

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

JOINT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,  
PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEES REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Brandel, Baker, Parker, Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan;  
Absent: Ald. Freedman, Merrill

Also Present: Ald. Linsky, Fischman, Danberg, Swiston, Ciccone, Schnipper, Salvucci,  
Albright, Yates, Lappin, Gentile, Lennon, Mansfield, Harney, Vance.

Others Present: Maeve Ward, Ed Cunningham (Green Decade Coalition), Karyn Dean,  
(Committee Clerk)

*Chairman's Note: The Programs and Services Committee met jointly with the Public  
Facilities Committee to discuss item #55-08 and also with the Public Safety and  
Transportation Committee to discuss item #41-08*

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#68-08            JEANNE STOLBACH, 38 Morseland Avenue, Newton Centre, appointed  
as a member of the Newton Council on Aging for a term to expire  
January 31, 2011. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:20 PM]

**ACTION:**        **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Ms. Stolbach introduced herself to the Committee. She said she has been a long  
time Newton resident and active in the community in many different capacities. Her  
children went through the public schools. She was appointed to the Planning Committee  
for the Senior Center by Mayor Mann when it was created. She was then on the Board of  
the Newton Senior Center. Several years ago, the Newton Senior Board dissolved into  
the Newton Council on Aging so she continued on the advisory board. She looked  
forward to the greater responsibility of becoming a commissioner on the Council.

Ms. Stolbach said she had a practice as a senior housing healthcare consultant so her  
clients were children of older people or independent retirees. She thought the problem  
they were all facing with seniors was that people from 60-100 years old were being  
grouped all together. Across that spectrum were also very varying incomes. There were  
many people who were struggling with what they should cut down on in order to make  
ends meet. She felt the creation of the Medicare D program for prescription coverage has  
been horrible and people didn't know how to list their medications to get the best  
provider for their coverage. The economic issues were basic but she was also concerned

about the positive experiences that people had in the community. This would be a group of people that would look at expanding services to keep people active and healthy and also how to provide services to those who were shut in and had problems physically and financially.

Ald. Johnson moved approval of Ms. Stolbach's appointment and the Committee voted in favor.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#69-08 FRANCIS RICE, 2360 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, re-appointed as a full member of the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:20 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#70-08 ARTHUR MAGNI, 107 Mt. Vernon Street, West Newton re-appointed as a member of the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:20 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#71-08 JENNIE DeVITO, 26 Rustic St., Nonantum, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Parks & Recreation Commission. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:21 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#72-08 LISA DeFELICE, 280 Nevada St., Newtonville, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2010. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:21 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#73-08 BARBARA SULLIVAN, 89 Arlington Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2010. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:21 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#74-08 PETER BROWN, 79 Washington Street, Newton, re-appointed as a Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on February 1, 2011. (4-19-08) [02-05-08 @3:32 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#75-08 JANE O'HERN, 472 Walnut Street, Newtonville, re-appointed as a full Trustee of the Newton History Museum at the Jackson Homestead for a term to expire on February 1, 2011. (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:20 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#76-08 RUSSELL FELDMAN, 85 Langley Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a Trustee of the Newton History Museum at the Jackson Homestead for a term to expire on February 1, 2011 (4-19-08) [02-07-08 @3:30 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

#77-08 ALD. JOHNSON on behalf of the Green Decade Coalition requesting the designation of March 2008 as Alternative to Pesticide Month [02-06-08 @11:25 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Maeve Ward, member of the Green Decade Coalition presented this item. She said they started this program to claim a month as Alternative to Pesticide Month many years ago. They had real concern about the continuation of the natural world and the use of pesticides. She said there were many ways to get along without using pesticides and attention needed to be brought to this issue. When pesticides were first introduced during World War II, the consequences of their use were not foreseen. Organic approaches could be used or an integrated pest management approach. They started using the integrated pest management approach in the City in 1997 and were the first in the state to adopt this kind of policy. It was the work of Ms. Ward and Eli Goldberg that brought that about. They traditionally have chosen March as the target month because people started thinking about planting gardens at that time. They also had an environmental speaker series and March's topic will be food and its effect on the environment and health. They planned on promoting this program by reading a proclamation at the Mayor's press conference, they have a display in the library, they use flyers to promote the speakers series, and the Green Decade Coalition has a stand at the Farmers Market.

Ald. Johnson moved approval and the Committee voted in favor.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#55-08 ALD. SANGIOLO, HARNEY AND PARKER proposing that the Board of Aldermen request the assistance of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and State Treasurer Tim Cahill in managing the Newton North High School construction project, including assistance with controlling project costs. [01-22-08 @ 11:05 PM]

**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0**  
**ACTION:** **HELD 6-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Please refer to the Public Facilities Committee Report for the details of this discussion.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#41-08 ALD. LENNON, JOHNSON, BRANDEL seeking the establishment of a formal working group consisting of representatives from the Board of Aldermen, the DPW, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, (and any other entity it deems relevant) that will meet within a reasonable timeframe after each snow event to discuss snow clearing activities; to identify problematic areas city-wide and how they were addressed and will be addressed in the future; and, to address broader snow-related policy issues, to provide information to the Board of Aldermen relative to potential ordinances re snow clearing, e.g., mandatory sidewalk shoveling. [1-29-08 @7:04 PM]

**PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 6-0 (Harney not voting)**

**PUB. FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0**

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Please refer to the Public Facilities Committee report for the details of this discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair