

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chair) Ald. Lipof, Merrill, Parker, Coletti, Baker

Absent: Ald. Hess-Mahan, Sangiolo

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#289-06 STEPHEN P. FAUTEUX, 71 Elmhurst Road, Newton, appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH GOLF FOUNDATION for a term to expire May18, 2009 (60 days 10-13-06).

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0 (Coletti not voting)**

NOTE: Mr. Fauteaux told the Committee he has been very involved with golf and has a strong interest in the condition, atmosphere, and environment of the course and would like to contribute in any way possible.

He has been an attorney with the State Ethics Commission for 25 years. He also has been on the Community Preservation Committee. President Baker urged that the Articles of Organization for the Newton Commonwealth Golf Foundation be updated.

The Committee voted 5-0 to approve this appointment.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#290-06 DENA SALZBERG, 65 Kenilworth Street, Newton, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a 3-year term to expire February 2, 2009 (60 days 10-13-06).

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0 (Coletti not voting)**

NOTE: Ms. Salzberg is a Registered Nurse and has volunteered in the community as a leader in organizations which assist senior citizens. She was known to the Committee as she has served on the Newton Council on Aging.

The Committee voted 5-0 to approve Ms. Salzberg's appointment.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#302-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from FY07 Revenue for the purpose of supplementing the FY07 School Department budget. This sum represents 70% of the new state aid given to the City of Newton by the Massachusetts General Court in the final conference committee budget passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0 (Coletti not voting)**

NOTE: Mr. Pooler was present for discussion of this docket item. This amount represents new state aid (70%) given to Newton by the Mass. General Court. It was also noted that there was \$150,000 in increases resulting from the 06 health insurance payment that was not required to be made. (See letter attached from Dori Zaleznik)

Ald. Lipof made a motion to approve and the Committee voted 5-0 in favor.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES and FINANCE COMMITTEES

#301-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of funding park improvements and repairs at the Charlesbank and Bowen playgrounds.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Bob DeRubeis and Stephanie Pelkowsky of the Recreation Department were present for this discussion. The Recreation Department has two certified members of the staff that are certified to look at playground equipment.

Since 1986, \$25,000 of marathon money was taken each year and broken up; \$12,500 for two different sites throughout the City. There is about \$31,000 in CDBG funds earmarked for Charlesbank Playground. The \$25,000 would be for Charlesbank and Bowen Elementary School.

The Committee voted to approve 6-0.

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. AND PROG. & SERV. COMMITTEES

#346-05 ALD. JOHNSON AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion with the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs and Health Commissioner regarding the City of Newton's city-wide emergency preparedness.

ACTION: **NAN 6-0**

NOTE: Ald. Johnson moved that the Committee vote no action necessary on this item. .
The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of NAN.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair