

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 3004

Present: Ald. Mansfield (Chairman), Ald. Salvucci, Vance, Albright, Samuelson, Fischman, Merrill, and Harney

City staff present: Michael Kruse (Director of Planning and Development), Ouida Young (Associate City Solicitor), Linda Finucane (Chief Committee Clerk)

Review of request for Consistency Ruling, Hebrew College, Special Permit nos. 67-98(3) and (8): Board Order 67-98(3) for the construction of the Hebrew College campus was approved in September 1998 and amended in November 2000 by Board Order #67-98(8) (for an addition to the previously approved library). Mr. Kruse explained the request for consistency relative to Condition #10 of #67-98(3) and Condition #1 of #67-98(8) in which the referenced site plans require “pavement differentiations to create a sound as a speed control.” The neighbors who are bothered by the noise of the rumble strips initiated this request that would replace five existing sets of rumble strips on Herrick Road with three speed humps (one rumble strip set at the southerly driveway area on the Andover Newton Theological School campus will remain). Ald. Salvucci wanted to know how speed humps could be installed when there is a citywide moratorium. He was also concerned about Fire and Police vehicles accessing the property. Installation on Herrick Road is not prohibited because it is a private way. As to the access issue, Mr. Kruse said that Traffic Engineer Clint Schuckel had reviewed and approved the design. (These, unlike the old-style ones on Clark Street and Tyler Terrace, are of a wider, lower design and spaced appropriately.) Mr. Kruse agreed to have the Fire Department review the plan as well. Ultimately, the Committee agreed this change was consistent with the plans approved in Board Order nos. 67-98(3) and 67-98(8) and would be beneficial to the community. The Planning Department will convey the Committee’s comments to the Commissioner of Inspectional Services.

#262-04 NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD AREA COUNCIL
requesting a temporary license pursuant to Sec 30-6(k) of the City of
Newton Ordinances to hold its 29th annual Village Day on Sunday, June
13, 2003.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0 (Fischman, Merrill and Harney not voting)

NOTE: Section 30-6(k) allows the Board of Aldermen to grant a temporary license to use public use or open space/recreation district “...land, structures or buildings for purposes of farmers’ markets, fairs, festivals and other like uses, either profit or nonprofit in nature, upon request by citizens’ groups or individuals, without complying with

sections 30-23.... The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council has been sponsoring this event for twenty-eight years, with the Board of Aldermen granting permission to do so. Upon a motion by Ald. Salvucci, the committee voted 5-0 to approve the license.

Application for 2004 Class 2 Auto Dealer License

#458-03 AUTO KLASICS INC.
24 Border Street
West Newton, 02465

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0 (Fischman, Merrill and Harney not voting)

NOTE: This dealer has been licensed at this location for close to twenty years. The business is wholesale with no outside storage or display. There are no zoning complaints, and taxes are current. The surety bond now required of all Class 2 dealers has been posted with the City.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Mansfield, Chairman