

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004

7:45 PM

Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#307-04(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing the following individuals to the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION (Board action date November 6, 2004).

F. Stephen J. Small  
833 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, Ma 02459  
(Term to expire 12/31/06)

H.. Alan F. Green  
403F Dedham Street  
Newton, Ma 02459  
(Term to expire 04-01-07)

#400-04 PRESIDENT BAKER re-appointing Beth Tishler, 129 Valentine Street to the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term of office expiring on 06-30-06. (60-day Board action date 12-03-04)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#401-04 HELEN MELTZER, 11 Westminster Road reappointed to the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH; term expiring on 02-02-07. (60-day Board action date 12-03-04)

#137-03(3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting revisions to the "Smoke-Free Newton" ordinance to prohibit smoking in private clubs".

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACIL & PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#83-03 ALD. GENTILE, BRYSON, COLETTI AND LIPSITT requesting that the Health Commissioner conduct/oversee a testing program to evaluate the air quality at Newton North High School and, if necessary, make recommendations to ensure the safety of all students and staff in the building.

ITEM RECOMMITED TO PROG.& SERVICES BY FULL BOARD ON 4/6/04

#336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#407-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$9,100, received as grant funds from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation AND appropriation of the sum of \$10,000 from Budget Reserve, to be used along with the grant funds, for funding the purchase and implementation of a system to inventory and track the City's trees (in the Forestry Division of the Parks and Recreation Department).

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#214-04 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the City Charter relative to the schedule for Preliminary Municipal Elections be amended in order to make the Charter consistent with state election statutes.

#215-04 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the City Charter be amended to allow more flexibility when filling a vacancy for Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and School Committee.

#158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.

#171-04 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting home rule legislation authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens residing in Newton.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. FINANCE & PROG. AND SERV.**

#273-04 ALD. GENTILE requesting home rule legislation to reclassify the two "dedicated fire apparatus mechanic" positions from Group 1 in the State Retirement System.

**PS/T APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (Vance not voting) on 10/6/04**

#172-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending George Corey, 65 Harding Street be re-appointed to the BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire January 13, 2007. (60-day Board action date 6-5-04).

**A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

#242-03 ALD. JOHNSON, SAMUELSON AND SANGIOLO requesting a discussion to determine times and places where dogs may be off leash on public grounds excluding schoolyards.

#346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#432-02 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON, LINSKY, LIPSITT, LAPPIN, BAKER requesting ordinance change and home rule legislation to implement a policy of indexing automobile excise tax to emissions and/or fuel economy, so low-pollution vehicles have lower taxes than those that llute more.

#335-04 PRESIDENT BAKER requesting an amendment to the Board of Aldermen Rules and Orders 2004-2005 to allow the majority of reappointments to be made without discussion so as to avoid duplication of effort.

**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

#56-04 ALD. YATES requesting an amendment to the Rules of the Board to eliminate the requirement that Home Rule petitions be referred to the Programs & Services Committee.

**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

#44-03 ALD. STEWART proposing that the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to allow a public comment period before one Board of Aldermen meeting a month.

**REFERRED TO RULES SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#548-03 ALD. GENTILE, SALVUCCI AND LENNON requesting discussion and possible City acceptance of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, an Act relative to public employees serving in the armed forces. If accepted, city employees who have been granted a military leave of absence as members of the armed forces called to service after September 11, 2001 will be entitled to receive pay at regular base salary and will not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

**REFERRED TO RULES SUB-COMMITTEE**

#28-04 ALD. BAKER proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Post Audit and Oversight into other committees.

- #191-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Information Technology and Clerk of the Board Departments re increasing efforts to source reduce the amount of paper to be duplicated and to disseminate more information via the Internet.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND LAND USE**

- #267-02 ALD. BASHAM requesting creation of rules for Board of Aldermen acting as Special Permit granting authority.

**REFERRED TO PUB FAC, PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

**REFER TO PROG&SERV, PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #369-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a presentation of the findings and results of the *Newton North Feasibility Study* to the Board of Aldermen in a public forum to allow a greater number of the public to hear the presentation and offer public comment.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FAC., PROG&SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #503-03 ALD. PARKER AND STEWART requesting discussion of the possibility of including re-importation from Canada in City of Newton health plans, as pioneered by the City of Springfield, MA.

- #189-03(2) BOARD OF ALDERMEN proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Real Property Reuse into another Committee.

- #421-02 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, JOHNSON, BRYSON, LENNON & MANSFIELD requesting rules amendment to improve opportunity for public participation in deliberative process.  
**Rules Subcommittee Approved 2-1 (Johnson & Parker in favor, Lipsitt against) on 10/24/03.**

- #367-03 ALD. MANSFIELD requesting consideration of ordinance(s) to allow enforcement of Parks & Recreation Commission regulations regarding swimming and boating at Crystal Lake.

- #379-04 ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair

