

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003

7:45 PM  
Room 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:  
PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR 10/08/03**

- #395-03     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, ALD. LIPOF, LAPPIN AND FISCHMAN  
requesting that the traffic island at the intersection of Baldpate Hill Road, Dudley Street and Brookline Street be named the Richard B. Ross Memorial Square.
- #339-03     ALD. SALVUCCI, on behalf of Anthony R. Cuechi, requesting that the square at Watertown and Adams Streets be named San Donato Square.
- #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.

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION  
ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES ON 10/07/03**

- #220-03(2)   HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that Department of Public Works fees for sewer back-ups be increased to more accurately reflect the City's cost of providing services. The increased revenue from these fees is to be part of the FY04 revenue estimates prepared by the Chief Budget Officer.  
**APPROVED 4-2-1 (Gerst and Salvucci opposed, Stewart abstaining) on 9/3/03**
- #415-03     ALD. SALVUCCI proposing that Sec. 26-5, Public Way Improvements Constituting Specific Repairs, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton, 2001 as amended, be further amended to include city and state funded projects.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2003**

- #416-03     BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to relocate pole #52/3 and remove existing pole on the northerly side of COURT STREET, approximately 200' north of Washington Street. (Ward 2)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2003**

- #417-03 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450'± of 4" gas main in KAREN ROAD and 50'± of 6" gas main in OAKVALE ROAD from the existing 6" gas main in Oakvale Road at Karen Road southerly to 40 Karen Road. (Ward 5)

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #427-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of \$144,168 from the Parking Meter Receipts Fund to the Department of Public Works street light account prior to the setting of the FY04 property tax rate.

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

- #113-01(9A) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend \$80,085 from the High School Debt Reserve fund for the purpose of funding the first year debt service costs of the \$5.7 million permanent bonds issued for the high school renovation projects.

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

- #113-01(9B) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend the sum of \$193,206 from the High School Debt Reserve fund for the purpose of funding the first year debt service costs of the two year Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) issued for the high school renovation projects.

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

- #113-01(9C) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend the sum of \$23,700 from the High School Debt Reserve fund for the purpose of funding the legal costs associated with the ten year bond issuance for the high school renovation projects. These costs were over and above the funds previously appropriated in the Treasurer/Collector's budget for debt issuance costs.

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

- #113-01(9D) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$2,289,771.35 from FY04 estimated revenue (\$1,926,544 School Building Assistance Program funds and \$363,227.35 from recent sale of BANs) for the purpose of adding funds to the High School Debt Reserve in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**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.

- #393-03 ALD. LINSKY, SCHNIPPER AND SALVUCCI requesting a discussion regarding progress in the renovation of Newton South High School.
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- #394-03 ALD. LIPSITT AND GERST requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works regarding the policy for installation of sidewalks and curbs during street repair/reconstruction and possible amendment of Sec. 26-70 of the of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001.

**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.

**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.
- #177-03 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with representatives of the Designer Selection Committee regarding the procedures and processes of that committee.
- #154-03 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting a review of the ordinances pertaining to the Design Review Committee.

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

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- #199-03 ALD. STEWART recommending a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual rental units being billed on a par with single family homes.
- #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 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. 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.

**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