

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2003

Present: Ald. Lipsitt, Coletti, Parker, Merrill, Sangiolo, Johnson, Fischman, Gentile

Also Present: Ald. Samuelson, Mansfield, Linsky, Baker, Hess-Mahan, Ald.-Elect Albright, Carol Stapleton (Recreation) Cathy Salchert (Law) Captain Sbordone (Police) Robert Rooney (Public Works Commissioner) Fran Towle (Recreation Commissioner)

PUBLIC HEARING:

#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.

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD**

#190-03 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with Human Services regarding the implementation of the Senior Volunteer program.

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD**

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

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD**

#421-02 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, JOHNSON, BRYSON, LENNON & MANSFIELD requesting rules amendment to improve opportunity for public participation in deliberative process.
RULES SUB-COMM. APPROVED 2-1 (Johnson & Parker in favor, Lipsitt against) ON 10/24/03.

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD**

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

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE APPROVED 2-0-1 (Parker) ON 10/24/03
ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD**

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

#94-03(4) ALD. PARKER requesting His Honor the Mayor submit Home Rule Legislation to create a separate rate structure for water and sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD

#174-03 ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON, PARKER, SANGIOLO, SAMUELSON & STEWART requesting that a joint Aldermanic and Citizen's Task Force be established to determine the best way to accommodate dogs off leash in our parks or other locations in the City.

ACTION: NAN 5-0 (Gentile, Merrill, Lipsitt not voting)

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

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD

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

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD

#264-02(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting adoption of an ordinance to establish the composition, terms of office, and procedures in order to implement the Aid to Elderly Taxation Fund (to which voluntary donations may be made for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly citizens in Newton per acceptance of G.L. c. 60 §3D.)

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD

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.

FINANCE REFERRED TO 2004-2005

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD

#514-03 ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion of election process, practices and hearings with new voting machines in preparation for the March Presidential Primary.

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#134-03 ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion with the School Department regarding the air quality in all of our schools.

ACTION: **NAN 5-0**

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#533-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the overtime account in the Library.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-1 (Coletti)**