

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006

7:45 PM
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing

#156-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (212/28A) on the southerly side of HOMER STREET at Greenland Avenue. (Ward 6)

Public Hearing

#157-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (330/8) on the westerly side of OLD ORCHARD ROAD 737 \pm east of Hammond Street. (Ward 7)

Public Hearing

#154-06 WALNUT HILL, LLC, JEFFREY FEUERMAN TRS., 3 Craftsland Road, Chestnut Hill petitioning for Construction of a Common Sewer in BEECHER TERRACE from existing sewer main in Beecher Terrace southeasterly 120' \pm across private property within a proposed easement.
PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

Public Hearing

#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' \pm) to be the width of 45'.

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

#453-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding a space needs study for the elementary schools throughout the City.

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MAY 1, 2006

#181-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (93/1) on the northwesterly side of CHURCHHILL STREET approximately 140' southwest of Nevada Street.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MAY 1, 2006

#180-06 VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC., petitioning for a grant of location to place one new pole (100/8) on COLUMBUS STREET on the southeasterly side 15' southwesterly from Standish Road.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MAY 1, 2006

#179-06 RANDOLPH WATNICK, 22 Bracebridge Road, Newton Centre, petitioning for a common sewer main in BRACEBRIDGE ROAD from the existing sewer main in Pleasant Street southwesterly 233' to a proposed manhole in Bracebridge Road (a private way) to service 22 Bracebridge Road. N.B. The Law Department has advised that the City must acquire an easement in the affected portion of Bracebridge Road by means of a taking. **PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST**

#160-06 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting that the City further investigate possible benefits of hiring an energy savings performance contractor for possible energy conservation and cost saving.

#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.

Re-appointment by Board President

#158-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending William Chaisson, 31 Evergreen Ave. Auburndale be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

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.

#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.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#428-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY07-FY11 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$179,120,279 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$ 12,544,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$ 53,255,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 3,910,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 5,420,420
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 92,415,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,807,410
OTHER	\$ 2,768,160
TOTAL	\$179,120,279

#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.

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.

#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 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 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

- #478-04 ALD. SAMUELSON and CANDACE HAVENS, along with ALDS. JOHNSON, LENNON, HESS-MAHAN, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY, SCHNIPPER, YATES, DANBERG AND LIPOF proposing creation of a new Ordinance to allow for installation of raised crosswalks, where deemed necessary, as a traffic calming measure.

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.

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