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## Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:00 pm

City Council Chambers (Room 207)

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, November 14, 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/87089867941> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 870 8986 7941.

#### Item Scheduled for Discussion:

##### Public Hearing

**Chair's Note:** *The following three items will be a joint meeting with the Planning & Development Board.*

**#311-24 Requesting discussion and possible amendments to dormer regulations in Chapter 30 Zoning**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a discussion and possible amendments to dormer regulations for Residential Buildings in Chapter 30 Zoning Section 1.5.4.G to clarify language regarding overall dormer length calculations.

##### Public Hearing

**#317-24 Requesting discussion and possible amendments to Section 5.4.2**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a discussion and possible amendments to retaining wall regulations for Multi-Family/Commercial/Industrial/Civic Buildings in Section 5.4.2 of Chapter 30 Zoning.

##### Public Hearing

**#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.

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**#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)

**#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)

**#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 7-0 on 07/22/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 09/09/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 10/10/24**

**#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.

**Zoning & Planning Held on 02/15/24, 03/11/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 04/08/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 07/22/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 09/09/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 10/10/24**

**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 10/28/24**

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Lisle Baker, Chair