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Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton **In City Council**

Monday, July 22, 2024



7:00 pm
Room 204

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, July 22, 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/83458529152> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 834 5852 9152.

Item Scheduled for Discussion:

- #286-24 Appointment of Timothy LeBlanc to the Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Timothy LeBlanc, 33 Woodland Road, Auburndale as a member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on August 12, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)
- #287-24 Appointment of Nancy Greenberg to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Nancy Greenberg, 33 Woodland Road, Auburndale as a member of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on August 12, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)
- #266-24 Appointment of David Boronkay to the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing David Boronkay, 187 Melrose Street, Auburndale as an Alternate member of the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on July 8, 2027. (60 Days: 08/16/2024)

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- #285-24 Appointment for Ed Olhava to the Community Preservation Committee**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Ed Olhava, 11 Scarsdale Road, Newton as a member of the Community Preservation Committee for a term of office set to expire on August 12, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)
- #76-24(3) Discussion and possible amendments to change how building height is measured**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 30, Zoning to require that building height is measured from original grade instead of finished grade.
Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 05/13/24
Zoning & Planning Held 4-0-3 (Councilors Oliver, Wright and Baker Abstained) on 06/10/24
- #85-24 Request for discussion and possible amendments to enhance the preservation of existing homes.**
COUNCILORS BAKER, OLIVER, MALAKIE, KALIS, GETZ, LUCAS, LOBOVITS, AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 30 Zoning or other City Ordinances to enhance the preservation of existing homes over their replacement by larger and more expensive structures.
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 02/15/24
Zoning & Planning Held 6-0 (Councilor Albright Not Voting) on 03/11/24
Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 04/08/24
Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 05/13/24
- #41-24 Amend the setbacks in the MR zones to encourage preservation of existing buildings**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, KRINTZMAN, AND LEARY seeking a discussion with the Planning Department to consider ordinance amendments that would revise the metrics in the multi-residence (MR1, MR2 and MR3) zones, to regulate the size of new buildings better, enable a wider range of housing options close to public transit, and better incentivize preservation and renovation of existing housing stock.
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Chair's Note: *William Ferguson, Co-Director of Sustainability, will provide the Committee with an update on the development of BERDO in response to the public comments received in order to prepare the Committee for a vote on the item in the fall. Please be prepared with any questions for him so that we can have any last issues resolved by September when the full Council should be available to act on the Committee recommendation.*

#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.

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 05/28/24

Zoning & Planning Held 5-0-1 (Councilor Danberg Abstaining) (Councilor Krintzman Not Voting) on 06/10/24

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Lisle Baker, Chair