

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Salvucci, Gentile, Yates, Mansfield, and Lappin

Also present: Tom Daley (Commissioner of Public Works) and Shawna Sullivan (Committee Clerk)

#352-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 223' ± of conduit in WOODWARD STREET from Woodward Street at Boylston Street northwesterly to Pole #478. (Ward 5) [10/01/09@ 2:12 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-1-1 (Albright opposed and Mansfield abstaining)**

NOTE: The three NStar petitions (#352-09, #353-09 #354-09, and #355-09) were previously discussed and approved subject to second call by the Committee on November 4, 2009. At the Board of Aldermen meeting on November 16, 2009, the Public Facilities Committee voted to hold the petitions in Committee for information that was requested by the Committee but not provided by NStar Electric Company. NStar Electric Company has since provided the information, which was attached to the agenda.

The information requested pertained to the area that would be affected by the improvements to reliability and capacity, the duration of the projects, as well as the possibility of installing additional conduit for undergrounding electrical wires in the future. The information NStar provided included a list of streets in the Waban and Newton Upper Falls neighborhoods that would benefit due to improved reliability and increased capacity. Also included was the timeline for each project and a statement that NStar would work with the Department of Public Works to determine what would be in the best interest of the City in terms of sequencing the work or doing it simultaneously. In response to the question regarding installing extra conduit for possible future undergrounding projects, NStar will be installing the maximum number of conduits allowable per NStar construction standards at each location. The maximum number for the three locations is two per location. The conduit path is from a manhole to a riser pole, therefore; there is limited amount of electrical line that could be connected to the pole.

Ald. Albright was not pleased with the explanation regarding the underground conduit. She would like a more detailed explanation. Ald. Mansfield also had some concerns about NStar's response to the additional conduit inquiry. Several committee members suggested she docket a separate item requesting a discussion with NStar representatives about the possibility of providing additional conduit for possible undergrounding projects whenever they install conduit for projects.

The majority of Committee members felt that it would be detrimental to Waban, Newton Upper Falls, and Newton Corner residents to hold up the proposed projects as they increase capacity and provide improved reliability. Therefore, a motion to approve the three petitions carried by a vote of six in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

#353-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 375'± of conduit and two new manholes in MAPLE AVENUE from Church Street at Maple Avenue southerly to proposed Manhole #29138. (Ward 1) [09/22/09 @ 12:20 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-1-1 (Albright opposed and Mansfield abstaining)**

NOTE: For further information on this item, please see the note for Docket Item #352-09.

#354-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install a total of 160'± of conduit as follows: 20'± in BEACON STREET southwesterly from Manhole #18338 to Manhole #18342 and 140'± in WYMAN STREET from Manhole #16146 140'± southeasterly to Pole #479/11. (Ward 5) [09/22/09@12:21 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-1-1 (Albright opposed and Mansfield abstaining)**

NOTE: For further information on this item, please see the note for Docket Item #352-09.

#355-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 310'± of conduit in WOODWARD STREET from Pole #478/49 southwesterly 285'± to BEACON STREET continuing 25'± southwesterly to Manhole #18408. (Ward 5) [09/22/09@12:21 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-1-1 (Albright opposed and Mansfield abstaining)**

NOTE: For further information on this item, please see the note for Docket Item #352-09.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#399-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from sewer bonded indebtedness for the purpose of sewer improvements: \$125,000 each for Oakdale and Farina, \$135,000 for Irving Street; \$115,000 for Old Farm Road sewer improvement engineering/design. [12/01/09 @ 4:57 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 8-0**

NOTE: Public Works Commissioner, Tom Daley, presented the request to the Committee. The item was filed in response to concerns raised by Aldermen during discussions regarding sewer capital projects that were being delayed due to the projected deficit in the water/sewer enterprise fund. The Mayor has requested the authority to bond \$500,000 to proceed with four sewer improvement projects in FY'10. If the bonding is not approved, the projects would be postponed.

The Committee reviewed the four projects that would be bonded. Ald. Salvucci asked if the design project would be done in-house. Commissioner Daley responded that it would likely be sent out, as the in-house design engineer already has a significant amount of design work. Ald. Salvucci requested that the Commissioner investigate doing the design in-house and the Commissioner agreed to make an effort. The Committee was pleased that the projects would not be delayed. A motion for approval of the item was made and carried unanimously.

#127-09 IRA KRONITZ requesting that the Board of Alderman rescind Board Order #289-03(4) dated November 20, 2006, relating to roadway modification plans for curb-line geometry changes to calm traffic at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets. [04/28/09 3:48]

ACTION: **APPROVED 8-0**

NOTE: The above item is related to several items docketed to enhance the safety of the Jackson/Daniel Street intersection. There have been ongoing discussions in Public Facilities Committee, Public Safety & Transportation Committee, and the Traffic Council. The neighborhood seems to have reached an agreement about what type of traffic calming should be implemented. Public Works Commissioner Daley stated that the alternative plan of a flush island and curb extension is currently being implemented at the Jackson and Daniel Streets intersection.

Ald. Mansfield inquired about the funding issue related to the items. The Commissioner stated that he has spoken with the Law Department to determine if any of the traffic mitigation fund is still available for use. The Law Department has looked over the language in the mitigation fund agreement and the special permit board order for the Bradford Development project, which established the mitigation fund. The language in the documents states that the city has five years from the date of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy to use the funds for any building constructed in accordance with the special permit. The first certificate of occupancy was issued on February 13, 2002, which means the five-year period ended on February 13, 2007. The \$25,000 was appropriated in November of 2006 but not used. The Law Department does not believe that appropriated has the same meaning as used, which is the wording in the board orders and traffic mitigation. The Law Department believes that the Public Works Department can bill against the mitigation for any work that was done before February 13, 2007. The Commissioner is working on determining what portions of the project were underway or completed before February 13, 2007.

Adam Peller, 28 Daniel Street, stated that he was concerned that if the Board Order is rescinded, the entire amount of money will revert to the developer. It was explained that the Board Order in question has nothing to do with funding; it is simply an approval of a concept plan for curb line modifications at the intersection of Jackson and Daniel Streets. Mr. Peller was fine with the rescission as long as it did not effect the funding. With that, a motion for approval was made and approved unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#289-09 ALD. PARKER requesting development of a property tax rebate program for households that opt for smaller trash containers. [09/08/09 @ 10:57 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The proposed tax rebate program cannot be established without home rule legislation. The item could be re-docketed as a request for home rule legislation. Therefore, the Committee voted approval of the motion for no action necessary.

#239-09 ALD. PARKER requesting a resolution be sent to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center be reopened as soon as possible. [07/07/09 @ 12:45 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Commissioner Daley spoke on the request to reopen the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center. A large part of the Recycling Center remains open. The book swap was closed due to people taking all of the available books on a regular basis. The Public Works Department is investigating different systems that would curb the abuse of the book swap. In addition, the computer-recycling program was shut down, as people were taking computer equipment and selling it for profit. Currently, there are no plans to reopen the computer program portion of the Recycling Center. A motion for no action necessary was made and the Committee approved it unanimously.

#174-09 ALD. YATES proposing a Resolution to the Public Buildings Commissioner urging that the City apply for funding through the Fire Station Reconstruction Program established by the American Recover and Rediscovery Act for the reconstruction of the next scheduled fire station.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The city has already applied for funding through the Fire Station Reconstruction Program. The request has been fulfilled and the item is no longer required. Therefore, the motion for no action necessary carried unanimously.

#112-09 ALD. YATES requesting the City seek energy conservation funds from the American Re-Investment and Recovery Act to replace the energy inefficient boiler at the Emerson Community Center.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The city has already applied for funding through the federal stimulus program. The request has been fulfilled and the item is no longer required. Therefore, the motion for no action necessary carried unanimously.

#82-09 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting the Executive Department apply for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource's Energy Audit Program for any and all municipal and school building facilities. [03/03/09 @ 1:19 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The City has contracted with an energy service company to perform full energy audits of municipal and school buildings. The Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

#309-08 ALD. BAKER AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding street signage at intersections as well as signage and house number visibility in order to assist citizens and public safety personnel in locating addresses.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Public Works Department is working on street signage at intersections throughout the city. There is already an ordinance requiring certain size house numbers to make them more visible from the street. The Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

#297-08 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate Pole #223/5 on the westerly side of IRVING STREET ± 129' north of Commonwealth Avenue (Ward 7). [07/21/08 @ 11:02 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: A resident of Irving Street requested the pole relocation. The resident did not realize that the resident would assume the cost of relocation. NStar quoted a price of over \$4,000. The resident was not willing to pay that much to have the pole relocated. On a motion for no action necessary, the Committee voted unanimously to support the motion.

#241-08 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting an update on the progress of the design for the reconstruction of Needham Street. [6/13/08 @ 11:45 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Needham Street project will not be proceeding in the near future. Therefore, Ald. Schnipper agreed to re-file an item on the Needham Street reconstruction when further information becomes available. The Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

Re-appointment by Board President

#50-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Joseph Michelson, 94 Park Avenue, Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Mr. Michelson's term of office expires on December 31, 2009. The President of the Board will need to re-docket appointments or reappointments to the Designer Selection Committee in January. As the term of office is essentially expired, the Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

Re-appointment by the Board President

#48-08 ALD. BAKER recommending Lawrence Bauer, 42 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Mr. Bauer's term of office expires on December 31, 2009. The President of the Board will need to re-docket appointments or reappointments to the Designer Selection Committee in January. As the term of office is essentially expired, the Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

Re-appointment by Board President

#46-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Robert O. Smith, P.E., 55 Chester Street, Newton Highlands be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Mr. Smith's term of office expires on December 31, 2009. The President of the Board will need to docket appointments or reappointments to the Designer Review Committee in January. As the term of office is essentially expired, the Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

#352-07 ALD. SANGIOLO AND PARKER request Turner Construction, Project Manger for the Newton North High School Project and the DEP representative overlooking this project to discuss the issues and concerns raised regarding asbestos removal, transportation, and disposal for the Newton North site and also information on 5,000 cubic feet of loam being removed to the Elliot Street and Rumford Avenue Yards. [10/17/07 @ 11:54 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The asbestos found in the ground during testing of the site has been removed. Representatives of Turner Construction updated the Board on the progress of the removal in 2008. The item was held until the asbestos was removed. On a motion for no action necessary, the Committee voted unanimously to support the motion.

#351-07 ALD. PARKER AND SALVUCCI requesting that the Department of Public Works create an inventory and inspection regimen of bridges and culverts less than 20' in length and develop a maintenance plan for all city-owned bridges including those over 20', as recommended by the Undersecretary of Public Works at the Executive Office of Transportation, Robert Rooney. [10/17/07 @12:11 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: A report entitled "Inventory of Culverts" dated December 2008 is available for review in the Department of Public Works. As the Public Works Department has responded to the request, the Committee approved a motion for no action necessary.

#345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings' projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The item was previously discussed and the Committee requested additional information from other cities and towns. The information has not been received and the Committee felt that if the Public Buildings Department wished to pursue increasing the contingency on projects a new docket item could be submitted. Therefore, a motion for no action necessary was approved.

#451-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450' ± of 8" gas main in HULL STREET from the existing 8" gas main in Hull street at 90 Hull Street easterly to the existing 6" gas main in Hull Street at 60 Hull Street. All of which is to replace the existing 4" gas main in Hull Street, which is to be abandoned. [11/15/06 @11:19 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The petition was held in December 2006 in order for Keyspan Energy to coordinate the installation of the gas main with the Newton North High School construction

team. Keyspan never made contact with the construction team or any city department to move the petition forward. The Committee voted to approve a motion for no action necessary, as Keyspan can re-file the petition if necessary.

#294-06 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting creation of a method for the collection of parking meter receipts to ensure maximum collection.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Traffic Engineer, Clint Schuckel, stated that the new method of collection is 90% complete and will be at 100% complete in the near future. The Committee voted unanimously to approve a motion for no action necessary.

#280-06 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an Ordinance to create a Building Committee made up of Finance, Construction and Building experts in addition to several Aldermen to oversee construction and renovation projects in all municipal buildings.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Docket Items #s 253-07 and 208-08 are similar requests and have been referred to the 2010-2011 Board of Aldermen. Ald. Sangiolo's name has been added to #208-08 and is already part of #253-07. The Committee approved a motion for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

#226-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion of initiatives in respect to monitoring of water meter readings to better inform water and sewer users of significant increases in usage.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: It is not possible to move forward with this request until new meters are installed at all properties. It is the Committee's hope that once all of the meters are installed, there will be several new docket items filed that are tailored to the new meters' functions. The Committee approved a motion for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

#178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The commissioning report on Newton South High School has been completed. The HVAC system is functioning well at the school. The Committee has had several discussions with the Public Buildings Commissioner and the HVAC Technician regarding the commissioning. The Committee felt that the work on this item has been completed and voted approval of motion for no action necessary.

#159-06 PRESIDENT BAKER & ALD. SCHNIPPER presenting the City of Newton Energy Action Plan for review and such action that may be appropriate by the Board of Aldermen.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Citizens' Commission on Energy presented the Energy Action Plan to the Committee in July of 2006. The Commission had worked on the plan for two years and

unveiled it in November 2005. The Energy Action Plan is available in the Clerk's Office or online at <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/sunergy/EAP021005.pdf> should anyone wish to review it. The Committee voted approval of a motion for no action necessary.

#155-06 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 360'±) to be the width of 45'.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The petition has not moved forward in the past three years. The petition can be re-filed should the petitioner wish to proceed; therefore, the Committee voted the item no action necessary.

#84-06 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting a waiver from the Board of Aldermen of surfacing materials used on the sidewalk of a public way in front of 161 Pond Brook Road, as provided in §26-47 of the City of Newton Ordinances.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Department has received an agreement from the property owner and no longer requires a waiver from the Board. The motion of no action necessary was approved unanimously.

#424-05 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting an update from the School Department regarding the energy audit that was begun during last year's budget review.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Noresco energy audits are ongoing; however, they have submitted reports on several audits to the City. The reports are available in the Clerk's Office. The other audits are funded, underway and will be submitted for review when complete. The Committee voted unanimously for a recommendation of no action necessary.

#467-04 ALD. YATES AND SCHNIPPER requesting a response from the Commissioner of Public Works to the findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that pollution enters the Charles River from Newton.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Public Works Commissioner has responded to the request and the item was discussed in Committee in December 2004 and January 2005. Since that time, the Public Works Department has completed the necessary steps to abate the pollution and comply with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. The Committee voted unanimously for a recommendation of no action necessary.

#246-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the 25% design plan submittal for Walnut Street from Homer Street to Centre Street including a small section of Centre Street to Route 9.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The Commissioner stated that the reconstruction of Walnut Street is moving forward. The city received a bicycle lane waiver from the State. However, there will be no 25% design plan submitted for review. The Commissioner will bring in plans as soon as they are available and keep the Committee apprised of the ongoing project. The Committee voted unanimously to support a motion for no action necessary.

#178-04(2) ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on progress and implementation of the construction information database.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: There is an item before the Post Audit and Oversight Committee and that Committee has been receiving regular updates regarding the progress being made on the database. Ald. Lappin felt that the item before Post Audit and Oversight was sufficient to address her concerns regarding the database.

#104-04 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Chief of Police as to how the ordinance prohibiting the blockage of sidewalks with snow can be more easily enforced.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Ald. Lennon stated that as a member of a committee, which is addressing the different aspects of the City's snow ordinances and problems with the ordinances, he is aware that it is the Committee's intent to submit a docket item requesting amendments to the ordinance to address all of the snow issues. Ald. Yates had no problem with a new docket item and made motion for no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

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

#35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Please see above note.

#522-03 ALD. PARKER AND LENNON requesting an ordinance amendment to improve enforcement related to snow removal.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Please see note for Docket Item #104-04.

#289-03(6) JOHN S. MAYPOLE proposing a Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works to install curb-line geometry at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets as originally designed by the Traffic Engineer and approved by the Board of Aldermen on November 20, 2006.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Dr. Maypole submitted a letter stating that the resolution was no longer necessary. The Committee voted unanimously to support a motion for no action necessary.

94-99 RALPH S. ROBART 28 Richardson Road, Petition for Laying Out, Grading, and Acceptance of RICHARDSON ROAD from Route 9 northerly 180'± to be the width of 30 feet.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: The residents of Richardson Road were contacted a few years ago to determine if they wished to pursue the street acceptance. There was no response from any of the residents. The Committee voted unanimously to support a motion for no action necessary.

The following items were referred to the 2010-2011 Board:

PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR JANUARY 6, 2010:

#397-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to install a new pole (233/4-1X on the northeasterly side of HOMER STREET opposite Grafton Street. (Ward 6) [11-10-09 @ 12:24 PM]

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 8-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#376-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY11-15 Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$140,377,285 and the FY10 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next five years.

#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]

#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.

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]

RECOMMITTED TO FINANCE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES ON 02/17/09

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #13-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) from bonded indebtedness to the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing both the salt shed and the Quonset hut at Crafts Street. [12/30/08 @ 5:04 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- #8-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, HARNEY & VANCE proposing an ordinance requiring that the installation of synthetic in-filled turf athletic fields on city-owned property shall use sustainable, recyclable, lead-free, non-toxic products to the maximum extent feasible. [12/30/08 @9:55 AM]
- #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]
- #368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10/14/08 @ 12:53 PM]
B) HELD 6-0 LOWELL AVENUE CLOSURE AT WATERTOWN STREET FOR TRIAL OF ONE-WAY ON LOWELL AVE. FROM WALNUT ST. TO WATERTOWN ST.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #271-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Works in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the work of managing our public resources. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]
- #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]

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #147-08 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$359,400, including \$2,000 for legal costs, be appropriated from the FY'08 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves, for a project to rehabilitate and expand storage space for the research library and archives at the Newton History Museum, to preserve the existing collections, and enhance public access to the collections. [04/01/08 @ 4:10 PM]
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROVED 6-0 on 4-29-08

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

- #89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:

- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
- B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
- C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds. [02/13/08 @ 12:07 PM]

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE ON 6/19/08
REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #11-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms. [01/02/08 @ 4:53 P.M.]
B) \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness
NOTE: Letter received from Mayor on 1/4/08 requesting that appropriation amount be amended to \$1.3 million. Letters received 5/7 and 5/21 requesting that the funding source to capital stabilization for costs incurred for design work and the remaining \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness be voted no action necessary. Part A) \$75,000 from Capital Stabilization approved on 6/19/08.
- #385-07 ALD. SCHNIFFER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]
- #253-07 ALD. LINSKY ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD, BURG, SCHNIFFER 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]
- #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]
- #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.

#386-04 ALD. SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, AND DANBERG proposing an ordinance to require that designers selected have LEED certification and include high performance/life cycle analysis for all municipal construction projects in the City of Newton.

#321-04(2) ALD. JOHNSON requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he expeditiously as possible find funding to create traffic calming measures on Mill Street as requested by the Traffic Council.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman