

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, and Lappin
Absent: Ald. Salvucci

Also present: Ald. Ciccone, Freedman, Fuller, Linsky, Swiston, and Yates

City personnel present: Stephanie Gilman (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Arthur Cabral (Budget and Projects Specialist; Public Buildings Department), Bruce Proia (Chief of Fire), Tom Lopez (President of the Firefighters Union), Lou Taverna (City Engineer), David Turocy (Commissioner of Public Works), Robert Rooney (Chief Operating Officer), and Josh Morse (Facilities and Operations Supervisor; Public Buildings Department)

Chairman's Note: The Committee met jointly with the Public Safety and Transportation Committee to receive an update on the ongoing fire station renovation projects. The update included information on the consultant's study related to Station 3 (Willow Street), Fire Headquarters, and Station 10 (Dedham Street). Testing has been done on all sites, the Fire Department and Public Buildings Department has begun to investigate temporary station sites, they are also working to fine tune the programming at each station and headquarters. There are still some operational questions in terms of how Station 3 and Fire Headquarters interact. The City should have a better sense of how to address those questions once the preliminary conceptual designs are received in December.

It has been determined that the City will renovate Station 10 (Dedham Street) first. The renovation of that station entails less as it is a smaller project and will have less financial impact on the City's budget. Station 3 (Willow Street) is estimated to cost \$5.3 million. Temporary improvements have been done at Station 3. The kitchen was renovated, a significant amount of painting has been done and an air quality analysis was undertaken. It is expected that the construction piece of the Station 10 renovation will begin in 2013 and Station 3 will begin in 2015.

The Board of Aldermen was provided with a copy of the consultant's report on the leaking windows at Station 4 (Crafts Street). The consultant has determined that the leaking is mainly due to manufacturing defects with improper installation and masonry issues as contributing factors. During the renovation of Station 7 (Elliot Street), it was discovered that there was a problem with the window flashing that created leaking. The Public Buildings Commissioner suspects that the same type of problem can be found at Station 4. If that is the case, it should be an immediate fix.

The Public Buildings Department is working with the Law Department regarding the likelihood of receiving some type of restitution for the windows. The Committees thought that it may be difficult for the City to pursue restitution because there are underlying factors, such as faulty installation. The City will have to either repair or reinstall the windows at the City's expense and hope for some restitution.

Station 7 (Elliot Street) is substantially complete and within budget. Some electrical issues created a small delay, bumping the completion date from November to December. The firefighters are expected to move into the station on December 19, 2011. The landscaping and asphaltting related to this project will be completed this spring.

#354-11 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install 160' \pm of 12" gas main in OAK STREET from the proposed regulator station at 81 Oak Street easterly to the existing 12" gas main at Needham Street.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: Dennis Regan, National Grid Permit Representative, presented the request to relocate a regulator pit, replace the regulator, and install the associated gas main in Oak Street. The new regulator pit would be located in the sidewalk in front of the Village Falls Condominium Complex, more specifically 193 Oak Street. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the petition and recommended approval. The address for the site of the new regulator is incorrect in the docket item, as National Grid's paperwork provided the wrong address. However, the plans filed by National Grid reflect the correct address and as the plans are used to determine notification, the correct abutters were notified.

The current regulator for the area is located in the street at the intersection of Oak and Needham Streets. It is difficult to access the regulator and the regulator is old. The new regulator contains newer technology that results in less need to access the regulator. Newer regulators may also have a teleskater box attached to a 5' pole, which allows National Grid to operate the regulator remotely. If this regulator requires a teleskater box, Nation Grid will petition for a grant of location for the pole and box.

Ald. Crossley inquired if there was a new teleskater box at Homer and Grafton Streets, as she has received complaints from neighbors about new equipment after National Grid did some work. Mr. Regan stated that there is a regulator in that area and it is possible that the teleskater box was added. Mr. Regan will let the Committee Clerk know if it is a teleskater box and pole at that location.

The public hearing was opened and Richard Zelinka, 173, 183, and 193 Oak Street, spoke on the petition. Mr. Zelinka is the Chairman of the Village Falls Condominium Complex located at 173, 183, and 193 Oak Street and he is concerned with the noise associated with the project. He and his neighbors are often awakened by construction on Needham at all hours of the night. He would like to be assured that the work by National Grid would only occur between 7 AM and 10 PM. It was explained that the City requires work to be done during the day, when it is not an emergency situation. The public hearing was closed as no one else wished to speak on the petition.

Ald. Albright moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#280-11 ALD. SALVUCCI AND LINSKY requesting an amendment to Section 26-51 of the City of Newton Ordinances, 2007 – Public way improvements constituting specific repairs, to add the following design change text to paragraph 9a): "or any adjustment of the curbing that causes an intrusion into the roadway." [09/20/11 @ 10:38 AM]

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2012-2013 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item was discussed previously on October 19, 2011 and several Committee members voiced concern that the language contained in the draft Board Order was too broad and would result in requiring every roadway project to get approval by the Board of Aldermen. Therefore, the Committee requested that the Law Department work to refine the language to capture significant changes to the curb line on major roadways.

The revised draft Board Order was attached to the agenda. Members of the Committee reviewed the language and raised additional concerns regarding the ability of the Commissioner to make changes to projects in the field that would result in a better-designed project. In addition, it was pointed out that during the construction season the Committee meets less frequently and if there was a change in the field, it could significantly delay the project if Board of Aldermen approval was required.

There was some discussion of the possibility of establishing an administrative review process for roadway modifications that resulted in curb line changes negating the need for Board of Aldermen approval. Committee members and co-docketor, Ald. Linsky, liked the idea of an administrative review but felt that it needed significant discussion and input from Aldermen and the Commissioner of Public Works. It was suggested that the item be referred to the 2012 – 2013 Board of Aldermen for further discussion. Ald. Lappin moved referral, which carried unanimously.

#124-11 **ALD. CROSSLEY, DANBERG, ALBRIGHT, LAPPIN, SANGIOLO, AND SCHNIPPER** requesting a discussion with the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments regarding emergency stockpiling of snow, tree limbs, and other storm-related debris to include the mapping of potential sites, priority use of the sites, and site preparation prior to use, for the purpose of assuring both effective City operations throughout the year, while protecting and preserving Newton's park lands. [03/29/11 @ 1:47 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The Commissioner of Public Works David Turocy provided the Committee with the attached list of revised snow and storm debris storage sites for this winter. The item was previously discussed and at that time the Committee suggested that the Commissioner consult the State about the possibly of using State land abutting the highway for storage, investigate other possible sites such as the Elliot Street Public Works Yard, and look at removing the Burr School as a snow storage site. The Commissioner has removed Burr School from the list of sites and added the Elliot Street Public Works Yard. Commissioner Turocy has spoken with the State, who is not interested in allowing the City to store snow or storm debris on their land.

The Committee asked if the Commissioner had consulted the Law Department regarding the use of Nahanton Park as a snow storage site. The Conservators do not believe that the City has the legal right to use the meadow for snow storage. The Commissioner responded that snow would be stored in the parking lot on Nahanton Street. However, in an emergency, the City would use Nahanton Park at Winchester Street as an emergency overflow storage site. The Commissioner has not received an opinion from the Law Department but he feels that the park

could be used in a real emergency. In addition, it is highly unlikely that snow storage would encroach upon the parkland. Ald. Lappin volunteered to check with the Conservators regarding their opinion on snow storage. Ald. Crossley asked that the Commissioner check with the Law Department regarding Nahanton Park. Ald. Albright asked that the Commissioner look at rotating snow storage at other sites in the City similar to Elmwood Park next winter, in order to be fair to the neighbors around Elmwood Park. With that, the Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#381-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing heavy vehicle Equipment for the Department of Public Works. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: Commissioner of Public Works David Turocy presented the item to the Committee. The request is for \$300,000 to purchase two 6-wheel construction vehicles. The trucks are used throughout the year for construction, hauling, excavation, and sanding and plowing operations. The Public Works Department has taken six trucks off the road in the past two years, which has depleted the fleet. These trucks are essential to sanding and plowing operations and the department should have 40 vehicles to meet the needs of the department. With the purchase of these two trucks, the Public Works Department would have 39 of these types of vehicles. Ald. Danberg moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#382-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding improvements to City Hall. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Crossley not voting)**

NOTE: Facilities and Operations Supervisor Josh Morse presented the request for \$300,000 to address a number of safety and reliability issues in City Hall. The improvements include electrical upgrades, replacement and restoration of the bathroom ventilation, replacement of the hot water tank to on-spot hot water heaters, oil tank removal, sump pump enhancements in the boiler room, masonry repairs and mechanical and plumbing upgrades. The funds would also include addressing the unused roof drains that are contributing to leaks in City Hall. Ald. Danberg moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#375-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from FY11 Free Cash for the purpose of replacing the staircase at the Elliot Street Highway Operations Building. [10/31/11 @ 2:49 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0-1 (Gentile abstaining; Crossley not voting)**

NOTE: The request is to provide funding for stair repair at the Elliot Street Highway Building. The current stairway presents a safety hazard and should not be used until repairs are made. The stairs would be repaired by installing a Pirelli stair system and a handrail. The item

is identified in the Capital Infrastructure Assessment as a high priority. Ald. Albright moved approval, which carried by a vote of five in favor and one opposed.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#374-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from FY11 Free Cash for the purpose of repairing/replacing a broken jail cell door and track at Police Headquarters. [10/31/11 @ 2:49 PM]

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2012-2013 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 6-0 (Crossley not voting)**

NOTE: Facilities and Operations Supervisor Josh Morse explained that the original request is to repair one jail cell door but after further investigation, it was determined that the track system in the six jail cells should be replaced. The track systems in all of the doors are near failure due to the age of the mechanisms. Ald. Lennon has suggested that the Public Buildings Department consider using the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department to replace the track system, as they are familiar with cell door and are likely much cheaper than anybody else. The item was referred to the 2012 – 2013 Board of Aldermen in order to contact the Sheriff's Department.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#373-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-three thousand two hundred forty-six dollars (\$23,246) from FY11 Free Cash for the purpose of providing an exhaust system in the Police Garage area to meet code requirements. [10/31/11 @ 2:49 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 (Crossley not voting)**

NOTE: The Police Department's vehicles are maintained and repaired at the police garage and there is no exhaust system in the garage. The lack of an exhaust system in the garage is a building code violation. The requested \$23,246 would provide funding to install an exhaust system. It is a health and safety concern as carbon monoxide is being emitted into the garage whenever the mechanic starts a car to test that it is working. The item is identified in the Capital Infrastructure Assessment as a high priority. Ald. Lappin moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#372-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from FY11 Free Cash for the purpose of installing snow guards on the roofs at the Main Library and the Crafts Street Highway Stable. [10/31/11 @ 2:49 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1 (Gentile abstaining)**

NOTE: The request is to fund the purchase and installation of snow guards for the library and stable buildings at the Crafts Street Public Works Yard. Snow and ice builds above the doorways of these buildings and falls periodically throughout the day. The falling snow and ice could injure somebody coming in or out of the buildings. The item is identified in the Capital Infrastructure Assessment as a high priority.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#371-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty-three thousand two hundred fifty dollars from FY12 Budget Reserve to the Public Buildings Department for the purpose of funding the costs of the boiler replacement at the Senior Center and for repair of the emergency generator at the Main Library. [11-01-11 @2:12 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Public Buildings Department had to do an emergency boiler replacement at the Senior Center in October. The boiler was very old, the sections cracked, and it could not be repaired. It was necessary for the department to fund the replacement cost of \$25,750 through their operating budget; therefore, the money needs to be replaced.

The generator at the main library failed during testing and remains inoperative. The cost of repairing the generator is \$7,500. The repaired generator should last an additional ten years.

Ald. Danberg moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

#385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]

ACTION: **HELD 7-0**

NOTE: The last meeting of the construction team is scheduled for December 2, 2011. Ald. Gentile will be unable to attend and requested that Ald. Schnipper ask about the status of the gym floor. There has been an ongoing issue with the gym floor. The floorboards separate at the expansion joints in a drier air environment. The fresh air intake has been minimized and the heat system is being used to increase humidity. The floor is separating less this year with the decrease in humidity. The floor is still under warranty and the construction team will continue to monitor the situation. Ald. Schnipper will get further details on the gym floor and report back to the Committee.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#60-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the budget for the Newton North High School construction project be amended by transferring funds from the owner's contingency line item to the construction manager at risk line item for the purpose of funding additional costs related to the demolition phase of the project. [02/10/11 @ 9:18 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item was docketed as a placeholder in case a transfer was required. The project is almost complete and a transfer of funds will not be necessary. Therefore, a motion of no action necessary was approved.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#312-10 ALD. LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIPPER, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the School Committee on its plans to address space needs in the Newton public schools. [10-27-10 @ 11:07 AM]

FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 on 10/12/11

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item was docketed before the decision was made to add modular classrooms at three elementary schools and construct an addition at F. A. Day Middle School. Therefore, a motion was made for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

#192-10 POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting review of **Section 26-30 Licenses for café furniture on sidewalks** with the Commissioner of Public Works and the role of the Board of License Commission. [06/22/10 @ 2:08 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The request has not been discussed and requires further work before it is ready for Committee discussion. Once there is available information, the item can be re-filed; therefore, the Committee voted the item no action necessary.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#53-10 ALD. FULLER, SCHNIPPER, CROSSLEY & BAKER requesting a Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins. [02/09/10 @ 12:43 PM]

(B) Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins –HELD 7-0 on 03/03/10

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item has not moved forward in this term. The item can be re-filed should the docketors wish to proceed; therefore, the Committee voted the item no action necessary.

#111-09 ALD. ALBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD requesting discussion of recent information (made available to the Land Use Committee) from NStar related to double poles, focusing on the 350 double poles waiting only for removal of wires or streetlights by the City of Newton.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item has not moved forward in the past three years; therefore, the Committee voted the item no action necessary.

#457-08 ALD. LAPPIN AND SALVUCCI requesting discussion with NStar regarding the timely repair of City streetlights and the development of a standard response timeframe. [11/20/08 @ 12:51 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: There is a similar request, which has been referred to the 2012-2013 Board of Aldermen. The Committee approved a motion for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

#54-07 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the School Department and the Public Buildings Department about giving the School Department increased control over maintenance of school building facilities thereby allowing the School Department to have direct authority to deploy/hire staff to make necessary repairs to their school facilities. [02/09/07 @ 1:46 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The item has not moved forward in this term. The item can be re-filed should the docketor wish to proceed; therefore, the Committee voted the item no action necessary.

#155-06(2) ALD. BLAZAR on behalf of James A. Blackburn, 105 Wood End Road, Newton Highlands petitioning for laying out, grading and acceptance of WOOD END ROAD as a public way from the intersection of Mountfort Road westerly to the intersection of Nantucket Road, a distance of approximately 360 feet to the width of 45 feet. [05/18/10 @ 11:52 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

NOTE: The petition is not moving forward as the City cannot fund the cost of reconstructing Wood End Road to meet city standards. The State owns a large portion of Wood End Road and would not be assessed a betterment. The Committee approved a motion for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE HELD WITHOUT DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS., PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#311-10(B) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the Manet Road Emergency Communications Radio Tower Replacement, which is included in the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION APPROVED 7-0 on 12/08/10

ACTION: **HELD 6-0 (Gentile not voting)**

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#367-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the following:

(B) installation of up to six modular classrooms at five elementary schools as well as the addition of permanent classrooms and renovations to the core of F.A.

Day Middle School. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]

(A) \$75,000 for site plan work for 1 modular at Horace Mann, 2 at Zervas, and 1 at Burr was approved on December 20, 2010.

(B1) \$923,375 for installation of 4 modulars was approved on July 11, 2011

(B2A) \$86,545 for additional expenses related to the construction and installation of modular

(B2B) \$102,117 for design of sprinkler systems at three elementary schools

#367-10(B2) – \$3,812,963 (remaining balance) for renovations to the core of F.A. Day Middle School and sprinkler systems.

#352-11 ALD. JOHNSON & SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion with the Utilities Department regarding the City of Newton's current water billing practices. [10/14/11 @ 2:31 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#380-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding masonry repairs at various schools. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#379-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding mechanical upgrades at various schools. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#378-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the emergency generator upgrades at various schools. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#377-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding electrical upgrades in various schools. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#376-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding accessibility upgrades in various schools. [10/31/11 @ 2:48 PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#353-11 JONATHAN KANTAR, 672 Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls, appointed to the Design Review Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2013. (60 days 01/06/12) [10-31-11 @ 10:16 AM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #290-11 SETH PARKER, 26 Shornecliffe Road, Newton appointed to the Solid Waste Commission for a term of office to expire December 31, 2014. (60 days 12/15/11) [10-11-11 @ 2:16 PM]
- #259-11(2) NextG NETWORKS OF NY, INC. petitioning for a grant of location to install an antenna and related equipment to an existing utility pole at 938 Centre Street.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE 2010-2011 BOARD:

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #383-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY13-FY17 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter and the FY12 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next several years. [10/31/11 @ 3:12 PM]
- #239-11 ALD. ALBRIGHT, CROSSLEY & LINSKY requesting a discussion with Public Buildings Department and School Committee regarding modular classrooms that includes the, the location, the age, the condition and the number of modular classrooms. [07-12-10 @ 3:19 PM]
- #174-11 ALD. DANBERG AND BLAZAR requesting a raised device on Cypress Street near Bow Road recommended by the Traffic Engineer and approved by the Traffic Council (TC22-11) on May 26, 2011. [05-27-11 @ 10:53 AM]
- #173-11 ALD. DANBERG AND BLAZAR requesting a raised crosswalk on Cypress Street in the vicinity of 280 Cypress Street, in association with modifications to the Bowen Elementary School entrance, as approved on May 26, 2011 in Traffic Council (TC20-11), and to be paid for through MassDOT's Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program. [05-27-11 @ 10:53 AM]
- #172-11 ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER AND SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department regarding the identification of storm water inflow connections to the sewer system, so as to begin the process of systematically eliminating such illegal connections, including notifications to property owners, educational materials, requirements for corrective actions and technical and financial assistance that may be available from the City in order to facilitate removal of inflow connections. [05/26/11 @3:33 PM]
- #138-11 ALD. CROSSELY AND SCHNIPPER requesting a report from the Department of Public Works regarding the energy use and maintenance costs for the City's streetlights and gaslights and costs/payback associated with recommended energy efficiency measures. [04-21-11 9:08 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #89-11 FINANCE COMMITTEE recommending that **Sec. 29-72(b) Same— Assessments upon owners of estates passed by new sewers.** of the City of Newton Rev Ordinances, 2007, be amended to increase the fixed uniform rates assessed upon owners of all estates passed by new sewers to rates that more

accurately represent the estimated average cost of installing such sewers. [03-07-11 @9:30 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAF. & TRANS. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #41-11 ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON AND DANBERG requesting discussion of the elimination, except during snow emergencies, of the overnight parking ban which is in effect from November 15 through April 15. [01/18/11 @ 9:00 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #311-10(A) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of three million three hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$3,035,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan projects as follows: [11/29/ 10 @ 3:23 PM]

Architectural Design and Engineering/ Next Scheduled Fire Station \$400,000
A-2 - HELD 6-0 \$270,000 for final design bidding and construction admin on 12/08/10

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #245-10 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND SANGIOLO requesting discussion with National Grid regarding the possible damage to trees as a result of gas leaks. [09/01/10 4:00 PM]
- #244-10 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting discussion with the Utilities Director and the Public Works Commissioner regarding the possibility of installing second water meters for outside irrigation. [08/17/10 @ 12:18 PM]
- #223-10 ALD. YATES & ALBRIGHT requesting updates on the status of the reconstruction of the Needham/Newton Street corridor, which include details on the reconstruction funding, plans for the revitalization of the area, and plans for the implementation of transportation improvements. [07/15/10 @ 1:02 PM]
- #116-10 ALD. CROSSLEY AND HESS-MAHAN requesting discussion regarding status of ESCO weatherization audit focusing on building envelope retrofits proposed for Phase II and Phase III and coordinating those efforts to inform decision making on related capital expenditures. [04/13/10 @ 7:24 PM]
- #367-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]
- #175-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting monthly updates from the Department of Public Works on the Commonwealth Avenue project. [06-03-09 @ 10:30 PM]
- #126-09 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on the status of repairs and rental of the Kennard Estate. [04/17/09 @ 2:49 PM]

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #60-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting the installation of traffic islands on CONCORD STREET to be funded with the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Traffic Mitigation Fund for Lower Falls (Ward 4). [02/03/09 @ 1:01 PM]
- #208-08 ALD. GENTILE, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI AND SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion on establishing a permanent Building Committee in the City of Newton. [05/16/08 @ 11:47 AM]
- #253-07 ALD. LINSKY ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD, BURG, SCHNIPPER requesting (1) a review as to how provisions of applicable ordinances, specifically 5-58, were implemented during the course of the Newton North project, and (2) consider proposed revisions of 5-58 including, but not limited to:
- (a) timely provision of documentation by the public building department to the Board of Aldermen and Design Review Committee;
 - (b) establishment of liaison committees to facilitate communications and input from neighborhoods affected by projects subject to this ordinance;
 - (c) approval of final design plans by the Board of Aldermen of projects subject to this ordinance;
 - (d) oversight during the construction phase of projects subject to this ordinance by appropriate Board committee(s) both in respect to approval of change orders as well as design changes; and
 - (e) generation of a required record detailing the entire construction process by the public building department to guide present and future oversight of projects subject to this ordinance. [08/07/07 @ 3:12 PM]
- #152-06 PS&T COMMITTEE requesting discussion re Road Classification Design Types (as outlined by the Planning and Development Department) for future use as an overall management tool for the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

City of Newton



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Setti D. Warren
Mayor

November 15, 2011

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Board of Aldermen,

We are writing to seek your approval on the utilization of selected city sites for the storage of snow and storm debris for the upcoming winter season. We identified the need to locate sites throughout the city to temporarily store storm debris and excessive winter snow that will be removed from critical city areas. We have assessed a number of sites and determined that the following are the most feasible:

1. Primary Snow Storage Sites:

Commercial Areas

- a. Auburndale Cove (West Pine Street – Parking Lot)
- b. Carr Cultural Center (Linwood Street -Behind building, lower left)
- c. Newton Centre Playground (Centre Street - Adjacent to Tennis Courts)
- d. Nahanton Park (Nahanton Street - Parking Lot)

Schools / Crosswalks / Intersections

- e. Elliot Street DPW Yard
- f. Elmwood Park (Lowell Ave)
- g. Commonwealth Avenue (Carriage Lane at Lyons Field)
- h. Spears Park (Washington St & Walnut Park)

2. Emergency Overflow Snow Storage Sites:

- a. Nahanton Park (Winchester Street)
- b. Newton Upper Falls Playground (Braceland lower level)
- c. Cold Springs Park (Duncklee Street)

3. Primary Brush Storage Site:

- a. Pine Street landfill

4. Emergency Brush Storage Site:

- a. Rumford Avenue Recycling Depot
- b. Elliot Street DPW Yard
- c. Newton Upper Falls Playground (Braceland)
- d. Forte Park (California Street)
- e. Nahanton Park (Winchester Street)
- f. Cold Springs Park (Duncklee Street)

When it becomes necessary to activate a site for snow storage, the City will look to mobilize areas that are in close proximity to where snow is being removed. The City will also seek to utilize multiple sites on the aforementioned list so that no one area is unduly disadvantaged.

In the event that we have to utilize a site to place snow or debris, we will make every effort to mitigate the disturbance as soon as possible and return the site to its prior state.

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