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# CITY OF NEWTON

## Joint Zoning & Planning Committee and Planning & Development Board

### AGENDA

**DATE:** Monday, April 8, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Hybrid—Council Chambers and virtually by Zoom



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

Barney Heath  
Director  
Planning & Development

Olivia Ashjian James  
Community Engagement  
Specialist

The Planning & Development Board will hold a joint meeting with the Zoning and Planning Committee. This meeting is hybrid and will be held in Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom.

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#### Members

Kevin McCormick, Chair  
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- 1. Public Hearing #76-24(2) Discussion and possible ordinance amendment to require a special permit for retaining walls over four (4) ft**  
ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR LIPOF requesting amendment to the City of Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, to require a special permit for all retaining walls over four (4) feet on a site.
- 2. Public Hearing #132-24 Request for discussion and amendments to Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, in order to clarify definitions, edit missing or incorrectly transcribed provisions, and revise inconsistencies in the zoning ordinance and inconsistencies between the zoning ordinance and general ordinances.
- 3. Public Hearing #133-24 Request for discussion and amendments to Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30 to incentivize small businesses**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, in order to incentivize and promote small businesses by allowing home businesses in all residence districts by right, modifying the definition and regulation of educational uses, modifying the definition and regulation of personal services, and including a definition and regulations for personal instruction uses.
- 4. Adjournment**

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