



City of Newton, Massachusetts  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall, Room 205. Remote participation is available online at <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/86965039525>, and by telephone at +16469313860,,86965039525#

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1. Attendance
2. Guest Speaker: Dante Capasso, principal of Capasso Realty Corp., founded in 1967 and based in Auburndale-based. The company owns and operates office, multifamily, flex/industrial, and retail properties in Newton and Waltham.
3. Approval of June and July meeting minutes
4. Discussion of Economic Assessment and Strategy project
5. Discussion of proposed Newton Cultural District
6. City updates
7. Adjournment

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