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Commission On Disability

Meeting Date: October 16, 2023
Room: Zoom
Time: 6:00PM

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Commission Members Present:

Ima Jonsdottir, Co-Chair, participating remotely
Eileen Sandberg, Co-Chair, participating remotely
Jane Brown, Treasurer, participating remotely
Lucie Chansky, participating remotely
Petr Chovanec, participating remotely
Nyree Kibarian, participating remotely
Nancy Kritzman, participating remotely
Sandra Lingley, participating remotely
Barbara Lischinsky, participating remotely
Jack Lovett, participating remotely
Matt Volpi, participating remotely

City Staff Present:

Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator
Sgt. Wade, Police
Lara Kritzer, Planning
Nika Sandal, Planning
Sharon Cullins, Planning
Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Mayor's Office

Guests:

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
Jonathan Yeo, COO
Heather Wood
Lucia Dolan
Rob Caruso
Councilor Downs
Councilor Bowman

1. Welcome, Jack, & Introductions (6:00-6:05)

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Ima gave a warm welcome to Jack Lovett, the newest member of the COD! Other members present at the start of the meeting were Ima, Lucie, Nyree, Petr, Nancy, Sandra, and Matt.

1. Approval of the September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes (6:05-6:10)

Lucie made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18 COD meeting. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1 (Jack abstained).

2. CDBG Report & FY25 Project Update (6:10-6:20)

Sharon gave the CDBG report of access projects. This report can be viewed on page 8. The update for the McGrath perimeter path is that DPW is ready to go before the Conservation Commission and the project will go out to bid in the winter. The construction is completed at the intersection of Langley/Warren/Chase but the inspection by ISD with the contractor is the last step, to confirm the plans were carried out (As Built). City Hall Campus is also 99% completed, just static pedestrian signs need to be installed. There was no discussion about FY25 funded access projects but Ima reminded that the COD will need at least 3 projects to consider at the November meeting, and for the COD members to recommend and look at what Jini has sent out.

3. Accessible Fines Reports (6:20-6:25)

Sgt. Wade explained that he does not yet have the reports for August and very little reported for September, 3 tickets issued (1 parking in an accessible parking space without displaying a valid disability placard or plate and 2 issued for blocking a curb cut. There could be more, but that is all he was able to retrieve from the new system., no appeal information, due to a new vendor software and those reports need to be developed.

4. Operation Access (6:25-6:35)

After Sgt. Wade giving the cost of Operation Access last year, and the Police department very willing to conduct Operation Access this year, the COD members decided to have the Police officers be covered for overtime between November 24 and December 31, 2023. A motion was made by Jane to transfer \$3,000 from the Fines account to the Operation Access account, in order to cover the overtime pay for the Police officers, balance in this account will be over \$6,000. Lucie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0 (Eileen and Jane joined the meeting before this discussion began. There was also interest in seeing the policy as to why appeals are dismissed and if the tickets issued during Operation Access could track the successful appeals. Sgt. Wade said he will request the latter and that there is still ongoing discussion with DPW, Police, and the Mayor's office about the policy and procedures regarding appeals.

5. CIP Presentation by Mayor Fuller (6:35-7:05)

Mayor Fuller and Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer, presented the proposed CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), which was presented to the City Council in September. Mayor Fuller gave opening remarks and Jonathan Yeo presented a slide presentation of CIP projects. This presentation can be viewed on pages 11-14. Mayor Fuller thanked all the COD members for their service and complimented all who helped make the Sensory Friendly area so welcoming and a nice respite for many during the Harvest Fair. Before Jonathan walked

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through the CIP projects, Mayor Fuller mentioned that there is a core group consisting of Commissioners Morse, McGonagle, and Banks, Jonathan and Jini who thoughtfully review and recommend and prioritize projects for the CIP, always with an accessibility lens (begun under Mayor Fuller). Jonathan began by saying that there are many funding sources for the (333) hundreds of CIP projects, such as city revenue, CPA, ARPA, MassDOT, COD, CDBG, and grants. His presentation is an abbreviated one that he gave to the City Council, focusing here on projects involving accessibility (not showing utilities, i.e. Water & Sewer, and storm water). He mentioned pedestrian safety and the inventories that have been completed for curb ramps (5000) and sidewalks (420 miles). In the past 6 years, the city has installed 38 miles of sidewalks and 1200 curb ramps, and 44 RRFBs. Underway is the design of improvements in Newton Highlands for all users of this commercial village center. Jonathan highlighted many building projects, the completed Newton Early Childhood Program at the former Horace Mann school, 4 school projects in various stages of design and construction, Lincoln Eliot, Countryside, Franklin, and Horace Mann, Gath Pool, and the Senior Center (NewCAL). Many parks projects are underway which will feature accessible pathways at Albemarle, Burr, and McGrath fields, safety and accessible new surface on the Newton Centre Playground, Wellington pocket Park in West Newton with a sensory dome, Williams School playground and possible MOD grant for swings, and Levingston Cove, with accessible pathways, fishing deck, and environmental improvements, ribbon cutting ceremony in November. Jonathan and Mayor Fuller acknowledged the continuous involvement of the COD in many of the above projects. Barbara asked about the sidewalk inventory, the grading and percentages. Jonathan said that 41% were found to be either excellent or good, 48% were fair, and 11% were in poor condition. Mayor Fuller said there is still a lot of work ahead in this category as we want to move the high 'Fair' and 'Poor' sidewalks into the 'Excellent/Good' condition. Jack asked about the grass and dirt segments of sidewalks. Jini explained that these are incomplete sidewalks and the goal of the city, especially from an accessibility perspective is to make these unfinished segments into either asphalt or concrete sidewalks so there are continuous sidewalks throughout the city. Jonathan also mentioned that private developers renovating or tearing down and building new housing must improve the city sidewalk, especially if it is incomplete or if it is in the Fair/Poor condition category. Sandra asked about making accessible improvements at the temporary Senior Center at the Brigham House, as there is no curb cut to the sidewalk near the ramp that is going into the building and there is no accessible route from accessible parking in the municipal lot next door, needing to go out the entrance or exit driveway to the nearby sidewalk. Jonathan said he will check on those issues to see if DPW has created that curb ramp, but not sure there is any other way to get to the Brigham House from the municipal lot. Barbara made a request, if possible, not to repair sidewalks with asphalt, as weather and creates cracks in the asphalt repair and the transition from concrete to asphalt becomes a major tripping hazard for anyone with a mobility disability. Ima asked about the plans and funding to create more accessible and inclusive playgrounds, for the community playground "Memorial" at the Solomon Schecter school in the Oak Hill Park village of Newton. Mayor Fuller says that her administration wants to do it right and try to leverage other funds in order to create more inclusive playgrounds. She said that the best way to advocate is to follow Parks & Recreation Commission, where the PRC department reports to for all parks and playground improvements. Ima encouraged members to follow these many projects in design at public meetings such as DRC, and others, so that the community

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at-large can hear the advocacy for more accessibility improvements. Barbara asked if there was a way to make the maps more accessible for the sidewalk inventory and prioritization. Jonathan offered to make them larger for Barbara, and Jini relies on Excel spreadsheet where the street and intersections are listed. Sandra asked for hard copies of these maps and spreadsheets, not only to use under assistive technology but often the print on the spreadsheets is too small. Hattie said that she would work with DPW on this to provide more legible hard copies. Ima thanked Mayor Fuller and Jonathan Yeo for coming and providing a very informative presentation, and they thanked the COD for their time and effort and advocacy.

6. Treasurer's Report (7:05-7:10)

Jane gave the Treasurer's report, which can be found on page 9. Jane reported that there are no changes to the COD account balances since last month. Ima had a question about the balances, and Jane read the report. Jini explained that the Fines fund account will not change until the end of the fiscal year, and the amount for the Williams Playground and the Operation Access have not been deducted, but the balance will be roughly around \$63,000 to consider for future projects this year.

7. ADA Coordinator's Report (7:10-7:20)

Jini gave the report of her activities for the month of September. Her report can be viewed on page 10. She explained her 2 site visits, one at Newton South High School to create an additional accessible parking space since the busses at arrival and dismissal often block access to some of the existing accessible parking spaces,. Jini and several DPW staff, along with a resident who uses a wheelchair, walked/rolled Newton Center to observe where the road has sunk and there is a significant lip/height difference to the bottom of a curb ramp, in many locations through this commercial village. In November a simulated roll will be offered to the Mayor, city departments heads, and City Councilors, to experience a shorter version of this site visit to understand the challenges and feel the pavement imperfections, cracks, lips on sidewalks and curb ramps, and stamped concrete/pavers.

8. NWH Subcommittee Report (7:20-7:30)

Sandra reported on the site visit that she and Jini had with the NWH Facility Director, Justin, on the NWH campus, as part of the efforts of the NWH/COD subcommittee. Starting with the East Entrance and up and around to the Emergency Room, there are several issues, a steep hill, memorial bricks, that Justin is well aware of and trying to figure out how to solve. Jini reminded him of better signage for the top floor of the parking garage, to warn vehicles that there is no wheelchair access from that level. Sandra mentioned that the accessible parking spaces outside this garage can also be an issue as regular vehicles park over the lines into the access aisle and blocking access to the sidewalk. Justin wasn't aware of this and will address this issue. He did add another curb cut to the sidewalk to the East Entrance as the valet was always blocking the other curb cut. Justin said he has a limited budget for accessibility (\$100,000) and the projects are decide in October for the following year. The revolving door at the West Entrance is on that project list, to convert to a sliding door with an electric eye, like the one at the Emergency Room entrance. Right now, there is also a regular door but hard to find the panel with the button for the automatic door opener. Justin seemed like he may be able

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to provide a lighted Stop sign as vehicles are exiting the West Entrance driveway, so that the vehicles are aware of pedestrians in the crosswalk. The lower garage, at that entrance now has a curb cut to access the sidewalk that leads up to the building entrance, very helpful for those who can manage a steep hill. There are at least 3 accessible parking spaces right there. There are 4 more accessible parking spaces close to the Green Building entrance, but if someone has an accessible van with a rear ramp deployment, the driveway/travel lane is directly behind these spaces. Justin was unaware of that possibility and will look into it. There are additional, more than required, signed accessible parking spaces in this lower covered parking lot but not all have access aisles next to them. Sandra concluded that she and Jini learned quite a bit about the process for accessibility projects from Justin, and gave informative feedback to Justin for future projects to improve accessibility on the NWH campus. Although Sandra did not have the date/time for the next meeting with NWH, she encouraged members to join, if they can, but if not, please email her with any issues or concerns they have encountered, inside or outside the buildings of NWH.

9. Winter Overnight Parking Ban (7:30-7:45)

Jack, newest COD member, has been involved, in his free time, with the campaign to repeal the Winter Overnight Parking Ban, a petition begun by Jeremy Froidberg. In fact, the City Council is deciding on this issue at the same time as this meeting. If the City Council upholds this ban, the campaign will be collecting additional 2500 signatures to ensure that it will be a question on the 2025 election. Jini and others have recommended to exempt residents with disabilities who have a valid placard/plate, as there are no exceptions/exemptions to this ordinance, but the campaign doesn't see that as enough relief, as there are many residents with disabilities who don't have a placard but have need to park out front of their home, or their aide may need to park on street when there is no driveway or space in a driveway. Eileen clarified that a declared Snow Emergency means all cars off the streets during the time stated, which would also apply to valid disability placard/plate holders, but that would be only several possible overnights during the winter, not 4 months of a parking ban. Now that there is alerts on our cell phones, reverse 311, to notify residents that a snow emergency will be put into effect, there is nearly 100% compliance during snow emergencies. Petr suggested the COD discussed this more fully before writing a letter to the City Councilors as he thinks the ban could be beneficial in some situations, even for residents with disabilities. Jini said that she had an email from Lucie, who had to leave early from the meeting, that she is not in favor of repealing the ban altogether, but is in favor of an exemption for disability placard/plate holders. She said also that, even in a snow emergency, that someone could drive around when their streets is being plowed and then come back to park out front, with a disability placard/plate. Matt is in favor of repealing the ban entirely, as there are many situations, for residents with and without disabilities or disability placards where it is a hardship. The Co-chairs decided to postpone a vote for any action by the COD until the City Councilor's decision is known, to table this discussion for next month, if possible, as not everyone agrees on repealing the ban completely.

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10. Snow Blocking Residential Curb Ramps (7:45-8:00)

This agenda item was minimally discussed and, due to the late hour, it was decided to invite DPW staff in charge of snow removal to come to the next meeting to hear the COD's concerns, especially about city plows blocking curb cuts as they plow, preventing anyone with a mobility disability or challenge to go outside when there is snow on the ground.

11. Co-Chairs' Updates (8:00-8:15)

Ima reported on her involvement in the NPS Anti-Ableist curriculum working group, attending her first meeting of this group, her take away is that this curriculum could take 3-5 years to develop and implement, although something may be piloted in the spring. She feels this effort has a broader focus and really doesn't take the place of disability awareness education that was provided by UOD, and parents are concerned that this will not be offered in this school year or beyond. She also met with the Asst. Supt. For Student Services, Casey Ngo Miller, who will be starting a second working group for the anti-ableist effort, a community outreach group where the majority of members are people with disabilities. Along with Ima, Eileen and Jini have been invited to discuss this group with the Asst. Supt. Next week. Ima also mentioned that she is attending many of the new school buildings in process, at public meetings, advocating for an inclusive and accessible playground, that at some entrances and exits to the playground will be without stairs but instead ramps, and that everyone goes in and out of the same doors, that is, those with mobility disabilities and their peers walking and rolling in together. Ima encouraged COD members to Zoom in to these meetings where accessibility and inclusiveness are regularly discussed.

Eileen announced that she will be moving permanently from Newton at the end of this calendar year and will be stepping down off the Newton COD. Thus, with the COD officer election in January, members, new or seasoned, should be thinking about the possibility of becoming a Co-Chair.

12. Harvest Fair Wrap-Up(8:15-8:30)

Ima and Eileen were very enthusiastic about the COD volunteers who helped them with set up and break down and engagement with the public all day, Matt, Jane, Sandra, Jini, and Jack, and the successful tables and activities. All their efforts, Eileen providing tables, chairs, tents and rocking chairs, bean bag chair, some give-aways, for the COD activities and in the Sensory Friendly area (located by PRC near the COD tables). The board game table, including chess, was occupied with players most of the day and a big hit. Eileen gave a shout out to Matt and his daughter's service dog who was so popular when she was there in the Sensory Friendly area. Jini added her thanks to Eileen and Ima for their efforts in organizing, advertising, supplying everything, including a wonderful map where COD and the SF area was located, the accessible portable toilets location and the temporary accessible parking spaces, banners that Eileen had made and displayed, and so much more, a big Kudos!

13. Adjournment (8:30)

The meeting adjourned at 8:54PM.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Jini Fairley

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NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2023

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Supplemental Materials and Reports:

October CDBG report.pdf

Newton Commission on Disability

CDBG Access Projects Report

October 16, 2023

FY22 McGrath Park Perimeter Path Installation – (CD22-03A; Budget: \$91,300.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$91,300.00)

Constructing an accessible perimeter path around Richard McGrath Park.

The LAX practice wall was impacting the perimeter pathway construction. The League was given a deadline for the 3rd of April to fundraise for said wall

and has not responded in time. In lieu of the wall, the pathway will be able to run around the entire perimeter of the park with entry/exits on Washington

St and Myrtle St. Designer is re-assessing the parking lot side of the park as well as reconfiguring the irrigation system and redoing the fence around

the tennis courts to provide an accessible entry. Due to the rise in costs, the pathway cost is higher than expected, and Parks has requested the Community

Preservation Committee to cover the gap of \$48,000, which they agreed to. With the addition of playable fields, McGrath has become close to a million-dollar

project. The most up to date design of the park and perimeter was presented during the May meeting. DPW is moving forward with arranging all necessary

documentation for the Conservation Commission permit. As they were preparing the Notice of Intent for the Conservation Commission, it came to light that

the pathway exceeds the amount of impervious area allotted, which in turn triggers a necessary stormwater permit that must be completed by DPW. DPW is

now working to identify a funding source for the required drainage systems.

DPW is moving toward final design construction documents and expect to go before the Conservation Commission and out for construction bid this Winter.

FY23 Langley/Warren/Chase Crossing – (CD23-03A; Budget: \$100,000.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$100,000.00)

Installation of accessible crossings at Langley Rd. and Warren St. This includes a bump out on the northeast corner of the intersection to create the space

needed to install a curb cut to cross Warren St.

DPW has completed the scope of work and concept design for this project. Project was presented at the December 2022 meeting. DPW posted the bid on the

City of Newton's website on January 5th. The bid opening date was January 19th. The contractor chosen was Antonellis Construction. The bid came in just a little under \$150,000. Construction started on May 30th, 2023, and ended on June

16th. Although the bulk of the project has been completed, there is a vendor back order. Antonellis Construction is waiting for the push button for the RRFB. It is expected to be in stock mid

to late September. In addition,

DPW is waiting for the final as-built inspection and report from the Contractor.

FY24 City Hall Campus – (Cost Estimate: \$42,000)

Two curb cuts to be added to connect folks to the accessible elevator entrance near the Department Head parking lot. Site visit has been completed. The

contractor chosen for this project is Antonellis Construction. Work is set to start on September 9th, 2023. Antonellis is hopeful that the work will be

completed in 2 to 3 days of work. After their work is completed DPW will be responsible for the regrading of the pavement and striping in order to keep

costs down.

Majority of the work has been completed. The contractor needs to install pedestrian crossing signs and DPW needs to restripe the cross walks and reset

brick to make the work level.

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Treasurer's Report

Given by Jane Brown, Treasurer of the Newton Commission On Disability (COD)

Presented at the October 16, 2023 Newton COD Meeting

As of October 1, 2023, the balances of the COD accounts have not changed and are as follows:

Account # 5500-335518 H-P. Fines-Disability Commission

Type: Receipts Reserved for Appropriation (These funds have to go before the City Council to be appropriated before being used)

Balance: \$ 76,889.60

Account # 0110320-571600 Set up to pay fee for May 7, 2023 Me2/ Concert

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$0.00

Account # 01C10802-513010 Operation Access – Disability Commission

Set up to pay for targeted enforcement of accessible HP Fines violations by the Police

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$3415.38

Account # 01C40128 Set up to pay for RRFB at Langley/Warren/Chase intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$18,000.00

Account # 01C60211 Set up to purchase accessible equipment for Burr School playground.

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$1,537.00

Account#C401083-586005 Set up to purchase and install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) units at the Waverly/Tremont intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: **\$50.50** (8 APS units installed in December 2018)

Account # 5064D103 Set up in Fall 2015 to receive Community Access Monitor Program fees and pay expenses)

Type: Revolving Account

Balance: \$29**0.00**

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ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Given by Jini Fairley, ADA/Section 504 Coordinator

Presented at the October 16, 2023 Newton Commission On Disability meeting, for activities during the month of September 2023.

Site Visits:

- NSHS with Isaac and Ima- accessible Drop Off/Pick UP parking locations
- Newton Centre Curb Ramps with DPW & wheelchair user

Trainings:

- DOJ Listening Session on Web and App Accessibility for State & Local Governments
- Webinar- Housing for People with Disabilities- resourceful

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- Programs & Services Comm – Jack Lovett’s COD applicant interview
- DRT, DRC & SBC meetings-proposed plans for Countryside School
- Countryside School Working Group meetings
- DRC & SBC Franklin School Concept Plans
- Franklin School Working Group meetings
- DRC for Horace Mann
- Finance Comm- for COD request to fund some accessible improvements to Williams
- PS&T- 2 mtgs. Sidewalks blocked by snow/signs/bushes & TC appeal by resident on Columbia Ave.
- 911 22nd Anniversary ceremony- very moving
- Groundbreaking of Gath Pool with Ima
- Met with Dr. Nolin- about disability curriculum in NPS
- Bike/Ped Network Plan Committee meetings
- FHC Subcommittee on lottery & lease-up of affordable units
- Fair Housing Committee (FHC)- attend monthly meetings
- Complete Streets Committee & Road Paving- attend bi-weekly meetings
- CODs Alliance monthly meeting

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Slides for Oct 23 COD Meeting.pdf

City of Newton

Capital Improvement Plan

FY2025 - FY2029

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

September 18, 2023

Updated for Commission on Disability October 16, 2023

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CIP includes 333 new and continuing projects, using a variety of funding sources

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Total investment of \$1.2 billion

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\$193 million during the FY2025 – FY2029 five-year period

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\$145 million to be docketed during the remainder of this fiscal year (Countryside/Franklin)

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Substantive changes were to the CIP compared to FY24 Plan approved in June

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Now showing Water/Sewer/Stormwater Utilities (41) projects separately from main CIP group (292)

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129 projects were added

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111 net new Public Buildings projects in NPS

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11 PRC, 5 DPW (Stormwater), 1 Planning and 1 Fire

FY2025-FY2029 CIP

Summary

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Change in format to project lists

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Accessibility in the CIP

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Newton Early Childhood Program – Complete

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Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements

FY25 FY26 FY27 FY28 FY29

Williams Underwood Countryside Bigelow Chestnut Hill

Ward Bowen Brown North

Burr Oak Hill

South

Slides for Oct 23 COD Meeting.pdf

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Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements
RRFBs
29 Currently Installed with 6 this year:

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- Centre St at Paul St
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- Centre Street at Cushing & Clark Streets
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- Homer St at Pleasant St
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- Walnut Street at Lakewood Road
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- Langley Road at Union Street
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- Langley Road at Warren & Chase St

15 more ARPA-funded RRFB installations to be completed in the next few weeks
We will have 44 total RRFBs in Newton
Centre at Langley (Newton Centre)

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New curb ramp on Comm Ave Carriageway at Beaumont
New Waltham St traffic calming at Derby/Fairway
New Lowell Ave traffic calming at Hull/Highland St
Traffic Calming and Curb Ramps
Newton Highlands Village Center Project – Design in Progress

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Public Meeting #4 on October 12th
Megaphone1 with solid fill
State Infrastructure Projects
in Newton

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- Needham Street
-
- Newton Highlands T Station
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- Newton Commuter Rail Stations
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- Comm Ave Carriageway Path – Auburndale
-
- Hammond Pond Parkway
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- Newton Corner Ramp and Circle Improvements
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- Albemarle at Crafts Intersection
-
- Parker St at Route 9
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D Branch Station Accessibility (3)

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Charles River Greenway Ped Bridge

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Lincoln-Eliot School – Out to Bid

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Lincoln-Eliot School – Interior Space

Lincoln-Eliot School – School/Community Auditorium

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Countryside School – Design Progressing

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Franklin School – Design Progressing

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Horace Mann School – Design Progressing

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Newton Center for Active Living – Out to Bid

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Gath Pools and Splash Park – In Construction

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Upper Falls Splash Park (Northland) – 2024 Construction

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Albemarle Fields Phase 1 (North) – in final design

New modern field lights

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Reconfigured baseball diamond

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Improved softball field

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6 pickleball courts

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1 basketball court

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New synthetic turf field for Newton North and league use

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Pedestrian paths, fencing, netting, trees, benches

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New irrigation system

2

Burr School Fields – in final design

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2 new multipurpose fields

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1/3 mile perimeter path

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Picnic tables

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benches

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trees

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New irrigation system

2

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4 grass fields

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perimeter path

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benches

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Trees

-

Fencing

-

Wood guard rail

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New irrigation system

McGrath Fields – in final design

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Wellington Park Playground – Nearly Ready for Installation

Williams School Playground Accessibility Improvements

A picture containing outdoor, grass, ground, way

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A playground with a slide

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A bench sits unoccupied

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Summer 2023 Improvements

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Submittal of Grant Application for Accessible Swingset

A stone steps in a park

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A park with benches and a path

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Levingston Cove Improvements – nearing completion

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A fence next to a body of water

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