

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2001

**7:45 p.m.**

Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

#40-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a report on the status of repairs and improvements to the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course.

#229-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on June 11, 2001 the following individuals to the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term of office expiring 07-30-01. (Board action date 08-17-01)

A. Jacob Jacobson  
91 Exeter Street  
Newton, MA 02465

D. Deborah Howard  
43 Fairfax Street  
Newton, MA 02465

Re-appointments by His Honor the Mayor

# 40-01 The following individuals are re-appointed to the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH GOLF FOUNDATION (60 day Board action date 4/6/01:

A. Roberta Kosberg 173 Lakeshore Road, #3, Brighton, effective 3/31/00, for a term to expire 3/31/03.

# 12-00(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on February 25, 2000 JOSEPHINE PEPPER, 859 Beacon Street, Newton Centre to the NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term of office expiring January 1, 2002 (Board action date 5/5/00).

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

#158-01 ALD. GERST seeking Home Rule Legislation for the purpose of raising qualifying income level for the Newton 41A (Senior Citizen real estate tax deferral) program.

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

**REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV COMMITTEES**

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

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES, ZAP & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- # 64-01 ALD. PARKER, M. LIPOF, YATES, TATTENBAUM, SANGIOLO, BAKER, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, SAMUELSON, MERRILL requesting discussion of possible implementation of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act in Newton.  
**ZONING & PLANNING NAN 7-0 on 6-11-01**  
**FINANCE APPROVED on 07-23-01**  
**PROG. & SERVICES HELD on 6-6-01**

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.
- #230-01 **ALD. PARKER** requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board re the release of 'Confidential' documents.
- # 94-00 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion regarding the operation of the current voting machines and their possible replacement.
- # 442-00 ALD. JOHNSON & ALD. PARKER requesting a dialogue with the Election Commission & Executive Secretary of the Commission regarding Election processes, procedures and practices.
- #113-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with Commissioner of Parks and Recreation regarding ongoing expenditures for maintenance of public land and other items contained in the Parks and Recreation Department FY2002 Operating Budget, particularly with respect to the effectiveness of work being done that has been contracted out as of this fiscal year.

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

- # 96-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of the budget deficit in the School Department.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#510-00 ALD. GERST seeking a report from the departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation on the operational status of water fountains in city parks and schoolyards.

# 73-00 PRESIDENT LIPSITT transmitting the request of Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss with the MWRA the possibility of developing the Sudbury Aqueduct for the benefit of Newton residents.  
**(Prog. & Serv. approved Resolution on Feb. 7, 2001)**

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

#96-01(3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing a RESOLUTION to the Mayor and School Administration requesting that the hiring freeze not cause the elimination of any program that was voted on as part of the FY01 budget.  
**Prog&Serv Approved 6-0-1 (Baker & Parker Abstaining) on 3/21/01; Held in Committee and referred to Finance by Full Board on 4/2/01.**

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

# 43-01 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Director of the Jackson Homestead on the placement of the Homestead on the National Park Grounds Underground Railroad itinerary and Underground Railroad Network of Freedom.

#378-00 ALD. PARKER requesting report from the Health Commissioner on the City's program of mosquito insecticide spraying to control the threat of the West Nile virus.

#211-99 ALD. GERST, LIPSITT requesting report on Student Information Management System and Newton's response options.

#181-99 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting report from the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board on progress in meeting his goals and objectives.

#212-99 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting report from the City Solicitor on progress in meeting his goals and objectives.

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

#411-99 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen authorize the filing of a Home Rule Petition to allow the Collector-Treasurer to set the fee level for municipal lien certificates and other similar discharges, releases, disclaimer, and instruments acknowledging payment to the city.

**FINANCE NAN 7-0 3/27/00**

#411-99(4) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion on the potential for requesting home rule legislation to allow local control of other departmental fees.

#428-97 ALD. PARKER requesting that the City support the nomination of the Charles River as an "American Heritage River"

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

#132-98 COMPTROLLER recommending that the Board of Aldermen conduct a review of existing state and federal grant programs and how the City and School Department integrate grant programs into ongoing service activities.

#517-98 ALD. SALVUCCI seeking Aldermanic adoption and Mayoral approval of special legislation that would authorize him to be eligible to serve as a Constable while simultaneously serving as an alderman for the City of Newton.

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

#477-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen explore the ways that the City of Newton could provide an umbrella organization that residents could join in order to obtain group health benefits (i.e. self-employed, individual insurance, etc.).

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

#476-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen consider options that could be provided to City of Newton employees to provide additional family members, blood relatives, etc. with health benefits.

#115-94 ALD. BALSER, PARKER requesting report from Mayor on commissions and boards to determine if an adequate number of women are being appointed.

- #22-98(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting development of a policy for preservation and replacement of trees on city-owned property. **PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD; REFERRED TO URBAN TREE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**
- # 40-98 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting procedures/rules such as requirements that committees take minutes, tape record meetings, and keep records of all correspondence, by which any and all commissions and/or committees/subcommittees formed by the Board of Aldermen shall implement. **(PENDING RULES SUB-COMMITTEE)**
- #512-98 ALD. PARKER proposing amendments to the Rules & Orders to improve the efficiency of Board of Aldermen. **(PENDING RULES SUB-COMMITTEE)**

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Parker, Chair