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## Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Tuesday, May 28, 2024



7:00 pm  
Room 204

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/82630446940> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 826 3044 6940.

#### Item Scheduled for Discussion:

**Chair's Note:** *Please see the attached document from Ann Berwick, Co-Director of Sustainability regarding examples on when the proposed ordinance and the Specialized Energy Code would apply to a project.*

**#49-24 Discussion and possible adoption of an ordinance requiring electrification of all new construction and substantial renovations**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, LEARY, HUMPHREY, KALIS, DOWNS, LIPOF, WRIGHT, MICLEY, BIXBY, AND GETZ requesting discussion and possible adoption of an Electrification Ordinance that would require all new construction and substantial renovations in Newton to be all-electric. This is in conjunction with the City's recent conditional approval by the State Department of Energy Resources (DOER) for participation in the Ten Communities Program.

**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 01/27/24; Public Hearing Set for 02/26/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-1 (Councilor Kalis Opposed) on 02/26/24**

**Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 on 03/11/24**

**City Council Referred Back to Zoning & Planning 22-0-2 (Councilors Grossman and Micley Absent) on 03/18/24**

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**Chair's Note:** *The Chair intends to have the discussion focus on questions and comments from Councilors with June 10<sup>th</sup> being reserved for public comment and continued Committee discussion.*

**#42-24**      **Request for Discussion and Ordinance to require energy use reporting**  
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG and LEARY on behalf of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCCE), requesting discussion and an ordinance that would require large property owners (campuses and large commercial buildings) to report energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions annually to the city of Newton, to be used to encourage reductions in said energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in accordance and support of the goals set forth in the Newton Climate Action Plan.

**Referred to Public Facilities & Zoning & Planning Committee**

**#63-24**      **Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan**  
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows: Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns.

**#230-24**      **Reappointment of James Miller to the Auburndale Historic District Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing James Miller, 85C Seminary Avenue, Auburndale as an alternate member of the Auburndale Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on June 6, 2027. (60 Days: 07/19/2024)

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**R. Lisle Baker, Chair**