	-	-	-	1,210.00	-	-	-	-	1,130.54	-	-	(2,340.54)
Computer supplies	-	-	-	3,536.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,536.66)
Dues & memberships	-	-	530.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(530.00)
Medicare payroll tax	-	-	95.95	5.76	426.84	(591.39)	-	-	-	-	-	62.84
Computer software	-	-	1,431.85	27,969.95	25,975.00	395.00	2,877.44	16,604.57	395.00	-	-	(75,648.81)
Computer hardware	-	-	3,632.99	40,919.00	575.54	14,111.73	16,403.24	27,775.65	1,278.80	-	-	(104,696.95)
Audio visual equipment	-	-	-	-	1,529.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,529.00)
Office furniture	-	-	1,504.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,504.12)
Special appropriation balance	\$ 431,240.46	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 46,781.95	\$ 88,661.63	\$ 201,434.58	\$ 118,335.73	\$ 147,530.10	\$ 186,702.10	\$ 69,913.17	\$ 32,711.00	\$ 39,170.20	

{1} The last appropriation to this account was in fiscal year 2004.
Since this is a special appropriation, budgetary control is at the bottom line appropriation level, not at the line item level.