



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Present: Councilors Albright (Chair), Getz, Laredo, Kelley, Kalis, Gentile, and Danberg

Absent: Councilor Leary

City Staff: Chief Operating Officer Jonathan Yeo, Associate Engineer John Daghlian, Commissioner of Public Buildings Josh Morse, Assistant Superintendent for Newton Public Schools Liam Hurley and the

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<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/city-clerk/city-council/council-standing-committees/public-facilities-committee>

For more information regarding this meeting, a video recording can be found at the following link: [Public Facilities Committee- July 10, 2024](#)

#278-24 Verizon petition for a Grant of Location on Chase Street

VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to relocate one jointly-owned pole, P. 6 located on the northerly side of Chase Street approximately 13 feet southwesterly from its existing location to accommodate a new driveway. (Ward 6)

[Chase Street: Back-up Material](#)

Action: Public Facilities Held 7-0; Public Hearing continued on 07/10/24

Note: A representative from Verizon was unable to attend the meeting.

John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer explained that the moving of the pole is to accommodate a new driveway.

Councilors raised concerns regarding if abutters were properly notified of the ongoing project on the property.

Alex Koogan, homeowner joined the Committee for the discussion and noted that he could provide more information for the abutters.

The public hearing was opened.

The direct abutter asked if the pole would be moved closer to her property. It was explained that it is moving in the opposite direction from her property.

The Committee discussed holding the item until a representative from Verizon could be present.

Councilor Danberg motioned to hold which passed unanimously.

#279-24 Request for sewer extension in Dedham Street

KEVIN HENNIGAN, 27 Champa St #1, Newton petitioning to relocate the existing City sanitary sewer main located at 949 Dedham Street to a portion of the property just easterly of its current alignment to allow for an expansion of the dwelling on the property. (Ward 8)

PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

[Dedham Street: Back-up Material](#)

Action: Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Note: Kevin Hennigan, petitioner joined the Committee to discuss his request for a sewer extension. Mr. Hennigan showed the plan provided in the above link and explained that the current structure is located on the right-hand side of the existing easement. He is looking to expand the structure, but they are unable to build on top of the easement, so they are requesting to move the current easement. This will be a twenty-foot easement.

John Daghljan, Associate City Engineer explained that they have met all the Engineering Requirements.

A councilor asked if they are creating new manholes. Mr. Hennigan explained that they will be creating two new manholes on the site.

A councilor asked what the is the address of the property that is serviced through this sewer line. Mr. Hennigan explained that it services several properties on June Lane and Etsy Farm Road which are directly behind the property.

The public hearing was opened and with no member of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Kalis motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

#293-24 Eversource petition for Grant of Location for Commonwealth Ave

EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain approximately 378 feet of conduit westerly from the new manhole MH32297 at the intersection of Auburn Street and Evergreen Avenue to support the MWRA Tunnel Boring Machine project. (Ward 4)

[Commonwealth Ave: Back-up Material](#)

Action: **Public Facilities Held 7-0; Public Hearing continued 07/10/24**

Note: There was no representative from Eversource available to attend the meeting.

John Daghljan, Associate Engineer explained that the only concern that he had is that the Department of Public Works just installed a raised crossing and ask that the manhole be moved closer to Auburn Street so that they do not have to dig up the raised crosswalk. If this can not be moved, then it is expected that the raised crossing be reconstructed at the standards of the City.

The Committee discussed putting this condition in the Council Order.

A councilor raised concerns about the raised crossing being ripped up and asked to hold the item until Eversource could be present.

The public hearing was opened.

Councilor Gentile motioned to hold which passed unanimously.

#268-24 **5-58 for the Horace Mann School Building at 225 Nevada Street**
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition, pursuant to 5-58, for schematic design and site plan approval at 225 Nevada Street to construct a new 22,000 SF addition to be located directly behind and adjacent to the existing gymnasium. The new addition will allow for additional educational space and grade-level clustering of classrooms with additional educational support spaces, an enlarged cafetorium, and music room. The project will include interior renovations to adjust some existing classroom and educational room sizes and provide a new library space. When completed the school facility will provide a total of 18 general education classrooms, Break-out and/or Project Areas for each grade level, improved special education spaces and will accommodate a design enrolment of 396 to 414 students

[Schematic Design Package](#)
[Horace Mann Project Website](#)

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: Please see note for item #263-24.

#263-24 **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**
Appropriate \$31,578,632 for the construction of the Horace Mann Project
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty-one million five-hundred seventy-eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$31,578,632) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the construction of the Horace Mann project and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or

notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount. The amount authorized to be borrowed by and under this order shall be reduced to the extent that any grants are received by the City from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for this project.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings, along with his staff and consultants joined the Committee to discuss the site plan and funds for the Horace Mann School Project. Raymond Design Associates provided the attached presentation.

The presentation included information on the schedule, site improvements including fully accessible playground, parking and traffic, tree removal and planting, stormwater and programming and design.

Commissioner Morse explained that during construction the current Horace Mann School will be moved to 191 Pearl St which is currently the Lincoln Eliot School. This has been discussed with the School Department and the Horace Mann Community. This move will take place in the Summer 2025. The plan would be then to have the students back at 225 Nevada Street for the 2026-2027 school year.

He further explained that there will be a 2-story addition. They are proposing a 30-space parking lot off of Linwood Ave and 16 parking spaces at the front of the building. There will also be the addition of a fully accessible playground. The plan is to flip the ballfield so that there is more green space for recess and there will be the addition of a full-size basketball court. Commissioner Morse noted that the community has asked to preserve the sledding hill. The proposed landscaping will help with screening for the abutters and natural shading. There will be more trees planted then removed.

Commissioner Morse explained that through this process they will be looking at the Linwood Avenue access. This is an area that is used by vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. The City will study adding a sidewalk and crosswalk.

For stormwater management, the primary filtration system will be at the center of the site. There will be a smaller one in the lower plateau.

The building plans are shown in the attached presentation. The goal is to be as close to the MSBA space guidelines as possible.

Commissioner Morse explained that they have added an accessible additional entrance to the school. This entrance will also add natural light into the gymnasium. The plan is to have solar as part of the project.

A councilor questioned where the main entrance of the building would be. Commissioner Morse explained that the main entrance will remain the same. They are renovating the entrance to the left of the main entrance.

A councilor questioned if there are any safety concerns with having multiple entrances to the school. Commissioner Morse explained that the schools do want to have one primary entrance. Horace Mann does currently use staff to monitor each entrance.

The public hearing was opened.

Elaine Bresnick, 562 California Street questioned what the plan is for the chain linked fence that divides her property from the school yard. She also asked if the Wyoming Road extension is still be planned to be used as construction access.

Commissioner Morse explained that they will no longer using the Wyoming Road for construction access. He further explained that they are continuing work on the landscaping and will meet with her on this area.

Amy Pollack-Howard, 243 Linwood Avenue, explained that she is a direct abutter next to the parking lot with 30 parking spaces. She expressed her concern regarding access to her driveway and the surrounding landscape. Commissioner Morse explained that they will continue to study where her access point is and he will be in touch to speak with her about this.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilors expressed their support for the project.

Councilor Kelley motioned to approve item #268-24 which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Morse noted that they will not be receiving MSBA funds for this project. The docket language is standard for school projects.

Councilor Kelley motioned to approve item #263-24 which passed unanimously.

#259-24 Request for drain extensions in Edgefield Road

ALEXANDER KOGAN, 56 Marcellus Drive, Newton petitioning for a drain extension in EDGEFIELD ROAD starting in York Road from a new drain manhole and extended 152 foot northeasterly for the purposes of providing an overflow connection for their on-site drainage system. (Ward 5)

PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

[Edgefield Road- Back up material](#)

Public Facilities Held 7-0 on 06/20/2024

Action: Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Note: Alexander Kogan, petitioner, joined the Committee to discuss his request for a drain extension in Edgefield Road. This petition was discussed on June 20, 2024 and the committee asked the petitioner to ask all abutters if they would like tie into the proposed extension.

Mr. Kogan explained that they did send a letter out to the abutters and have not heard back that anyone would like to tie into the new system.

A councilor noted that she has spoken to abutters, and they are interested in finding out more information about the connection.

The public hearing was closed.

The committee discussed having a condition on the council order that lateral stubs be placed now so that others can tie in without ripping up the road again.

Councilor Getz motioned to approve with the condition that lateral stubs be put in for all abutters at the cost of the petitioner which passed unanimously.

#105-24 Discussion with Director of Sustainable Materials Management regarding recycling and waste management

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT on behalf of the Public Facilities Committee requesting an update from the Director of Sustainable Materials Management regarding progress on recycling, Newton's waste contracts, progress on composting, and other essential aspects of waste management.

Action: Public Facilities voted No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)

Note: Waneta Trabert, Director of Sustainable Materials Management joined the committee to give the attached presentation on recycling and waste management.

Ms. Trabert explained the duties of her department which includes curbside collection services, dumpster collection services, resource recovery center and street sweeping.

She explained that the solid waste goes to Wheelabrator Millbury, the single stream recycling is processed at Waste Management Avon Materials Recover Facility, yard waste is staged at the Rumford and hauled to commercial composting sites. All other material streams have independent vendors. Ms. Trabert noted that there is dwindling disposal capacity in Massachusetts and there have been goals sent by the State to help with this.

The 20-year disposal contract does end in June 30, 2028 and going forward there will only be up to five year contracts. Disposal costs are going up in other municipalities following long term contracts ending. Ms. Trabert shows the recycling markets update and how the cost was effected by the pandemic.

Newton also offers curbside organics collection. The cost is currently \$60 per 6 months of weekly collection and a one-time cost of \$38 for the starter kit. There are currently 3,085 participants in the program.

A councilor questioned what the effects would be if the City required curbside organic waste pick-up. Ms. Trabert explained that in tonnage the city would save money but to adopt a full side curbside program would negate any savings on the tonnage side.

A councilor asked what the percentage was for commercial vs residential for organics. Ms. Trabert explained that there are commercial customers but she did not have any data. They are continuing to do this research.

Councilors expressed the importance of the removal of organics from the trash. A councilor suggested that the City finds more ways to promote the organic curbside pick-up.

A councilor asked if there are statistics for the residents that bring their organics to Rumford versus the ones using Black Earth. It was also questioned if there will be smaller trash bins implemented. Ms. Trabert explained that they do not know the exact number of those that use Rumford Ave but the usage has increased. She also explained that they did look at making the programmatic change and they are going to continue this research.

Councilors did offer to help with the promotion of the organics program.

Councilors thanked Ms. Trabert for her presentation.

Councilor Laredo motioned for a vote of no action necessary which passed 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting).

#281-24 Reappointment of Jay Snyder to the Citizens Commission on Energy

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to reappoint Jay Snyder, 2117

Commonwealth Avenue as a member of the Citizens Commission on Energy for a term to expire on June 15, 2027. (60 days: 09/06/24)

Action: Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)

Note: With no comments or questions from the committee, Councilor Laredo motioned to approve which passed 6-0 with Councilor Gentile not voting.

The Committee adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Albright, Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

RELOCATION OF EASEMENT

FOR COMMON SEWER PURPOSES
949 DEDHAM STREET

[DATE]

ORDERED:

WHEREAS, the City of Newton holds an easement for Common Sewer purposes on the property of Nishith K. Jobanputra and Shefali M. Jobanputra, Trustees of the Nisith K. Jobanputra and Shefali M. Jobanputra Living Trust, known as and numbered 949 Dedham Street, Newton, MA (the “Premises”), as shown as “15’ WIDE SEWER EASEMENT TO BE RELOCATED” (the “City Easement”) on the plan of land titled “Sewer Line Relocation Plan of Land, 949 Dedham Street, Newton, Mass.”, prepared by Thomas A. Ryder, P.E. & Associates, and dated April 15, 2024 (Revised June 27, 2024).

WHEREAS, the owners of the Premises desire to relocate the City Easement so that access to the City Easement, as relocated, is not impeded by their improvements on the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a time for a public hearing and has caused a notice thereof and of its intention in the matter to be given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing has been held before the Public Facilities Committee of the City Council, and it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Newton, the public necessity and convenience require that the City Easement be relocated as further described below; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the City Easement is hereby modified such that the City Easement shown as “15’ WIDE SEWER EASEMENT TO BE RELOCATED” on the plan of land titled “Sewer Line Relocation Plan of Land, 949 Dedham Street, Newton, Mass.”, prepared by Thomas A. Ryder, P.E. & Associates, and dated April 15, 2024 (Revised June 27, 2024), is hereby abandoned and relocated to that parcel of land shown as “20’ WIDE SEWER EASEMENT” (the “Relocated City Easement”) on said plan, that the existing Common Sewer in the abandoned City Easement be removed, and that the Common Sewer be laid, made, repaired, and maintained in the Relocated City Easement.

ORDERED, that the Mayor is authorized in the name of and on behalf of the City of Newton to execute, deliver and record instruments to discontinue and abandon and to accept grants of easement to effectuate the relocation of the City Easement, as described herein. All such instruments shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor.

This Order is granted upon the following conditions: The petitioners, Kevin Hennigan and Nishith K. Jobanputra and Shefali M. Jobanputra, Trustees of the Nisith K. Jobanputra and Shefali M. Jobanputra Living Trust, or their respective successor(s), shall pay the full costs of removal,

relocation, and installation of the Common Sewer, as set forth herein. The petitioners, or their successor(s), shall complete all such work by their contractor, under the terms of a Common Sewer construction license issued by the Public Works Commissioner, or by use of City forces, at the option of the Public Works Commissioner; and all such work shall comply with the standards and specifications of the City Engineer, and be completed under his inspection and to his satisfaction; and all such work shall comply with the terms of a memorandum from John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer, dated July 1, 2024, including but not limited to the “Conditions & Special Provisions” contained therein, on file in the records of the City Council. There shall be no expense to the City of Newton and there shall be no betterment assessments to the abutters. The petitioners, their successors and assigns, shall deliver to the City a grant of easement for the Relocated City Easement, in a form approved by the City Solicitor. The petitioners, their successors and assigns, shall prepare and deliver to the City an easement plan, in a form approved by the City Engineer, for recording at the Registry of Deeds. All costs for the recording of the easement, easement plan, and any associated documents shall be borne by the petitioners.

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Horace Mann Elementary School

Public Facilities

Site Plan Approval Hearing

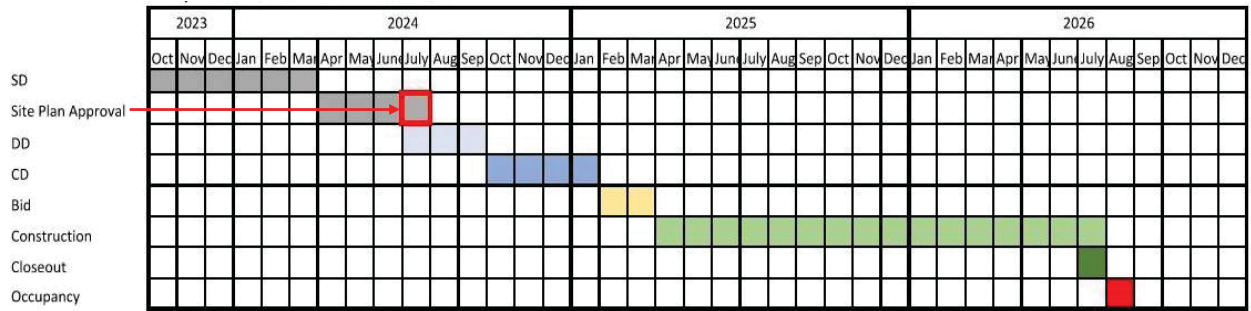
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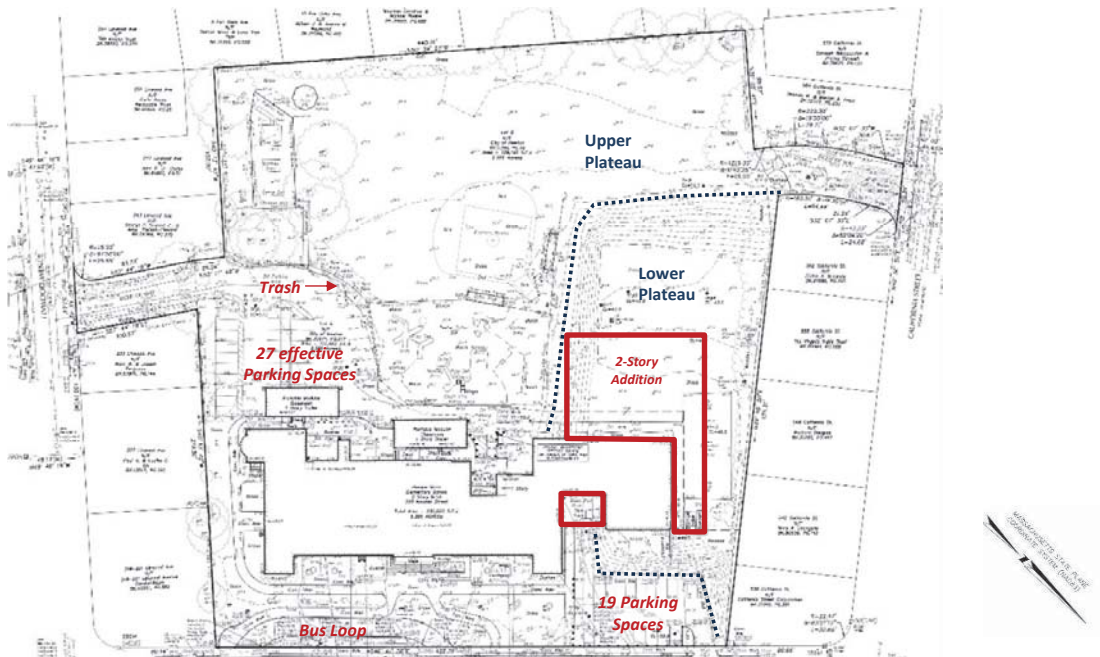
Agenda

- Schedule
- Site Improvements
 - Fully Accessible Playground
 - Access, Parking and Traffic
 - Tree Removal and Planting
 - Stormwater
- Programming & Design
 - Space Program
 - Massing

Horace Mann Elementary School Schedule



Existing Conditions

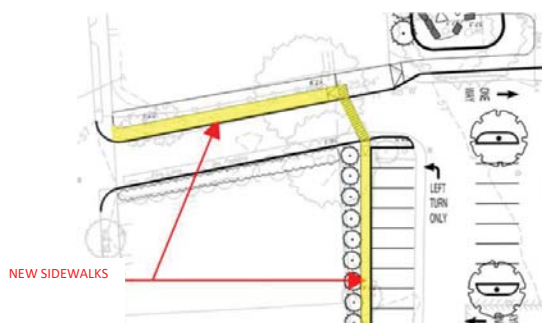


Site Improvements

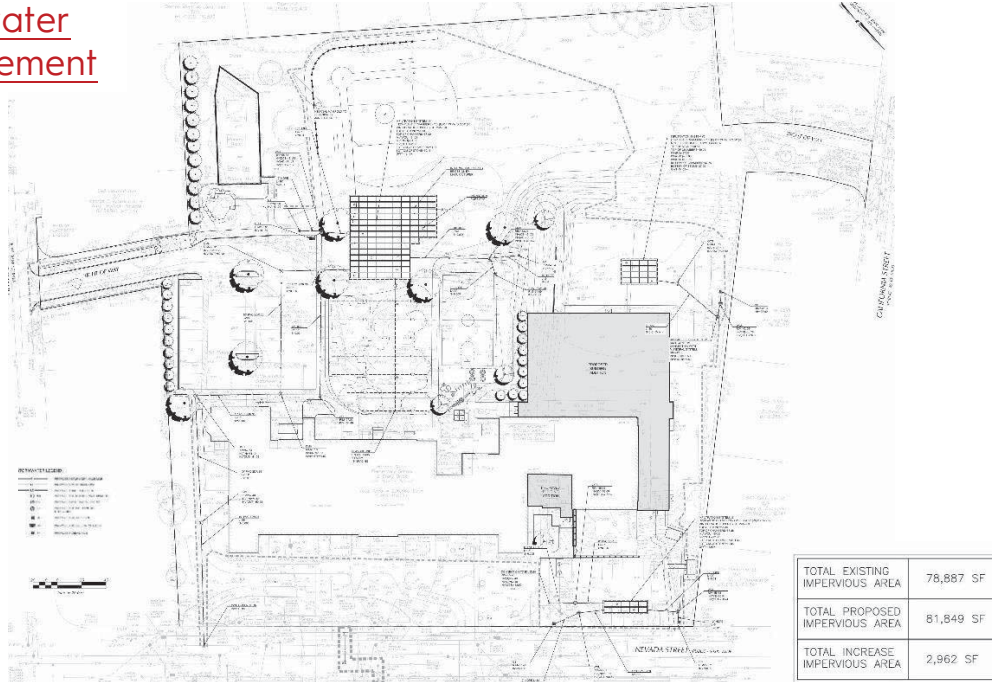


- Emergency Access
- On-Site Parking (no net loss)
- Exterior Lighting
- New PIP Playground
- Hardsurface Play
- Relocated BB Field
- Retained Sledding Hill
- Accessibility
- Trees & Vegetation

Linwood Ave Access Drive

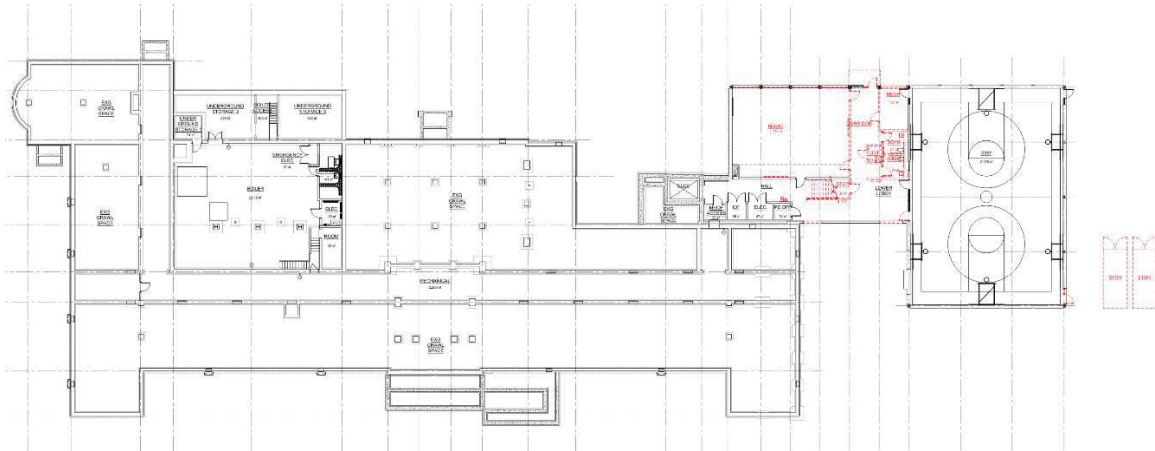


Stormwater Management



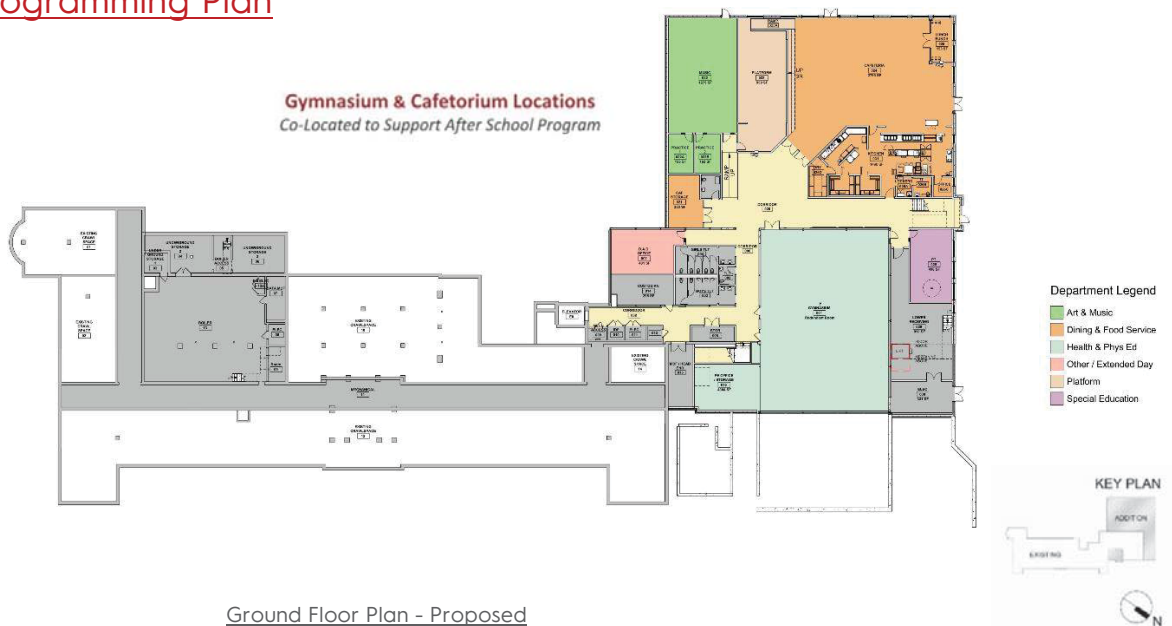
Programming & Design

Existing Conditions / Demolition



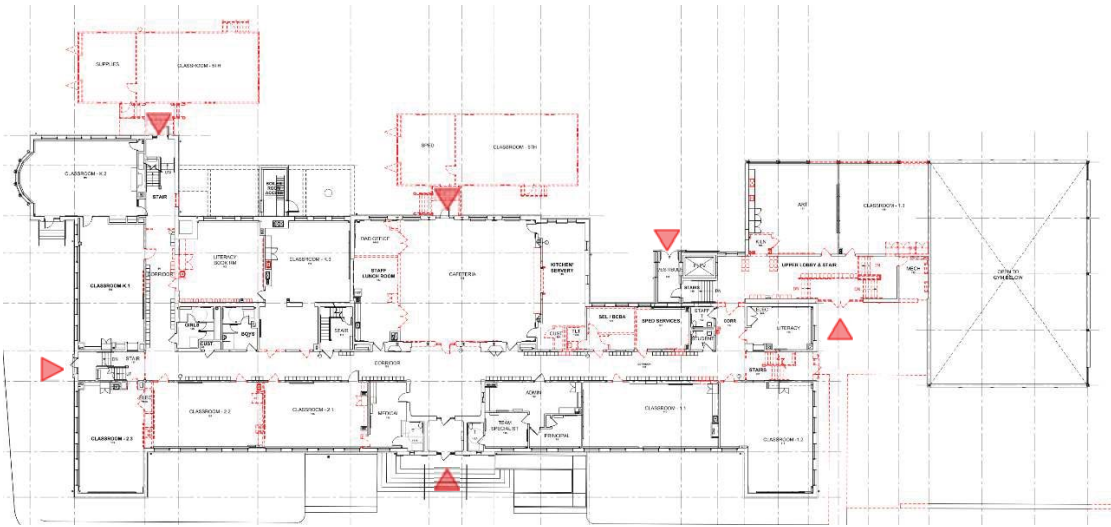
Ground Floor Plan

Ground Floor Programming Plan



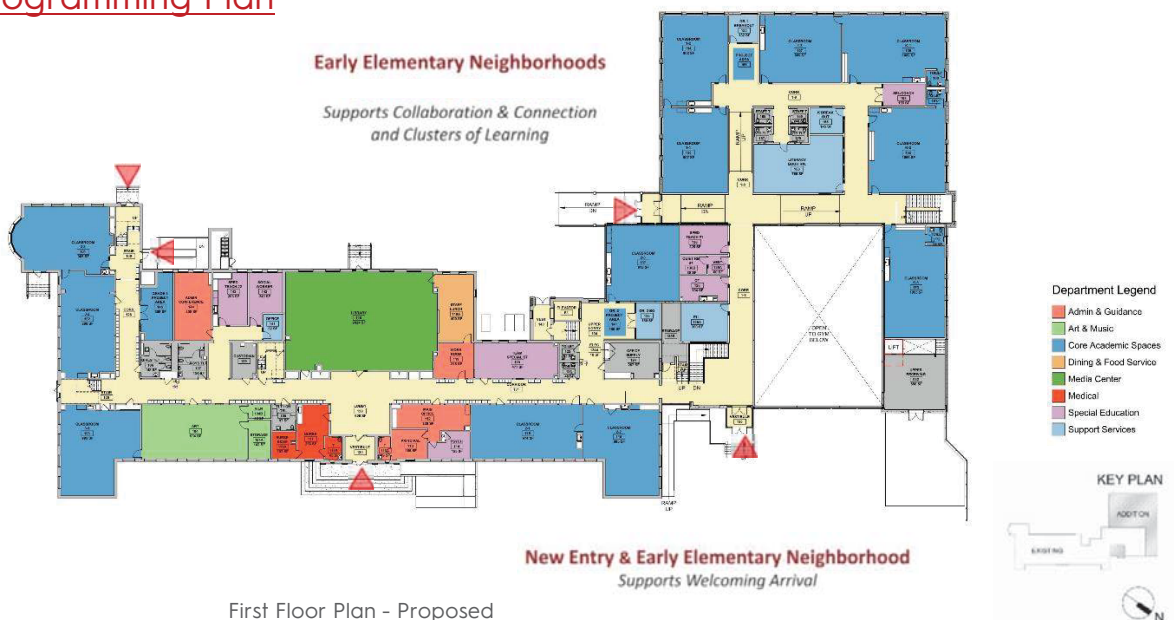
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Existing Conditions / Demolition



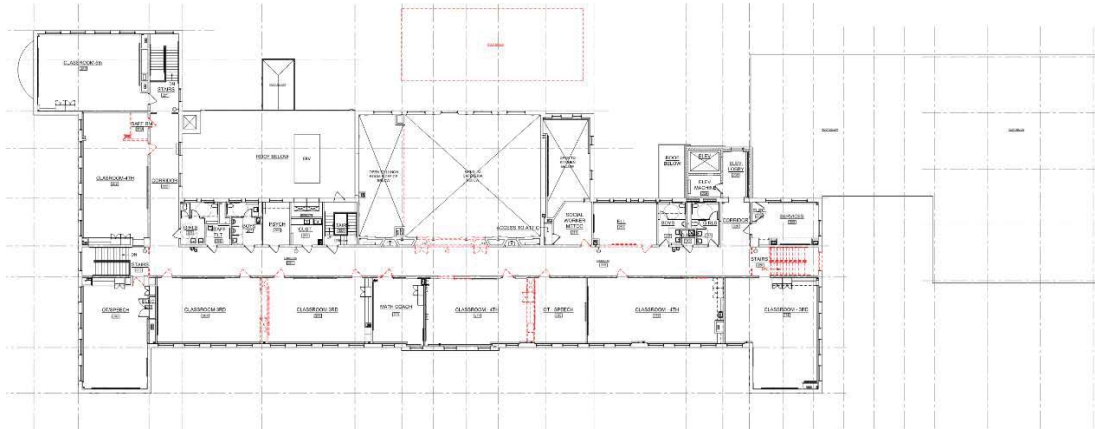
First Floor Plan

First Floor Programming Plan



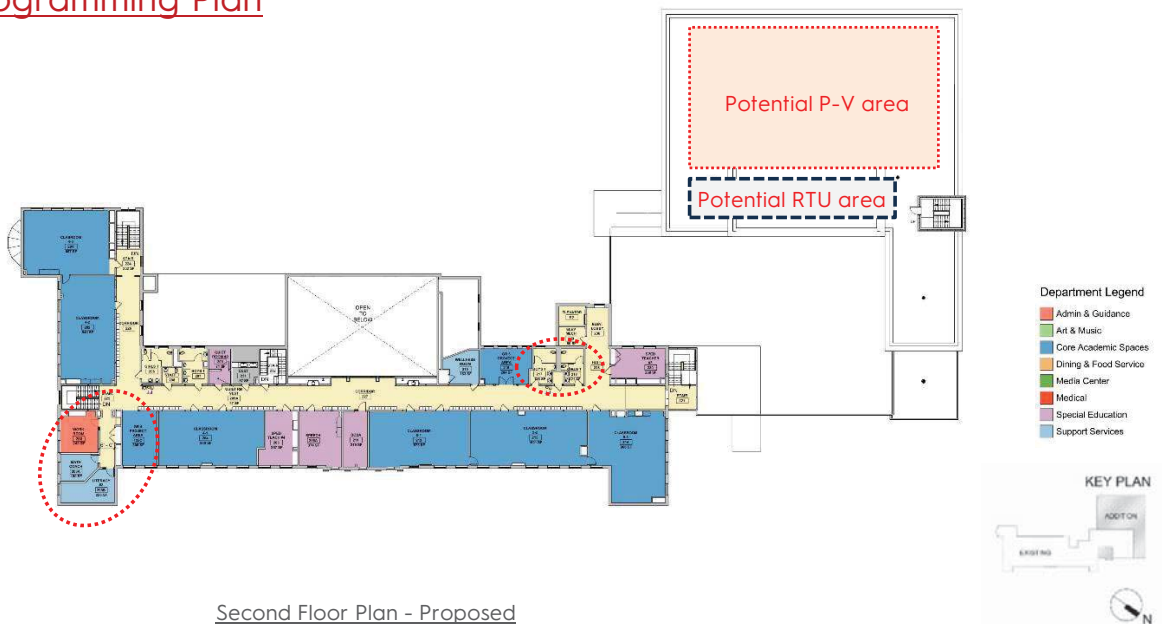
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Existing Conditions / Demolition



Second Floor Plan

Second Floor Programming Plan



Second Floor Plan - Proposed

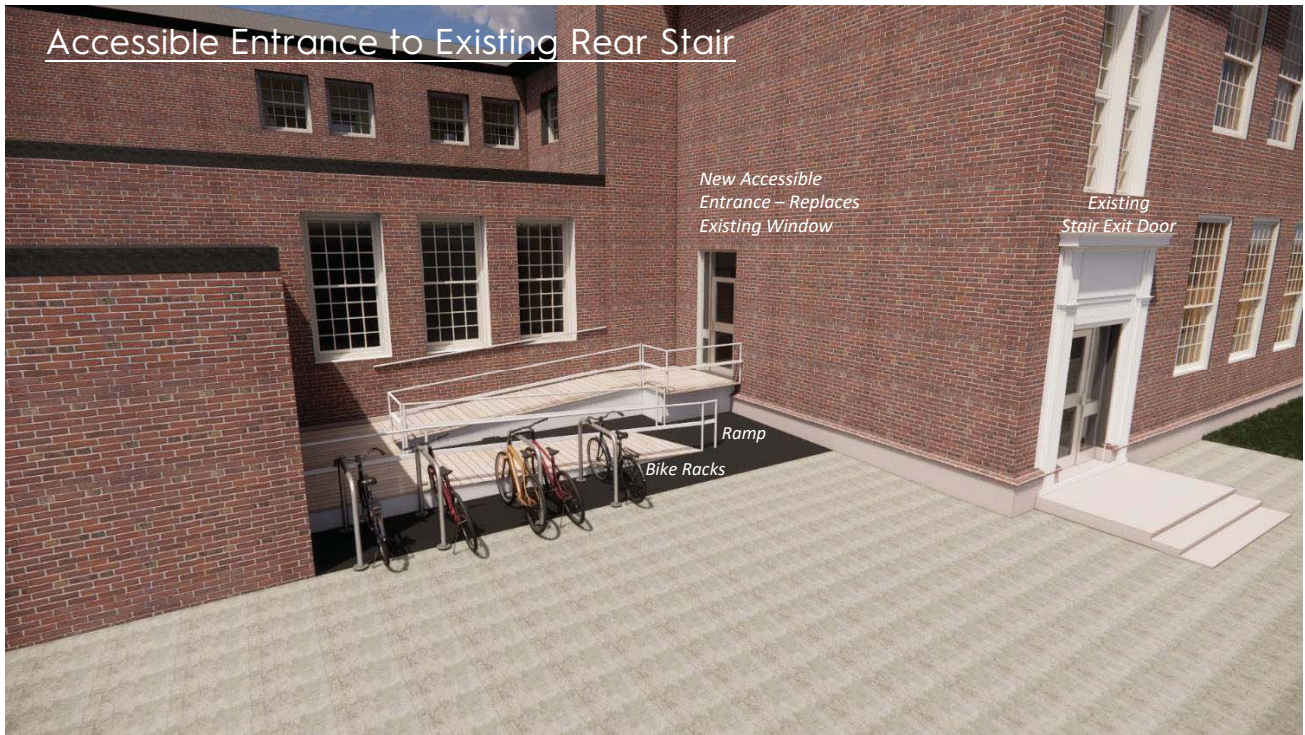
Front Accessible Entrance to Stair Addition



Front Accessible Entrance to Stair Addition



Accessible Entrance to Existing Rear Stair



Rear Entrance to Addition



Rear Entry Ramp



Cafeteria







Proposed



Questions & Comments



CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

[DATE]

ORDER FOR MAIN DRAIN EXTENSION

YORK ROAD

ORDERED:

WHEREAS, a petition for extension of a main drain has been presented to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, said Council has appointed a time for a public hearing and has caused a notice thereof and of its intention in the matter to be given, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing has been held before the Public Facilities Committee of the City Council, and it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Newton that it is necessary for the public convenience and the public health that such main drain be extended; it is hereby

ORDERED: that a main drain shall be laid, made, repaired and maintained in the following location:

YORK ROAD, the main drain will extend from a new drain manhole in front of 15 York Road, shown on the City GIS MAP as Property ID 55044 0007, and extend 152' ± northeasterly up to Edgefield Road, a private way. The drain from 11 Edgefield Road to the main drain extended herein shall be deemed a private drain.

This Order is granted upon the following conditions: The petitioners, Edgefield LLC and Alexander Kogan, or their respective successor(s), shall pay the full costs of installation of the main drain and the restoration of all affected portions of York Road. The petitioners, or their successor(s), shall complete all such work by their contractor, under the terms of a main drain construction license issued by the Public Works Commissioner, or by use of City forces, at the option of the Public Works Commissioner; and all such work shall comply with the standards and specifications of the City Engineer, and be completed under his inspection and to his satisfaction; and all such work shall comply with the terms of a memorandum from John Daghljan, Associate City Engineer, dated May 22, 2024, including but not limited to the "Conditions & Special Provisions" contained therein, on file in the records of the City Council. The main drain shall be constructed so as to provide connection stubs that will allow the properties abutting portions of the way in which the main drain is extended to connect to the main drain. York Road shall be restored to a condition at least as good as the condition prior to such work and in accordance with the repair method specified by the City Engineer. There shall be no expense to the City of Newton and there shall be no betterment assessments to the abutters.

Sustainable Materials Management Division Update



Public Facilities Committee Meeting
July 10, 2024

Waneta Trabert
Sustainable Materials Management Director
City of Newton DPW



Sustainable Materials Management Division

- Curbside collection services
 - Trash and recycling – administer WM contract
 - Residential & fee-based non-profit service
 - Yard waste – DPW staff
- Dumpster collection services
 - Municipal buildings
 - Some residential properties
- Resource Recovery Center
- Street sweeping



SMM Division Staffing

- Management & Administrative (4.5 FTE)
 - Director, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent
 - Waste Diversion Coordinator, PT Administrative Assistant
- Street sweeping crew (7 FTE)
 - Foreman + 6 sweeper drivers
- Yard waste team (6 FTE)
 - Foreman + 5 drivers
- Resource Recovery Center (4 FTE)
 - Attendant and two equipment operators
 - Handyman



Residential Curbside Collection Services

- Weekly trash – 64 gal blue cart
 - Overflow bags or additional cart available for a fee
- Weekly single stream recycling – 64 gal green cart
- Yard waste – 38 weeks per year
- Bulky waste pickup \$20/item
- Appliance/E-waste/ scrap metal item \$25/item
- Mattress & box spring recycling \$60/item
- Organics subscription preferred vendor program



Resource Recovery Center Drop-off Collection Services

Staffed recycling
drop-off center open
5-6 days/week

Collect 25+ material
streams

18 household
hazardous waste
events annually

2 annual document
shredding & drug
take-back events

Swap Shop & Book
Shed reuse programs

Recently added
collections:

- Year-round yard waste drop-off
- Mattress recycling (\$35/item)



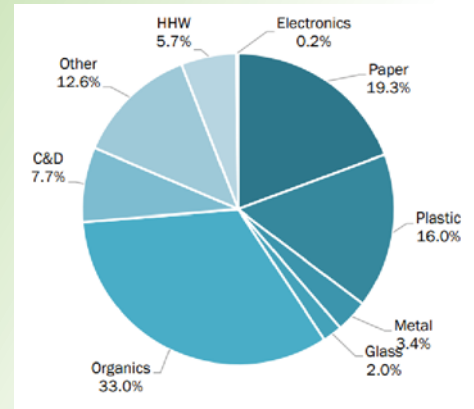
Where is “away”?

- Solid waste goes to Wheelabrator Millbury
 - 16,700 tons in FY24
- Single stream recycling is processed at WM Avon Materials Recovery Facility
 - 8,030 tons in FY24
- Yard waste is staged at the RRC, then hauled to commercial composting sites
- All other material streams have independent vendors



Waste Disposal Composition

- 2022 MassDEP Waste Characterization Study of all waste-to-energy facilities
- Wheelabrator Millbury is Newton's contracted disposal facility
- Organics: 33%



Dwindling Disposal Capacity in MA

MassDEP Solid Waste Master Plans 2020 & 2030

- 2010-2020: Goal to reduce trash disposal by 30% → actual = 16%
- 2020-2030: Goal to reduce trash disposal by 30% by 2030; 90% by 2050

MassDEP 2019 Waste Capacity Study conclusions

- Limited and decreasing solid waste disposal capacity
- Municipal solid waste combustion capacity is being fully utilized on an annual basis and, as these facilities age, they may experience increased down time and maintenance needs



Disposal Capacity Shortfall Impacts for Newton

- Newton's 20-year disposal contract ends June 30, 2028
- Longest contract terms now are 5 years
- Disposal costs in other municipalities have increased by 40%+ following long term contracts ending



Recycling Markets Update

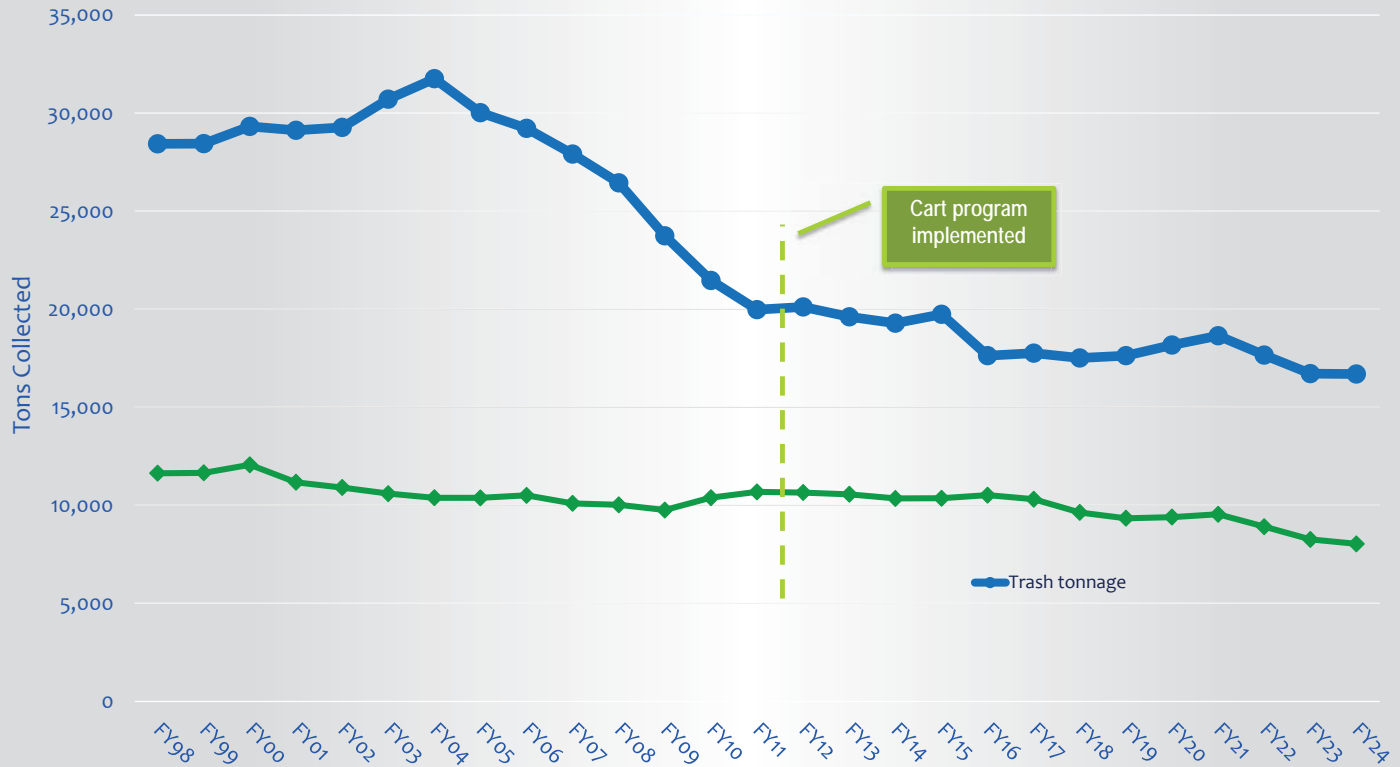
- Mainstream stories that recycling is broken are grossly exaggerated
- Recycling system is flawed, but functioning
 - Not going to get us to zero waste, but much better than disposal
- Commodity values fluctuate... municipal budgets don't
- 2018 supply/demand shift caused by China import ban
- Recycling markets went up during the pandemic, domestic demand is up
- Newton recycling values:
 - FY23 cost of \$600,350
 - FY24 cost of \$521,670

Newton trash value:

- FY23 cost of \$1,262,000
- FY24 cost of \$1,300,000



Curbside Collection FY98 through FY24 (in tons)



Organics Collection - Curbside

Curbside Subscription Preferred Vendor

- Current cost: \$60 per 6 months of weekly collection + one-time cost of \$38 for starter kit
 - 5,000 subscriber threshold pricing will drop to \$50 per 6 months
- As of today, we have 3,085 participants (10% of total hh)
- Program diverted 2723 tons of food waste in Newton (cumulative since 2019)
- 2022 Economic Development Law funding through CY2026 pays for starter kits up to \$70,000 (1,840 starter kits) – funding took effect February 2024



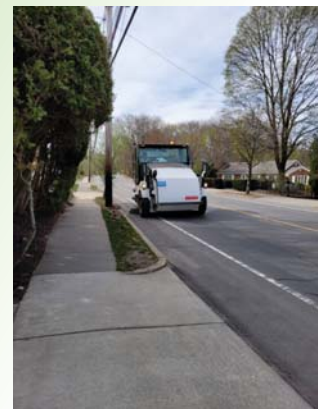
Organics Collection – Drop-off

- Resource Recovery Center option since 2019
- 2024 Drop-off Expansion
 - 3 locations - Albemarle Rd., City Hall, Wheeler Rd.
 - Bigbelly secure drop boxes
 - 24-hour access
 - 420 registered users
 - New scale technology



Street Sweeping Update

- Fair weather, year-round sweeping program
 - Most squares swept daily, bike lanes swept 2x/week
- Equipment & technology advances
 - Sensors on brooms to track road miles swept
 - Vacuum sweeper deployed weekly to watershed areas
- MS4 permit requirements informing operations
- Street sweeping parking ban area in Nonantum
 - 7 streets ban parking for 4 hrs each month for street sweeping
 - Piloted for 6mos last year, made permanent in Feb 2023



MassDEP Grant Funds

- Recycling Dividend Program:
 - \$68,000 awarded in 2022
 - \$68,000 awarded in 2023
 - \$52,000 anticipated for 2024
- Eligible expenses:
 - Education & outreach, project-based temporary staffing
 - Improving school recycling & adding food waste diversion
- Grant criteria changed in 2023, which reduced the award
 - DEP incentivizing further waste reduction by shrinking cart size or moving to trash as a utility model



Curbside Service Waste Reduction Efforts

- 2008-2009 pilot program introducing automated cart system for trash and single stream recycling
- October 2009 city-wide implementation of automated cart system
 - Introduced a trash limit of 64 gal with overflow bags available for purchase
- February 2020 collection fee implemented for bulky waste and whitegoods



Education & Outreach Efforts

- Recycle Right Newton app and website tools
- 311 system is used extensively for cart repairs, bulky items, and missed pickup requests
 - Great new platform allows for residents to respond to requests
 - Feedback received is helping us improve our operations
- Water bill insert this summer
- Curbside Recycling Education Project
 - 4th year, anticipate completion of all carts



Long Term Planning

\$100,000 allocated for development of long-term sustainable materials management planning and analysis

Goal: gain a holistic view of waste diversion potential across multiple sectors

- Determine amount and type of waste generated by each sector
- Resource Recovery Center evaluation
- Commercial sector recommendations
- Stakeholder engagement process
- Contract evaluation

Contract execution in process, work anticipated to begin in September

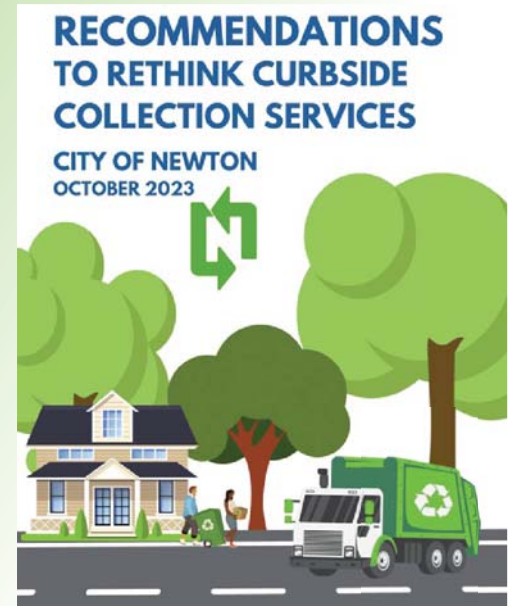
MassDEP Technical Assistance Grant

DPW pursued a technical assistance grant to develop recommendations for curbside trash and recycling

- Goals: to reduce trash, maximize environmental protection, and reduce costs/minimize cost increases

Why? We expect significant service cost increases

- Hauling contract expires June 2025
- Long-term trash disposal contract expires in June 2028



2024 Trash/Recycling RFP

- Collaborative RFP with Brookline issued in February
- Proposals received end of April
- Analysis and discussion with Brookline ongoing, interviewing vendors
- Services included:
 - Curbside trash collection
 - Curbside recycling collection
 - Trash disposal
 - Recycling processing
 - Bulky item pickup
 - Whitegoods collection
 - Yard waste collection
 - Organics collection
 - Dumpster service
 - Mattress recycling



Bigger Picture

- Newton is a statewide leader on advancing product stewardship laws
 - Mayor Fuller recognized as 2022 Public Servant of the Year by MassRecycle for testifying in support of EPR bills and the expansion of the bottle bill
 - Ms. Trabert chairs the MA Product Stewardship Council
- Model resolution language includes wording from Newton's resolution
- Goal: to get EPR for paint passed this session!



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