

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2004

8 P.M.  
Room 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

#83-03 ALD. GENTILE, BRYSON, COLETTI AND LIPSITT requesting that the Health Commissioner conduct/oversee a testing program to evaluate the air quality at Newton North High School and, if necessary, make recommendations to ensure the safety of all students and staff in the building.

# 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.

#107-04 COMMISSIONER ROONEY requesting approval of the concept plans for a traffic island at the intersection Wilde Road and Beacon Street.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#109-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER ROONEY requesting approval of an inter-governmental agreement between the City of Newton and the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant for maintenance of City-owned streetlights, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40 Section 4A. The current contract with WMLP expires on February 16, 2004.

#504-02 ALD. LIPSITT AND BASHAM requesting discussion with Commissioner Rooney and representative of Wellesley Power and Light regarding performance under contract to maintain street lights, including level of outages, replacement protocol and compliance with map developed to control bulb selection.

#15-04 ALD. BAKER requesting discussion and planning of upcoming committee agendas, process, future work, and how to streamline committee work on minor or routine approvals in order to allow time to focus on more major or non-routine matters.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #108-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND YATES requesting the creation of requirements and municipal review before a utility company can locate a utility pole on private property especially in residential areas.
- #106-04 ALD. GERST requesting a report on proposed improvements to the Utilities Department's meter reading and bill procedures.
- #105-04 ALD SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion with members of the Designer Selection Committee regarding selection of an architect for Newton North High School.
- #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.
- #103-04 ALD. YATES requesting reports from the Director of Volunteer Services and the Superintendent of Schools as to what steps they can take to recruit volunteers to shovel the snow of residents who are unable to do so.
- #66-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending JOHN BLISS, 9 Lewis Terrace, Newtonville be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON ENERGY, term to expire 01-13-07 (60-day Board action date 3/20/04).
- #64-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending PETER BARRER, 24 Hazelton Road, Newton Centre, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/05 (60-day Board action date 3/20/04).
- #63-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending JEREMIAH ECK, 14 Eliot-Memorial Road, Newton, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/05 (60-day Board action date 3/20/04).

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FAC. AND PUBLIC 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.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#549-03     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY05-FY09 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$170,899,860 of new local projects over the next several years:

**SUMMARY**

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded) .....	\$8,075,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded) .....	\$54,256,057
PUBLIC SAFETY .....	\$4,611,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS .....	\$4,555,750
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.....	\$89,293,029
PARKS AND RECREATION.....	\$8,143,500
OTHER .....	\$1,965,524
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$170,899,860</b>

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#519-03     ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion and possible ordinance amendment to Sec. 29-36 "Rates, schedule" and 29-80 "Sewer use charge" of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 regarding water and sewer rates for condominiums.

#499-03     ALD. BAKER, BASHAM, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, & PARKER requesting discussion of incentives for recycling of waste not currently recycled so as to reduce costs to the city and increase the amount of recycled articles with a minimum of administrative cost or homeowner inconvenience.

#442-03     ALD. SAMUELSON AND YATES proposing an ordinance to allow the city to stabilize private way road surfaces with a steep grade, which cause road fill to impede drainage of public systems.

**REFERRED TO PROG&SERV, PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#369-03     ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a presentation of the findings and results of the *Newton North Feasibility Study* to the Board of Aldermen in a public forum to allow a greater number of the public to hear the presentation and offer public comment.

#339-03     ALD. SALVUCCI, on behalf of Anthony R. Cuechi, requesting that the square at Watertown and Adams Streets be named San Donato Square.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#94-03(3)     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing Sec. 29-36(a) and Sec. 29-80(b) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton, 2001 be amended to include language and a definition for single meter/multi-residence water and sewer rates.

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

- #94-03(4) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting His Honor the Mayor submit Home Rule Legislation to create a separate rate structure for water and sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.
- # 34-03 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion with Executive Department and Fire Department relative to street light maintenance contract with Wellesley Power and Light with the possibility transferring this function to of the Fire Department's Wire Group.
- #261-02 ALD. STEWART, BRYSON, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, COLETTI, GENTILE, LINSKY, BULLWINKLE, YATES, SAMUELSON, MERRILL, BASHAM, FISCHMAN, PARKER AND GERST requesting the creation of a special committee of the Board of Aldermen to continually monitor the sewer problems, prepare periodic reports for the public on the actions being considered by the City to address the problem, and serve as an initial clearinghouse for information for Board of Aldermen and for citizens.
- #259-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an informational discussion of authorization of a lease for municipal parking purposes of property owned by NSTAR located on Homer Street immediately west of the Main Library parking lot.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #258-02 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of feasibility and appropriateness of more progressive water/sewer rates.
- #257-02 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion of the state and federal laws that govern the shared use of utility poles, including a review of the standards and procedures employed in determining whether poles have adequate space and weight-bearing capacity to support the attachment of additional cables and wires.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #55-02 ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV 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.

# 93-99      RUTH M. THOMPSON 5 Belmore Park, Petition for Laying Out, Grading and Acceptance of BELMORE PARK from Washington Street to end 505'to be the width of 45 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman