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October 23: Public Safety & Transportation, Continued
Programs & Services and Public Facilities Monday, October 21, 2024
October 28: Finance and Zoning & Planning 7:00PM, Hybrid
To be reported on
Monday, November 4, 2024

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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The City Council will be joined by Her Honor the Mayor after first call for the presentation of the FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan.

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Referred to Land Use Committee

- #395-24 Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #264-23 at 1349 Centre Street**
MYRTHA CHANG petition for EXTENSION OF TIME to October 2, 2026 to amend the site plan associated with the special permit and to allow dimensional relief for the additional paved parking area at 1349 Centre Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 51 Block 04 Lot 03, containing approximately 10,579 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10.A of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
- #394-24 Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #366-23 at 255 Jackson Street**
MARY BETH JOHNSON petition for EXTENSION OF TIME to December 18, 2026 to construct a rear addition consisting of an attached garage with two stories of living space above, further extending the nonconforming 3.5-story structure at 255 Jackson Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 62 Block 24 Lot 24, containing approximately 14,368 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
- #393-24 Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #260-22 at 34,36,38,48,50 Crafts Street, 19-21 Court Street**
CRAFTS DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND SRG HOLDCO INVESTMENTS, LLC petition for EXTENSION OF TIME to November 6, 2025 to EXERCISE Special Permit Council Order #260-22 to allow an Elder Housing with Services facility, to allow a development in excess of 20,000 sq. ft., to allow a seven-story building, to allow a building 84 feet in height, to allow parking within the side setback, to reduce the required parking stall width, to reduce the required parking stall depth, to reduce the required parking stall depth for accessible stalls, to allow a reduced drive aisle width for two-way traffic and to waive the lighting requirements at 34, 36, 38, 48, 50 Crafts Street, 19 Court Street and 21 Court Street, Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 23 Block 16 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, containing approximately 115,818 sq. ft. of land in districts zoned MAN and MR1 (to be rezoned to BU4). Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 6.2.10, 4.1.2.B.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.B.4, 5.1.8.C, 5.1.10 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

- #391-24 Appointment of Deborah Crossley as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Deborah Crossley, 26 Circuit Avenue, Newton as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on November 18, 2025. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

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- #385-24 Requesting amendment to Section 9.1 of Chapter 30, Zoning**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a minor technical amendment to the opt-in requirements for Village Center Overlay Districts in Section 9.1 of Chapter 30, Zoning.

- #383-24 Appointment of Charles Eisenberg as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Charles Eisenberg, 4 Ashford Road, Newton as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on November 18, 2025. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #373-24 Requesting a discussion with Parks, Recreation and Culture about restroom facilities at city fields**
COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, LUCAS, FARRELL, LOBOVITS, DOWNS, HUMPHREY, LAREDO, AND BIXBY requesting a discussion with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department about the restroom facilities, or lack thereof, at our city parks. The discussion should include information about what restroom facilities are currently available, and which fields lack any restroom options. The discussion should also include an estimate for what resources would be necessary to upgrade those options at fields across the city.

- #387-24 Reappointment of Michelle Freshman to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Michelle Freshman, 39 Gray Cliff Road, Newton as a member of the Health and Human Services Advisory Council for a term of office to expire on January 1, 2027. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

- #388-24 Reappointment of Sam Figler to Newton Commonwealth Foundation**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Sam Figler, 63 Sumner Street, Newton as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Foundation for a term of office to expire on October 30, 2027. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #376-24 Requesting a presentation and discussion with MBTA Advisory Board**
COUNCILORS DOWNS AND GROSSMAN requesting a presentation and discussion with the MBTA Advisory Board about the consequences for Newton and the region of underfunding of the MBTA, and possible council action.
- #379-24 Requesting a presentation and discussion with MAPC on residential parking programs and research**
COUNCILORS DOWNS, GROSSMAN, BIXBY, WRIGHT, KRINTZMAN, MICLEY AND DANGERG requesting a presentation and discussion with MAPC as part of Public Safety & Transportation Committee examination of residential parking management, learn about programs and research from around the country from regional planners.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #392-24 Appointment of Alexander Lee to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Alexander Lee, 11 Chapel Street, Newton as a member of the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term to expire on November 4, 2027. (60 days: December 20, 2024)
- #386-24 Reappointment of Alan Gordon to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Alan Gordon, 27A Floral Street, Newton Highlands as a member of the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term to expire on October 18, 2027. (60 days: December 20, 2024)

Public Hearing 10-23-2024**#396-24 Request for a grant of location in Centre Street**

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Centre Street as follows:

- Approximately 1135 ft of 12 in. plastic main in Centre St. from the existing 12 in. coated steel in Centre Ave. to the existing 10 in. Cast Iron at #543 Centre St. to replace approximately 65 ft. of 10- in. Cast Iron (1899), approximately 85 feet of 12 in., Bare Steel (1964), approximately 935 feet of 10 in. Cast Iron (1899), approximately 15 ft. of 10 in. Bare Steel (1899), approximately 20 ft. of 12 in. Coated Steel and approximately 15 ft. of 10 in. Coated Steel
- Approximately 1125 ft. of 12 in. plastic main in Vernon St. from Centre St. to Park St. to replace approximately 50 feet of 4- inch, Cast Iron (1898), approximately 775 feet of 6- inch, Cast Iron (1930) and approximately 300 feet of 6- inch, Bare Steel (1933)
- Approximately 100 ft. of 6 in. plastic main in the intersection of Eldredge St. and Vernon St. to replace approximately 85 feet of 6- inch, Cast Iron (1930) and approximately 15 feet of 6 -inch, Bare Steel (1933)
 - Approximately 40 ft. of 6 inch plastic main in the intersection of Baldwin St. and Vernon St. to replace approximately 40 feet of 6 -inch, Cast Iron (1930)
- Approximately 320 ft. of 8 in. plastic main in Mt Ida St. from Centre St. to the existing 6 in. plastic main in Newtonville Ave. to replace approximately 320 feet of 6- inch, Bare Steel (1938)
- Approximately 720 in. plastic main in Hollis St. from the existing 10 in., Cast Iron (1899) at #515 Center St. to the existing 10 in. Cast Iron (1899) at #543 Centre St. to replace approximately 405 feet of 3- inch, Wrought Iron (1933) and approximately 315 feet of 3- inch, Cast Iron (1903)
- Approximately 610 ft. of 8 in. plastic in Church St. from Centre St. to the existing 8 in. plastic (2015) at #120 Church St. to replace approximately 595 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1910) and approximately 15 ft. of 6 in. plastic (1999)
- Abandonment of approximately 40 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1953) in Wesley St. (South) and approximately 30 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1948) in Wesley St. (North)

Public Hearing 10-23-2024**#397-24 Request for a grant of location in Walnut Street**

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Walnut Street as follows:

- Approximately 220 ft. of 12 in. plastic in Walnut St. from #1136 Walnut St. to #1170 Walnut St. to replace approximately 220 ft. of 12 in. Cast Iron (1904)
- Approximately 695 ft. of 12 in. plastic in Walnut St. from #1162 Walnut St. (south of bridge) to #1208 Walnut St. to replace approximately 695 ft. of 10 in. Cast Iron (1898)
 - Approximately 310 ft. of 8 in. plastic in Lincoln St. from Walnut St. to the existing 8 in. plastic at #34 Lincoln St. to replace approximately 310 ft. of 10 in. Cast Iron (1906)
- Approximately 1535 feet of 8 in. plastic in Floral St. from Hyde St. to #123 Floral St. to replace approximately 30 ft. of 4 in. plastic (2008/2006), approximately 10 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1954), approximately 1360 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1898) and approximately 10 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1954)
- Approximately 210 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Floral Pl. from Floral St. to end of main at #13 Floral Pl. to replace approximately 195 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1911) and approximately 15 ft. of 4 in. plastic
 - Approximately 370 ft. of 6 in. plastic in Hyde St. from the existing 4 in. plastic at #120 Hyde St. to Centre St. to replace approximately 40 ft. of 4 in. plastic (1992), approximately 275 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1909) and approximately 55 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1956)

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#398-24 Request for a grant of location in Washington Street

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Washington Street as follows:

- Approximately 3210 ft. of 8 in. plastic in Washington St. from the existing 24 in. Cast Iron in Commonwealth Ave. to the railroad crossing at #1940 Washington St. to replace approximately 3105 ft. of 10 in. LP Cast Iron (1899) and approximately 15 ft. of 10 in. Coated Steel (1976)
- Approximately 250 ft. of 2 in. plastic in Bonmar Cir. from the new 8 in. plastic in Washington St. to the end of main at #15 Bonmar Cir. to replace approximately 250 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1926)
- Approximately 230 ft. of 2 in. plastic in Angier Cir. from the new 8 in. plastic in Washington St. to end of main at #19 Angier Cir. to replace approximately 230 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1927)
- Abandonment of approximately 25 ft. of 10 in. Cast Iron in the intersection of Washington St. and Woodland Rd. (cut and cap the existing 6 in. Cast in Woodland Rd.)

- Approximately 30 ft. of 6 in. plastic stub in the intersection of Washington St. and Hope St. (cut and cap the existing 6 in. Cast Iron in Hope St.) to replace approximately 30 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1928)
- Approximately 320 ft. of 2 in. plastic in Seton Hill Rd. from the new 8 in. plastic in Washington St. to end of main at #20 Seton Hill Rd. to replace approximately 25 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1899), approximately 20 ft. of 4 in. plastic (2000) and approximately 275 ft. of 4 in. Coat Steel (1951)
 - Approximately 30 ft. of 6 in. plastic stub in the intersection of Washington St. and Leslie Rd. (cut and cap the existing 6 in. Cast Iron in Leslie Rd.) to replace approximately 30 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1927)
 - Approximately 20 ft. of 6 in. plastic stub in the intersection of Washington St. and Day St. (cut and cap the existing 4 in. Bare Steel in Day St.) to replace approximately 20 ft. of 4 in. Bare Steel (1940)
 - Approximately 745 ft. of 6 in. plastic in Aspen Ave. from the new 8 in. plastic Washington St. to the existing 6 in. at #115 Aspen Ave. to replace approximately 745 of 6 in. Cast Iron (1914)
 - Installation of 85 ft. of 6 in. 22 plastic in Aspen Ave. between the gap at #112 and #115 Aspen Ave.
 - Approximately 55 ft. of 2 in. plastic in the intersection of Forest Ave. and Aspen Ave. to replace 55 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1914)
 - Abandonment of approximately 95 ft. of 4 in. plastic (1998) in private property between Stanton Ave. to Day St. and approximately 330 ft. of 2 in. plastic in Stanton Ave. from the new 8 in. plastic in Washington St. to end of main at #25 Stanton Ave. to replace 330 ft. of 4 in. plastic (1998)

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#399-24 Request for a grant of location in Canterbury Road

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Canterbury Road as follows:

- Approximately 660 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Boylston St. from the existing 2 in. plastic at #1121 Boylston St. to the existing 3 in. plastic at #1173 Boylston St. to replace approximately 660 ft. of 2 in. plastic (1979)
- Approximately 280 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Bacon Pl. from Boylston St. to Waldorf Rd. to replace 280 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1907/1910)
- Approximately 750 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Waldorf Rd. from Canterbury Rd. to Bacon Pl. to replace approximately 90 ft. of 4 in. plastic (2008) and approximately 660 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1907/1911/1915)
- Approximately 955 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Canterbury Rd. from Meredith Ave. to #73 Canterbury Rd. to replace approximately 620 ft. of 4 in. Cast Iron (1914) and 335 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1926)

- Approximately 230 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Ridgeway Ter. from Canterbury Rd. to end of main at #18 Ridgeway Ter. to replace 230 ft. of 6 in. Cast Iron (1926)
- Approximately 270 ft. of 4 in. plastic in Meredith Ave. from #4 Meredith Ave. to #22 Meredith Ave. (dead end main at #22 Meredith Ave.) to replace approximately 270 ft. of 8 in. Cast Iron (1904) and abandon approximately 75 ft. of 6 in. LP plastic (1974) and approximately 125 ft. of 8 in. Cast Iron (1904) between #22 Meredith Ave. and the intersection of Harrison St. and Lincoln St.

#400-24 Appointment to the Financial Audit Advisory Committee

PRESIDENT LAREDO appointing JP Nahmias, 15 Burrage Rd, Newton, as a member of the FINANCIAL AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term to expire on November 4, 2027. (60 days: December 20, 2024)

#401-24 Appointment to the Financial Audit Advisory Committee

PRESIDENT LAREDO appointing Patrick Moriarty, 9 Hill Side Rd, Newton, as a member of the FINANCIAL AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term to expire on November 4, 2027. (60 days: December 20, 2024)

Referred to Finance Committee

#382-24 Reappointment of Antonio Bianchi as a Constable

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Antonio Bianchi, 15 Colonial Avenue, Newton as a Constable for the City of Newton for a term to expire on November 1, 2027. (60 days: December 20, 2024)

#384-24 Requesting to accept and expend a \$53,015.90 grant from Massachusetts' Executive Office of Public Safety & Security

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend fifty-three thousand fifteen dollars and ninety cents (\$53,015.90) from a FY2025 grant for Municipal Road Safety from Massachusetts' Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for the purpose of funding traffic safety enforcement overtime, safety equipment, pedestrian and bike enforcement overtime, safety activities, professional development on safety, and bike/ped safety items, including bike lights, reflectors and flags.

#390-24 Transfer and expend \$29,056.47 for rectangular rapid flashing beacon pedestrian signal
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend twenty nine thousand fifty six dollars and forty seven cents (\$29,056.47) from Trio mitigation funds for the purchase and installation of a new rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) pedestrian signal for the crosswalk across Lowell Avenue at Page Road.

#402-24 CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$17,500 in CPA funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) in Community Preservation Act funds from the FY25 CPA Unrestricted Budgeted Reserves (58R10498 579000) to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Planning Department for Phase II of the Midcentury Architectural Survey.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#403-24 CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$1,841,719.78 in CPA funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one million eight hundred forty one thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy eight cents (\$1,841,719.78) from Community Housing FY24 Reserve Account and Unrestricted Prior Year Reserves to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for their FY25 funding.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#389-24 Authorization to acquire Christina Street Bridge land
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to acquire a 11,210 square foot portion of the Price Center parking lot at 25-27 Christina Street for the price of four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$430,000) to be used for development of access to a new shared-use path bridge over the Charles River.