

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

7:30 p.m. – NOTE EARLY START

Room 222

City Hall

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE: *This evening's meeting will begin early in order to allow time for a brief discussion of the following item with any interested members of the Committee on Community Preservation:*

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

#161-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing an ordinance amendment for the preservation of city-owned properties subject to funding under the Community Preservation Act.

It is expected that detailed discussion on this item will take place during the 2/28 Committee on Community Preservation Committee meeting. After that Committee takes final action on this item, the Finance Committee will make a final recommendation as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

*****ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#88-06 EDWARD SPELLMAN, being re-appointed as TREASURER/COLLECTOR by His Honor the Mayor, pursuant to Sections 3-3(b) and 3-4 of the City Charter. Said re-appointment is effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.
(90-day Board action date: 4/19/06)

#89-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$366,361 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Newton Police Superior Officers Association.

#90-06 NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD requesting Board of Aldermen acceptance of Chapter 157, Sections 1 and 2 of the Acts of 2005, *Veteran's Benefit for Accidental Disability Retirees*. (Retirement Board approved acceptance on 12/14/05).

#93-06 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the following mentioned betterments; said betterments to be graded and constructed and assessments to be levied under the provisions of MGL relating to betterment assessments relating to public way construction:

<u>SBL</u>	<u>Names & Address of Owner</u>	<u>BK/PG</u>	<u>Amount</u>
83-36-3BA	Trustees of The Gables Through Condominium Trust	14391/434	\$1,111
83-36-3DN	401-4329 Dedham Street (66 units)		
83-36-21	Linda L. Chanowski 111 Countryside Road	21144/356	\$13,828
83-36-26	Nancy Ellen Nathanson 62 Rachel Road	20812/215	\$8,166
83-36-27	Pnina Joseph 73 Countryside Road	31169/269 Countryside Road	\$14,717
		Mosley Road	<u>\$9,616</u>
			Total \$24,333
83-36-28	James H. Mitchell & Nancy B. Mitchell 83 Countryside Road	24673/207	\$13,828
83-36-29	Vilis Gravitis & Herta Gravitis 95 Countryside Road	11429/402	\$13,828
83-36-30	Ming T. Wong & Julia Q. Wong 105 Countryside Road	27829/493	\$13,917
83-36-32	Arlene E. Fruman 125 Countryside Road	18565/107	\$19,083
83-36-33	Randi B. Lapidus Trustee & John H. Lapidus, Trustee 141 Countryside Realty Trust 141 Countryside Road	35940/504	\$19,456
83-36-34	David Goldstein 159 Countryside Road	35324/583 35324/584	\$18,833
83-36-35	Stephen S Silk Trustee & Barrie S. Silk Trustee	34730/250	\$16,739

The 175 Countryside Road Realty Trust 175 Countryside Road			
83-36-36	Alan Greenbaum & Sylvia Greenbaum 185 Countryside Road	14552/560	\$13,828
83-36-37	Shirley W. Waldenburg Trustee 197 Countryside Road Nominee Realty Trust 197 Countryside Road	36150/479	\$18,605
83-36-38	Sidney & Rosalie F. Gersh 170 Countryside Road	14054/10	\$30,368
83-36-39	Alan Levick a/k/a Alan L. & Nancy Rogoff a/k/a Nancy E. 150 Countryside Road	13933/376	\$16,992
83-36-40	William Seidenberg & Linda M. Seidenberg 140 Countryside Road	13625/578	\$13,828
83-36-41	Karim Zahedi & Maryam Zahedi 130 Countryside Road	13802/290	\$13,828
83-36-43	Matthew B. Feuer & Nicole B. Feuer 110 Countryside Road	31362/576	\$25,213
83-36-44	Beverly F. Greenwold & Richard B. Aron 7 Patten Circle	21327/314 Countryside Road Patten Circle	\$13,126 <u>\$9,251</u> \$22,377
83-36-45	Lin Nick 19 Patten Circle	38641/407	\$15,606
83-36-46	David H. Zises, Trustee David H. Zises 2004 Revocable Trust & Margery Zises, Trustee Margery Zises 2004 Revocable Trust 20 Patten Circle	44066/392	\$15,211
83-36-47	Craig Hammer, Trustee	33192/002 Countryside Road	\$12,474

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	Jola Realty Trust		Patten Circle <u>\$9,061</u>
	10 Patten Circle		Total \$21,535
83-36-48	Patricia Fabrizio Malkasian, Trustee & Gia A. Nicolazzo, Trustee Anthony S. Fabrizio Nominee Trust 70 Countryside Road	35971/26 35971/33	\$16,032
83-36-49	LOGICAL, LLC 50 Countryside Road	46705/498	\$12,185
83-36-50	John Mitchell 44 Countryside Road	22670/405	\$13,828
83-36-51	David E. Gorman & Jennifer Udwin Gorman 32 Countryside Road	26469/465	\$13,828
83-36-52	Robert E. Sullivan & Anne M. Sullivan 391 Dedham St.	13215/683	\$15,880
83-36A-3	Leon Semonian, Jr. & Marion D. Semonian 373 Dedham Street	11506/387	\$2,690
83-36A-4	Carole G. Jabbawy 17 Countryside Road	44692/517	\$19,668
83-36A-7	Muzio Pesaresi & Michelle T. Pesaresi 39 Countryside Road	43568/342	\$15,285
83-36A-8	Shirley Altschul 53 Countryside Road	21353/599 Countryside Road 36249/25 45267/204	\$19,034 Patten Circle <u>\$2,070</u> Total \$21,104
83-36A-9	Peter E. Leavitt & Amy D. Leavitt 11 Mosley Road	34453/518	\$13,889
83-36A-10	Richard G. Marcus & Beth A. Marcus 46 Rachel Road	14161/133	\$8,100

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #95-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$756,533 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding snow and ice costs in the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 ON 2/8/06

Re-appointment by Board President

- #85-06 ALD. ANTHONY J. SALVUCCI re-appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Board of Aldermen Scholarship Fund, representing Wards 1-4. Said term to expire on 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

- #86-06 ALD. PAUL E. COLETTI re-appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Board of Aldermen Scholarship Fund, representing Wards 5-8. Said term to expire on 12/31/07

Re-appointment by Board President

- #87-06 ALD. BRIAN E. YATES, re-appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Emerson Community Center Trust. Said term to expire on 12/31/07.

******ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:***

- #91-06 COMPTROLLER providing interim reports on the financial condition of various City funds and account groups.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #94-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$280,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY06 School Department budget . The School Department will use these funds to supplement its various energy accounts.

- #92-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN AND VANCE proposing that the FY07 interest rate for real estate tax deferrals under Clause 41A be determined and set, at an interest rate lower than 8%, as authorized by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005; and requesting enactment of an ordinance to reflect such interest rate.

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

- #96-06 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$753,700 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the *Stearns and Pellegrini Parks Phase I Improvements* recreation project.

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

#97-06 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$43,600 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the historic restoration of clapboards on the 248 *Elliot Street* community housing and historic preservation project.

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

#98-06 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$200,750 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the continuation of the *Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program* to provide assistance to low/moderate income home purchasers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*****ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#23-06 ALD PARKER AND LINSKY requesting that the City adopt §19 of MGL Chapter 32B to allow retiree coalition bargaining of health care benefits.

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

#458-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$55,675 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of studying and planning the restoration of the Crafts Street Stable Exterior Building Historic Preservation Study.
CMTE.COMM.PRES. APPROVED 4-0-3 (Linsky, Lappin, Parker abstaining) on 1/24/06

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

#459-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$26,425 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the historic preservation study for Newton Health Department Building Improvements.
CMTE.COMM.PRES. APPROVED 6-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 1/24/06

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

#466-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$320,550 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the pilot *Accessory Apartment Incentive Program* to create affordable apartments.
CMTE.COMM.PRES. APPROVED 7-0 ON 1/24/06

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

- #468-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$205,000 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the *Bowen Park Initiative* for open space and recreation improvements.
CMTE.COMM.PRES. APPROVED 6-0 (Yates not voting) on 1/24/06

*****ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. PROG.& SERVICES & FINANCE

- #273-04(2) ALD. GENTILE requesting home rule legislation to reclassify the two "dedicated fire apparatus mechanic" positions from Group 1 to Group 2 in the State Retirement System.
PS&T DENIED 5-1-1 (Lennon opposed; Samuelson abstaining) on 2/8/06

- #29-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND PARKER requesting creation of a Citizen Financial Advisory Committee to work with city officials and staff to facilitate bench markers, strategic planning and other initiatives to improve the financial operation of the City.
(President's Note: While not formally referred to the Long Range Planning Committee, this item might usefully be discussed there in light of prior discussions of similar issues.)

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

- #467-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$23,633 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the design and study of the *Williams School Outdoor Intergenerational Community Classroom*.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #264-03(3) ALD. JOHNSON AND BAKER requesting update on the work of the Taxation Aid Committee established by the Board of Aldermen in March 2004 in administering aid to the elderly taxation fund.

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

- #453-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding a space needs study for the elementary schools throughout the City.

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #455-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of
(21-05.2) \$6,000 from the Riverside Traffic Mitigation Fund for the purpose of funding the installation of a radar controlled speed limit sign at the intersection of Concord and Grove Streets. (#65-05)

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE BY FULL BOARD ON 1/18/05:

- #134-04(2) TRAFFIC COUNCIL requesting public input regarding the following proposed changes to Washington Street between the Wellesley town line and Route 128: re-stripe Washington Street for four 12'-wide travel lanes and a parking lane on the south side between Concord Street and the ramps to/from Route 128; "No Parking" on the northerly side; "No Parking" on the southerly side from the Wellesley town line to Concord Street; add two to four 15-minute metered parking spaces in front of the Lower Falls Post Office; add 2-hour meters for the remainder of the southerly side to a point near #2278 Washington Street (Ward 4)
- #209-05 ALD. STEWART requesting that the Mayor provide the Board of Aldermen with a list of all salaried City employees who receive additional compensation (other than overtime) along with an explanation of the exact reasons for said additional payments.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #168-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen establish new civil fines under Section 20-21 of the City of Newton Ordinances for the violation of various environmental provisions enforced by the Conservation Commission.
- ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 ON 12/13/04**

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #364-04 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to ask that the City acquire, whether by eminent domain or by purchase, the two parking lots associated with the St. Bernard's property for the purpose of providing commuter parking.
- ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED AS AMENDED 8-0 ON 9/13/04**
- #206-00(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend \$35,000 from Hebrew College pursuant to provisions of Special Permit #66-98(3) and a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between the City and Hebrew College, to be used toward the cost of traffic improvements, studies or transportation programs selected by the City for the purpose of mitigating potential impacts of the Hebrew College project on Herrick and Langley Roads or improving traffic and flow in the Herrick Road area. Note: #206-00, approved 6/5/00, authorized acceptance of these funds; #206-00(3), approved 6/19/00, requested implementation of accounting measures to track future expenditures; #206-00(2), the actual expenditure, was held in Committee on 6/19/00 to allow Board review of proposed mitigation measures and costs on a case-by-case basis.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #55-02 ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 6/16/04

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND CMTE. ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

- #426-05 ALD. BAKER et als proposing acquisition by the City of Newton or related agencies of all or partial interests in appropriate properties in Newton using Community Preservation or other funds to preserve or enhance such properties for various public purposes.

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

- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #428-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY07-FY11 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$179,120,279 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$ 12,544,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$ 53,255,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 3,910,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 5,420,420
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 92,415,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,807,410
OTHER	\$ 2,768,160
TOTAL	\$179,120,279

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #160-05 ALD. HARNEY, SANGIOLO, PARKER AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an independent audit and possible appointment of an independent commission to investigate the Newton South construction project.
PF AND FINCOM HELD IN COMMITTEE ON FLOOR OF THE BOARD ON 11/21/05

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman