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Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council



Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:00 PM

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *The Chair will entertain public comment regarding the following three items. Please click the raise hand button on the bottom of your screen if you would like to speak. There is a 5 second delay in asking you to unmute your microphone. After you're done speaking, the clerk will mute your microphone.*

#28-24

Discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 21, Art III Trees

COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, DANBERG, GREENBERG, GROSSMAN, KALIS, LEARY, MALAKIE, WRIGHT, LOBOVITS, and FARRELL requesting revisions and amendments to Chapter 21, Art III Trees (Sec. 21-60 through 21-89) to further clarify recent revisions to our tree protection ordinances and requesting updates from the Tree Warden on the progress of implementation of the recent revisions.

Programs & Services Held 4-3 (Councilors Malakie, Lobovits, and Baker Opposed) on 04/10/24

#51-24

Proposed Amendment to Sec. 21-85 Tree Replacement concerning invasive species

COUNCILORS KELLEY AND LEARY requesting discussion and proposed amendments to allow removal of invasive species without requiring replacement or fee, fine or penalty and to prohibit the planting of an invasive species as a replacement tree.

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#52-24 Proposed Amendment to Sec. 21-81 and Sec. 21-85 Tree Replacement regarding single and two family residential
COUNCILORS KELLEY AND LEARY requesting discussion and proposed amendments to exempt trees from within by-right build areas on a single- and two-family residential lot.

#244-24 Requesting Discussion and Amendments to Human Rights Commission Ordinance
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and possible amendments to the Newton Human Rights Commission ordinance (Section 12-50) to clarify the commission's investigatory powers and authority.

#288-24 Requesting discussion and amendments to Chapter 14 Senior Services
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and amendments to Chapter 14 of the City Ordinances to change the name of the Department of Senior Services and to combine the Advisory Board with the Council on Aging (COA) into one body.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#294-24 CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$150,000 in CPA funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one hundred twenty-one thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty-two cents (\$121,621.62) in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the FY24 Open Space Reserve Funds and twenty-eight thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$28,378.38) from the CPA unrestricted fund balance for the creation of Spears Park Community Garden.

#304-24 Reappointment of John Synnott to the Newton Commonwealth Foundation
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John, Synnott, 22 Winona Street, Auburndale as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Foundation for a term of office set to expire on August 31, 2027. (60 Days: 10/11/2024)

#305-24 Reappointment of John Neville to the Newton Commonwealth Foundation
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John Neville, 68 High Street, Newton Upper Falls as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Foundation for a term of office set to expire on September 18, 2027. (60 Days: 10/11/2024)

#306-24 Reappointment of John Neville to the Parks and Recreation Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John Neville, 68 High Street, Newton Upper Falls as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of office set to expire on September 30, 2027. (60 Days: 10/11/2024)

#307-24 Reappointment of John Rice to the Parks and Recreation Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John Rice, 9 Selden Street, Waban as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of office set to expire on October 31, 2027. (60 Days: 10/11/2024)

#321-24 Reappointment of Patrick Costello to the Farm Commission
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Patrick Costello, 392 Wolcott Street, Auburndale, as a member of the Farm Commission for a term to expire on August 12, 2027. (60 Days: 10/11/2024)

**Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair**