



## Public Facilities Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

7 pm  
Room 204

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #109-20 Appointment of Meryl Kessler to the Solid Waste Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing MERYL KESSLER, 147 Prince Street, West Newton, as a member of the SOLID WASTE COMMISSION for a term to expire March 15, 2023. (60 days 04/03/20)
- #110-20 Appointment of Carl Valente to the Solid Waste Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing CARL VALENTE, 84 Sumner Street, Newton, as a member of the SOLID WASTE COMMISSION for a term to expire March 15, 2023. (60 days: 04/03/20)
- #55-20 Update on the status of the Solar Phase 3 Projects**  
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY requesting an update on the status of the Solar Phase 3 Projects.
- #60-20 Update on the Climate Action Plan**  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting updates on the status of the Climate Action Plan.

**Chairs Note: *The Public Works Department will update the committee on the Accelerated Roads Program.***

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**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#114-20**

**Approve \$500,000 for snow and ice removal**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Budget Reserve – Snow and Ice Removal Account to the following accounts:

DPW Overtime, Snow & Ice Removal (0140123-513010).....	\$200,000
DPW Rental Vehicles/Subcontractors (0140123-527301).....	\$300,000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alison M. Leary, Chair**



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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January 27, 2020

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Meryl Kessler of 147 Prince Street, West Newton as a member of the Solid Waste Commission. Her term of office shall expire on March 15, 2023 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Application Form**

**Profile**

MERYL

First Name

Middle Initial

KESSLER

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email Address

147 PRINCE STREET

Home Address

Suite or Apt

WEST NEWTON

City

MA

State

02465

Postal Code

**What Ward do you live in?**

Ward 3

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

N/A

Employer

N/A

Job Title

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Solid Waste Commission: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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My interest in serving on the Solid Waste Commission grows directly out of both my professional and personal experience. As Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) from 2013 to 2019, I helped oversee LWVMA's advocacy efforts on Beacon Hill, including those related to climate change and the environment. In 2014, LWVMA was one of the lead organizations in the coalition advocating for expansion of the Bottle Bill; that experience deepened my interest in the challenges related to reducing, reusing, and recycling our waste. I have closely followed developments and debates related to solid waste management in Massachusetts (especially related to Pay As You Throw programs, curbside composting, and the deteriorating market for recyclables/Chinese National Sword policy). I would now like to apply my experience and knowledge to help my own community as it wrestles with the environmental challenges and increasing costs of solid waste disposal. On a personal level, I am a longtime, committed backyard composter and recycler. I believe that I can bring valuable skills and insights to the commission's work. By training, I am a detail-oriented lawyer with a policy background, and I have spent my career working primarily for educational and nonprofit organizations focused on community engagement and civic education. I have lived here in Newton for 25 years and, through my involvement with a variety of community organizations (as a former member of the Newton Community Pride, Peirce PTO Treasurer/Membership Chair, Newton North School Council co-chair, founding member of the NNHS Global Education Leadership Fund) have a good understanding of Newton's culture, traditions, and history. I believe I also have a good understanding of the work of the commission from attending a recent meeting and from my separate conversations with several current commission members (Robin Maltz, Karen Slote, and Marian Rambelle) as well as with Sustainable Materials Management Director Waneta Trabert. We stand at a critical juncture with regard to solid waste policies. Decisions we make today will have lasting impact not only our environment, but also our municipal finances. As the MassDEP finalizes its 2020-2030 Solid Waste Master Plan, and as Newton works on its own long-range solid waste plan, I hope to be part of the conversation guiding the city's sustainable materials management policies. Thank you for considering my application.

[MERYL\\_KESSLER\\_RESUME.2020.pdf](#)

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**MERYL A. KESSLER**

147 Prince Street  
 Newton, MA 02465

**SUMMARY**

Seasoned professional with 20+ years of non-profit, academic, and legal experience focused on civic engagement. As non-profit leader, have played key leadership roles in setting and implementing organizational strategy. Expert at developing partnerships with diverse community partners and maximizing program impact. Skilled at managing day-to-day operations while maintaining focus on strategic goals. Experienced at fundraising. Highly analytical problem solver with excellent writing, research, and interpersonal skills.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, Boston, MA** 2013-March 2019  
*Executive Director.* Led iconic civic engagement and advocacy organization with 46 chapters statewide. With focus on increasing visibility and re-tooling for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, initiated reforms to improve external communications, modernize programming, and diversify fundraising. Grew budget by more than 70% in 5 years. For 2016 and 2018 elections, created and implemented multi-pronged and grant-supported voter engagement and education initiatives. Oversaw small staff and cadre of volunteers. Managed all day-to-day operations, including finances, fundraising, administration, member support, and communications. Represented organization on Beacon Hill, in coalitions, and with media. Improved state League relations with local chapters and national organization. Initiated strategic process to transform working board of directors into governing board.
- Discovering Justice, Boston, MA** 2009-2013  
*Legal Programs Director.* As direct report to Executive Director of civic education non-profit located at federal courthouse, managed operations, curriculum, training, budgeting, evaluation, and volunteer recruitment for justice-related programs reaching 1500+ underserved middle-school students in Boston and Gateway Cities annually. Working closely with federal and state judiciary, bar associations, school districts, and non-profit partners, revitalized signature Mock Trial Program in Boston and expanded program to Gateway Cities. Additionally, managed and grew afterschool constitutional rights and courthouse field trip programs. Designed and led training of over 70 attorney volunteers annually. Created new curricula and teaching materials for all three programs. Worked closely with development team, funders, outside evaluators, and strategy consultants.
- Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA** 1997-2009
- *Ames Fellow* (2005-2009). Created original case materials for annual moot court competition, including final round judged annually by U.S. Supreme Court justices; assisted in program management.
  - *J.D. Advisor, Office of Career Services* (Fall 2002, 2003, 2004). Counseled students on career choices.
  - *Consultant, Office of the J.D. Dean* (2001-2003). Designed and implemented alumni mentoring database.
  - *Climenko Teaching Fellow* (1998-2000). Developed and taught First-Year Legal Research and Writing course.
  - *Researcher* (1997). Revised *Women and the Law* casebook with Professor Martha Minow.
- Brandeis University, Waltham, MA** 1997  
*Guberman Teaching Fellow & Adjunct Lecturer in Legal Studies.* Taught "Introduction to Law."
- Goulston & Storrs, Boston, MA** 1992-1996  
*Summer & Litigation Associate.* Practiced commercial litigation.
- Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, Boston, MA** Summer 1991  
*Summer Associate.* Practiced commercial litigation.
- World Policy Journal, New York** 1984-1986  
*Assistant/Associate Editor.* Solicited, developed, and edited articles for quarterly journal of world affairs.

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**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- Temple Shalom**, Newton, MA 2019-present  
*Finance Committee.*  
Provide oversight on budgeting, financial planning, and reporting.
- Generation Citizen**, Boston, MA 2016-present  
*Director, Massachusetts Board.*  
Serve on local board of national nonprofit working to provide all students with an effective action civic education and the knowledge and skills to participate in our democracy as active citizens.
- Princeton-Blairstown Center**, Princeton, NJ 2015-present  
*Director.*  
Serve on board of nonprofit providing adventure-based, experiential education programs, and academic support to vulnerable youth from urban locations.
- Alray Scholars Program**, Boston, MA 2015-present  
*Development Committee; Mentor.*  
Support/plan fundraising efforts to give Boston students a second chance at college through scholarships and mentoring; mentor current Alray Scholar (ongoing).
- Community Action Partners of Harvard Business School**, Cambridge, MA 2013-2014  
*Consultant.*  
Member of seven-person team providing volunteer strategic planning and consulting services to literacy nonprofit.
- Families First Parenting Programs**, Cambridge, MA 2003-2014  
*Board Chair* (2006-2008); *Vice-Chair* (2005-2006); *Director* (2003-2010).  
Led Board of \$1.2 million parenting education non-profit targeting underserved populations. Oversaw fundraising and strategic planning efforts, monitored programs, evaluated Executive Director, and managed Board activities. Served on Executive Director Search Committee (2011) and served on Ad Hoc Strategy Committee (2013-14).
- Global Education Leadership Fund**, Newton, MA 2007-2009  
*Co-founder and Member.*  
Working with school principal, teachers, and community members, helped establish scholarship program to enable low-income Newton high school students to participate in overseas educational opportunities.
- Newton Community Pride Committee**, Newton, MA 2001-2008  
*Director.*  
Organized, supported, and ran public-private cultural and civic events. Co-founded and managed annual citywide arts program involving over 400 students and 100 merchants annually.

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**EDUCATION**

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- Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA 1990-1993  
J.D., *cum laude.*
- Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA 1986-1990  
M.A. in Government, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.  
Teaching Fellow (1988-1990); Head Teaching Fellow (1990); Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (1990).  
Honors: CSIA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship; Harvard MacArthur Scholarship in International Security;  
Departmental Honors Fellowship.  
Publications: Articles in *Foreign Policy*, *Third World Quarterly*, and *World Policy Journal*.
- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ 1980-1984  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.  
Program in Russian Studies, graduated with distinction.



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January 27, 2020

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Carl Valente of 84 Summer Street, Newton as a member of the Solid Waste Commission. His term of office shall expire on March 15, 2023 and his appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
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**Application Form**

**Profile**

<u>Carl</u>	<u>Valente</u>
First Name	Last Name

[Redacted]  
 Email Address

<u>84 Sumner Street</u>	<u></u>
Home Address	Suite or Apt

<u>Newton</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>02459</u>
City	State	Postal Code

**What Ward do you live in?**

Ward 6

<u>[Redacted]</u>	<u>Home:</u>
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

<u>Retired</u>	<u>Town Manager</u>
Employer	Job Title

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Solid Waste Commission: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

Because of my work in municipal management, I have an interest in recycling and sustainable management. As a relatively new resident of Newton (8 months), I have I can look at the City's solid waste and recycling programs with a fresh set of eyes.

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## **Carl F. Valente**

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84 Sumner Street ~ Newton Center, MA 02459-1958  
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### **Professional Experience**

#### ***Town Manager, Lexington MA, 2005 to August 2018 (retirement)***

Perform local government chief executive duties for town of 32,000, including oversight of all Town operating departments, appointment and management of all Town staff and negotiations of all contracts.

- Prepare and recommend to Board of Selectmen the annual operating and capital budget.
- Conduct all collective bargaining with ten municipal unions, the Employee Health Insurance Coalition, and serve as voting member of the School Committee for the purpose of School Department collective bargaining contracts.
- Responsible for the Town's economic development efforts, including negotiating mitigation agreements related to significant commercial developments.

#### ***Town Manager, Weston MA, 2001 to 2005***

First Town Manager of town of 11,500 after Charter Change. Perform local government chief executive duties, including oversight of all Town operating departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

- Develop and propose to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee a consolidated operating and capital budget for all general government departments.
- Develop programs and strategies to advance the general policies and directions of the Board of Selectmen.
- Provide leadership in bringing together senior staff for inter-departmental, customer driven solutions.
- Represent the Town before State and local officials, business representatives and citizen groups.

#### ***Town Administrator, Needham MA, 1990 to 2001***

Chief Administrative Officer of town of 28,000. Responsible for overseeing all operating departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

- Develop all revenue and long-term financial projections.
- Develop and propose to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee the capital improvement plan.
- Develop programs and strategies to advance the general policies and directions of the Board of Selectmen.
- Conduct all collective bargaining with municipal unions.
- Serve as staff or member of numerous Town committees

#### ***Director of Finance, Needham MA, 1988 to 1990***

Chief Financial Officer responsible for planning and directing the Town's financial management operations, and for overseeing the Comptroller's Office, Treasurer/Collector's Office, Information Services and all Risk Management activities.

***Section Chief for Technical Assistance, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services Boston MA, 1984 to 1988***

Directed a technical assistance and training program that worked toward building the financial management capacity of appointed and elected officials in Massachusetts cities and towns. Organized and led a staff of six professionals to provide local officials with assistance in budgeting, cash management, capital planning, forecasting, reorganization studies and other financial management programs.

- Produced technical assistance manuals and conducted financial management workshops.
- At request of local officials, conducted studies of a community's overall financial condition, identifying strengths and weaknesses in the revenue, expenditure and debt structure.

***Director for Financial Management, International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Washington DC 1979 to 1984***

Directed technical assistance and training projects whose goals were to: 1) enhance the ability of municipal managers to understand and better manage the financial operations in their communities; and 2) enable municipal managers to examine creative alternatives for providing and funding municipal services. Authored or co-authored publications on local government financial management topics, including alternative service delivery techniques, exemplary financial management practices, and use of the Financial Trend Monitoring System (FTMS) for evaluating of municipal financial health.

***Cost and Price Analyst, Intern, US Army Computer Systems Selection and Acquisition Agency Boston MA Summer 1978***

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**Education**

Master of Public Administration, University of Hartford, 1978

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Connecticut, 1976

Credentialed Manager, International City/County Management Association, 2004-2018

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**Affiliations**

**International City/County Management Association (ICMA)**

- ICMA Emerging Leaders Development Program – Mentor

**Massachusetts Municipal Management Association (MMMA)**

- President, 2001
- Executive Committee, 1995-2001
- Chair of following committees: Program Committee (1994-1995), Scholarship Committee (1997-2001), Website Committee (2004 – 2018), Legal Assistance Fund Committee (2011-2018). Member: Future Managers Committee (2010 – 2018)

**Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)**

- President, 2001
- Board of Directors, 1995-1996 and 1999-2001
- Public Works and Transportation Policy Committee, 2005-2013



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January 29, 2020

Honorable City Council  
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$500,000 from Acct # 0110498-597400 Reserve for Snow & Ice Removal to the following accounts:

Account Name	Account #	Amount
DPW Overtime, Snow & Ice Removal	0140123-513010	\$200,000
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Additional details are attached. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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City of Newton



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

Ruthanne Fuller

Mayor

To: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller  
Maureen Lemieux, CFO  
City Council

From: Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works

Subject: Snow

Date: 1/16/20

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Hello

As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the city has responded to 12 snow and ice events totaling 22.8 inches of snowfall. The city has spent a total of \$2,819,359.56 with an average cost of \$123,656 per inch of snow. The current snow expenses are detailed below:

	Budgeted	Expenses
<b>Total Personnel</b>	\$ 683,300.00	\$ 587,838.17
<b>Total Contractors</b>	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,124,220.00
<b>Salt</b>	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 484,744.68
<b>Equipment</b>	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 622,556.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,819,359.56</b>

Sincerely,

Jim McGonagle  
Commissioner of DPW

Jim McGonagle  
Commissioner

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