

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003

7:45 P.M.  
Room 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#105-03      ARTHUR COHEN, 79 Warren Street, Newton Centre re-appointed on February 3, 2003 as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2005. (60-day Board action date 05-02-03)

**PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR MARCH 19, 2003**

#110-03      DEBRA SMALL, 572 Dedham Street, Newton Centre, requesting construction of a common sewer in MEADOWBROOK ROAD, from end manhole 130' ± to Dedham Street and then 500' ± southerly to 580 Dedham Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MARCH 19, 2003**

#111-03      DAVID S. DeLORIE, 153 Hancock Street, Auburndale requesting Construction of a common sewer in GROVE STREET from existing end manhole at 191 Grove Street northerly 140'± to Hancock Street to cover 153 Hancock Street.

#261-02(2)      PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE establishing a taskforce of Aldermen, departmental officials and citizens to 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.

#112-03      ALD. STEWART requesting a review of the City's procedures for responding to citizen inquiries about trash, street repairs and other matters handled by the Public Works Department.

#140-03      ALD. YATES requesting the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation Department to prepare the Nahanton Street Woods for immediate use as a snow dump for the rest of the winter of 2003.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#145-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$67,808 from Water Surplus for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Hydraulic Model for the city's water distribution system.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #144-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$27,987 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of removing the carpet in the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board office and replacing it with linoleum flooring.

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- #139-03 ALD. YATES requesting a re-study of snow dump sites within the City considering improved efficiency, proximity to sites to be cleared and lessened neighborhood impact.
- #141-03 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Commissioners of Public Works and Parks and Recreation on the restoration of the Robert Braceland Playground to full use in the spring.
- #500-02 ALD. BAKER, BASHAM, JOHNSON, LAPPIN, LINSKY, LIPSITT, MANSFIELD, MERRILL, SANGIOLO AND YATES requesting discussion of city policy regarding grants of location by the Commissioner of Public Works for temporary signs and banners on city owned light poles on public ways.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #106-03 SAUL KLASHMAN, 26 Fuller Street, Waban re-appointed on February 3, 2003 as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2005. (60-day Board action date 05-02-03)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #107-03 KENTARO TSUTSUMI, 74 Grove Street, Auburndale re-appointed on February 3, 2003 as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE and the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for terms of office to expire on December 31, 2005. (60-day Board action date 05-02-03)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #108-03 EDMUND WHITE, 79 Cleveland Street, West Newton re-appointed on February 3, 2003 as a member of the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2005. (60-day Board action date 05-02-03)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #109-03 ALBERT D. FINE, 55 Wilde Road, Waban re-appointed on February 3, 2003 as a member of the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2005. (60-day Board action date 05-02-03)

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

#88-03 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting discussion with Executive Department, DPW Commissioner and City Engineer regarding how the vacancy of the City Traffic Engineer position has adversely affected operations, including the work of the Traffic Council and the Public Safety/Transportation Committee.

**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.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#94-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen support of a RESOLUTION affirming a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual condominium units being billed on par with single family homes.

**RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

#90-03 MELVIN CHALFEN, 22 Hyde Avenue, Newton to be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2003 (60-day Board Action Date (04-19-03).

**RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

#91-03 JOSEPH MICHELSON, 94 Park Avenue, Newton to be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2003 (60-day Board Action Date (04-19-03).

#67-03 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works options for removal of snow from sidewalks.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#66-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion on a different water rate structure for condominium owners.

# 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.

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

# 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.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #485-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$64,947 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding construction of a customer service center in the northeast alcove of the City Hall rotunda.
- #427-02(02) BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to install a hip guy and anchor at pole 73/38 opposite Mill Street.
- #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.
- #260-02 ALD. BRYSON, STEWART, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, COLETTI, GENTILE, LINSKY, BULLWINKLE, YATES, SAMUELSON, MERRILL, BASHAM, FISCHMAN, PARKER AND GERST requesting: a public hearing on the sewer problems in Waban, Upper Falls, Lower Falls, Auburndale, West Newton and other neighborhoods on the north side of the city.
- #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.
- #213-02 VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to place guy and anchor on the asterly side 53' southerly at existing pole 413/9 on Sumner Street.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#124-02(11) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY04-FY08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, pursuant to Section 5-3 of the NEWTON CITY CHARTER, which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance new local capital projects totaling \$160,847,242 over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED) .....	\$ 58,022,114
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED) .....	\$5,820,000
PUBLIC SAFETY .....	\$3,349,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS .....	\$3,941,400
PUBLIC EDUCATION .....	\$80,156,728
PARKS & RECREATION .....	\$7,479,000
OTHER .....	\$2,079,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$160,847,242</b>

**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.
  
- #28-02      THE GERSSINFELD'S AND VIOLA'S requesting that Rogers Street, Newton Highlands be changed to Rogers Way as there is a duplicate street name in Newtonville.
  
- #309-01     ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.
  
- #135-01     ALD. M. LIPOF offering a resolution urging His Honor the Mayor to hire an independent auditor to oversee and report monthly through the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen for the duration of the construction and renovations to the high schools.
  
- # 47-01     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the *Report and Recommendation of the Needham Street Advisory Committee* for Board review and approval.
  
- #75-00     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing ordinance amendments related to right of way petitions, plans and permits as provided for in sections 23 and 26 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton.

#529-99 ALD. YATES & LIPSITT requesting His Honor the Mayor to submit an ordinance enabling the city to minimize the disruption of city streets by telecommunication providers, require the restoration of streets to prior condition at provider expense, promote co-location, and otherwise manage the city right of way in accordance with city rights under the Telecommunication Act.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#478-99 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$5,400,000, which funding will be long term debt as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 8(7)(a), for the purpose of replacing water meters throughout the City.

**Street Acceptance**

#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.

**Street Acceptance**

# 94-99 RALPH S. ROBERT 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.

**Street Acceptance**

# 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.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES, PS&T AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#341-98 ALD. CICCONE requesting establishment of an ordinance to require that all street design/redesign projects be submitted to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

#128-98 ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MERRILL, MANSFIELD requesting an adjustment to the water and sewer rate structure to allow rate relief for low-volume water and sewer users.

#20-96 ALD. CICCONE requesting discussion with the Director of Utilities regarding there-implementation of the use of sprinkle/garden meters to measure outside water use for all residences citywide. Item recommitted by full board on 4/5/99

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman