

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

**8:00 PM PLEASE NOTE LATE START**

ROOM 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#134-07 ALD. LENNON, SALVUCCI, GENTILE, MERRILL AND WEISBUCH requesting the intersection of MURPHY COURT and ADAMS STREET, Nonantum be dedicated in the memory of Nonantum resident Domenic Bianchi, as "DOMENICO B. BIANCHI, JR. SQUARE." [4-23-07 @9:54 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#195-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$672,530 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the Tier I work identified in the Fire Station Report of April 20, 2007. Said funds will go toward the design, testing and renovation of 6 fire stations. [5-29-07 @ 4:54 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#196-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,969,227 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [05-29-07 @ 5:54 PM]

#68-07 ALD. LENNON, GENTILE SALVUCCI & COLETTI requesting discussion with the Public Buildings Commissioner and the Fire Chief regarding the structural integrity of Fire Station #7 and the inspection performed by DM Berg Consultants. {2/27/07 @ 12:33 PM}

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF/TRANS. AND PUB FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#61-05 ALD. SAMUELSON, DANBERG AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting that, as part of the reconstruction process for TYLER TERRACE and/or CLARK STREET, speed humps be redesigned in order to improve safety for moving traffic while still slowing speeds to 25 mph.

**REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#127-06 ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to authorize the HISTORICAL COMMISSION to submit applications to the Mass Historic Commission and the National Park Services to place the Crafts Street stables on the National Register of Historic Sites.  
**ZONING & PLANNING NO ACTION NECESSARY on 7/20/06**

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:****PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR JUNE 20, 2007**

#188-07 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 135'  $\pm$  of 8" gas main in COMMONWEALTH AVENUE from the existing 12" gas main in Commonwealth Avenue at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue in a northerly direction to Rowe Street. {5-16-07 @ 10:51}

**PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR JUNE 20, 2007**

#189-07 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 175'  $\pm$  of 8" gas main in RICHARDSON STREET from the existing 6" gas main in Richardson Street at 42 Richardson Street northerly to the existing 12" gas main in Centre Street at the Mass Pike off ramp. {5-16-07 @ 10:50}

#71-07 ALD. BAKER AND VANCE requesting discussion of changing the system of city street light maintenance and repair to assure that outages are responded to in a timely manner, including the city assuming responsibility for work currently conducted by NStar, or other measures not currently in use, and to have some specific individual in the city whose specific responsibility is to manage and respond to street light outages. {02-27-07 @ 5:55 PM}

#69-07 ALD. WEISBUCH proposing an ordinance requiring all contractors working on City building projects to certify that they will not use undocumented workers, that they will not accept altered or fabricated documents from their employees and that contractors also be required to verify workers' immigration status without engaging in unlawful discrimination. {2/26/07 @ 3:28 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. [2-9-07 @ 1:46 PM]

#53-07 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 10'  $\pm$  of conduit at Pole 770/3 and to relocate Pole 770/3 on the southeasterly side of MERRILL ROAD to approximately 295' southwest of Ward Street. [1-7-07 @ 2:23 PM]

#451-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450'  $\pm$  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]

#391-06 (2) ALD. VANCE & BAKER proposing that Chapter 30 be amended by:  
(2) amending subsection (b) of section 5-54 establishing the Design Review Committee be amended by adding thereto a requirement that the Design Review Committee's study of the feasibility of a proposed public facility include the proposed facility's level of achieving efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy.

- #345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.
- #328-06 ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting that the Design Review Committee periodically update the Board during the design phase of the Newton North High School project.
- #327-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion with representatives of NStar regarding why a particular section of Newtonville experiences ongoing power outages, including one occurring August 2, 2006, despite representations by NStar that service to this particular area has been upgraded and is more than adequate to carry the service load even though such load is soon due to increase with a new housing project coming on line.
- #294-06 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting creation of a method for the collection of parking meter receipts to ensure maximum collection.
- #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.

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

- #276-06(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,800,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the construction of a new synthetic turf recreation complex at Newton South High School (these funds will supplement the requested CPA funds for this project under item #276-06).
- #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.
- #224-06(2) ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting further deliberation on the conditions set forth in the Site Plan Approval Board Order relating to the Newton North High School project, considering possible expansion and modification of the conditions.
- #206-06 ALD. SAMUELSON on behalf of the Fuller Street residents requesting that the reconstruction plan of Fuller Street from Chestnut Street to Commonwealth Avenue (westbound) include bump outs at three locations.
- #178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.

- #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'.
- #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.
- #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.
- #83-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER & GENTILE requesting discussion with NStar regarding frequent power outages in the Newton Lower Falls area in particular Grayson Lane.
- #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.
- #175-05 ALD. YATES requesting the School Department, School Committee and Public Building Department to request information from other communities across the Commonwealth and the nation as to problems encountered with HVAC systems in schools to find possible commonalities that might lead to possible joint legal action against defective suppliers or contractors and to possible connections to defective systems that have been successful elsewhere.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #160-05 ALD. HARNEY, SANGIOLO, PARKER AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an independent audit and possible appointment of an independent commission to investigate the Newton South construction project.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF/TRANS. AND PUB FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

- #21-05(5) ALD. STEWART requesting that certain pedestrian safety improvements, including traffic islands, rebuilt curb cuts, and relocation of a stop sign, be made at the intersection of Hagar and Concord Streets, Newton Lower Falls.

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

- #479-04 ALD. LENNON, GENTILE, SALVUCCI, COLETTI et al requesting that a detailed analysis be conducted by the Public Buildings Dept., Fire Dept. (and any necessary outside sources) of all necessary improvements for each fire station within the city. Said analysis should include, but not be limited to: living quarters (bedrooms, kitchens, etc); offices and workstations; HVAC and plumbing systems; window replacement; apparatus floor and any other physical plant improvements. Said analysis should assist the Board of Aldermen in understanding and prioritizing all needed improvements and create a "blueprint" and timeline to have improvements implemented and completed.

#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.

**ITEM REFERRED BY PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION:**

#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.

#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.

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

#101-04 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting implementation of traffic calming measures on FULLER STREET, Waban and West Newton (Wards 5 and 3).

**REFERRED TO PUB FAC. AND PUB SAFETY & TRANS. COMMITTEES**

#35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON 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.

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

# 27-03 ALD. SALVUCCI, SCHNIPPER, LINSKY, STEWART, LAPPIN AND YATES requesting a review of all change orders to date with Public Buildings Commissioner and the Project Manager on the Newton South High School project.

#435-02(2) TRAFFIC ENGINEER proposing intersection safety improvement project at the intersection of HIGH STREET/ELLIOT STREET/OAK STREET (Ward 5).  
**PS&T APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lennon abstaining) REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERSECTION RECONFIGURATION**

**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.
- #146-99     GRACE J. VIGORITO, 33 Bencliffe Circle, petition for laying out, grading and acceptance of BENCLIFFE CIRCLE from Chaske Avenue to 730' to be the width of 45 feet.
- # 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman