



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

7:00 PM
Room 205

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

#41-17 **Resolution requesting the speed limit on Quinobequin Road be reduced to 25 mph.**
COUNCILOR YATES, requesting that the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation reduce the speed limit on all sections of Quinobequin Road to 25 mph in conformity with the speed limit in the City. [02/09/17 @ 9:28 PM]
HELD 6-0 on 03/08/17

#71-17 **Amendment relative to docketing Traffic Council petitions**
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, proposing to amend **Sec. 19-29. Docketing of petitions; determination of eligibility for hearing.** by deleting section (c) (3). [03/10/17 @ 4:54 PM]

Clerk's Note: Councilor Yates has requested that the following item be voted No Action Necessary.
#25-17 **Resolution requesting MBTA repair the pedestrian bridge near the Elliot MBTA station**
COUNCILORS YATES, RICE AND CROSSLEY, requesting that the MBTA repair the pedestrian bridge from the south side of Route 9 to the Elliot MBTA station. [01/23/17 @ 1:41 PM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this meeting:

Referred to PS&T, Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#59-17 **Appropriate \$350,000 for construction of a Parks & Recreation/Police building**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) from Overlay Surplus for the purpose of funding the construction of a new combined Parks & Recreation and Police Department facility to be located at the Elliot Street DPW yard. [02/17/17 @ 9:29 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 03/08/17, Councilor Yates not voting

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Referred to Programs & Services and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #46-17 Discussion regarding how community policing works**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Chief of Police and/or members of his department to explain to the City Council how “community policing” works in Newton, how it differs from traditional policing, how staffing differs from traditional departments, and how it benefits Newton. [02/20/17 @ 3:21 PM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #359-16 Submittal of the FY 2018 to FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/11/16 @ 11:28 AM]
- #345-16 Requesting a review, amendment or elimination of the Winter Overnight Parking Ban**
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, requesting a review and possible amendment or elimination of the winter overnight parking ban. [10/06/16 @ 9:10 AM]
HELD 6-0 on 11/02/16

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES

- #312-15 Update from Health Department on opiate overdose epidemic**
ALD. COTE, HARNEY AND NORTON, requesting a review and discussion of the opiate overdose epidemic including an update from the Health Department appraising the board on the current situation to include comparative statistics from previous years as to the number of opiate overdoses handled by first responders. In addition, what is being done immediately to take this on and what support can the Board provide. [10/19/15 @ 1:30 PM]
- #28-14 Discussion on duplicate street names**
ALD. CICCONE AND FULLER, on behalf of the Health Department and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requesting a discussion on duplicate street names. [01/09/14 @ 10:57 AM]

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #413-11 Updates on the renovations to the City’s fire stations**
ALD. CICCONE, SALVUCCI, GENTILE & LENNON, updating the Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees on the progress of renovations to the city’s fire stations. [11/17/11 @ 11:07 AM]

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

, 2017

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON QUINOBEQUIN ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the General Court has passed and the Governor has signed into law the Municipal Modernization Act and;

WHEREAS, the Act authorized cities and towns to make the speed limit on otherwise unregulated streets 25 miles per hour and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has voted and the Mayor has signed a measure to reduce the speed limit on otherwise unmarked city streets to 25 MPH and;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has control of speed limits on state parkways including Quinobequin Road in Newton and;

WHEREAS, the speed limit on some sections of Quinobequin Road is 30 MPH and 25 MPH on others and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Newton City Council requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to make the speed limit on Quinobequin Road uniform at 25 MPH and to continue to work with the Newton Police Department to enforce speed limits on the road.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

ITEM #71-17: DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES**Sec. 19-29. Docketing of petitions; determination of eligibility for hearing.**

(a) Upon the receipt of a petition concerning a matter within the jurisdiction of the traffic council, the clerk of the board of aldermen shall make an initial determination whether it complies with the requirements of the foregoing section. In the event that it so complies, the clerk of the board shall promptly place the matter on the agenda of the traffic council, and simultaneously notify the board of aldermen that the matter has been docketed with the traffic council. (Ord. No. Z-12, 12-03-07)

(b) The chairman of the traffic council shall refer all docketed petitions to the department of public works for a preliminary determination of eligibility for hearing in accordance with the threshold standards provided in subsection (c) below. Any petition which the department determines does not meet the threshold standards shall not be added to the traffic council docket and shall be ineligible for further consideration for at least one year. The petitioner and the board of aldermen shall be so notified in writing by the traffic council. Petitions meeting the threshold standards shall proceed to a hearing before the traffic council in accordance with the provisions of Section 19-31.

(c) Threshold standards for traffic council hearing eligibility:

- (1) Petitions for stop signs, traffic signals, and all other regulatory devices shall meet the minimum standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways, latest edition, with amendments, as adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- (2) Petitions for school zones, regulations governing the use or operation of heavy commercial vehicles, and speed limits shall meet the minimum standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Highways; and

~~(3) Petitions for traffic calming measures shall meet all of the following standards:~~

- ~~i. traffic volume on the street is greater than 1,000 vehicles per day;~~
- ~~ii. measured 85th percentile speeds are equal to or greater than 9 mph above the speed limit; and~~
- ~~iii. for vertical deflections, street classification shall be minor collector or local street.~~
- ~~iv. for raised crossing(s), the minimum criteria established by the city crosswalk policy shall be met.~~

- (4) The traffic council shall hear site-specific requests, even if the above thresholds for hearing eligibility are not met, under one of the following conditions:

- i. as directed by the board of aldermen via site plan approval, special permit condition, or other board order or resolution;
- ii. where a Community Development Block Grant or other source of public funding has been formally allocated to fully or partially fund a site-specific traffic calming project.

(Ord. No. Z-81, 2-22-11; Ord. No. Z-111, 06-18-12)

Danielle Delaney

To: Danielle Delaney
Subject: FW: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

#25-17

From: Brian E. Yates
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Danielle Delaney
Cc: Brian E. Yates
Subject: Re: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

From: Dailey, Donny (DOT) <Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Brian E. Yates; Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU); adyanthaya@aol.com; Mark Bridger
Cc: Anderson, Catherine (SEN); Aaron M. Goldman
Subject: RE: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Councilor Yates ,

The District will keep me apprised going forward

Thank you

Donny

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From: Brian E. Yates [<mailto:byates@newtonma.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Dailey, Donny (DOT); Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU); adyanthaya@aol.com; Mark Bridger
Cc: Anderson, Catherine (SEN); Aaron M. Goldman
Subject: Re: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Dear Anil and Mark,

I thought you'd be interested in this response I got on the Elliot Station Bridge from Ruth Balser's office.

Brian Yates

From: Dailey, Donny (DOT) <Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU)

Cc: Anderson, Catherine (SEN); Brian E. Yates; Aaron M. Goldman

Subject: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Good morning Dmitry ,

The Highway District 6 Maintenance section conducted a recent site inspection of the Newton pedestrian bridge N-12-072 (87D). There is an area on the Ramp side of the structure that is showing heavy efflorescence, at the same location the hand rail supports are showing fatigue, on the deck there are two soft locations next to clogged drains, and the French drains on the bridge are full.

The District will address all of the things mentioned over this upcoming construction season and it should be noted that some of the necessary work is weather dependent , however there is nothing at the structure that would be considered un safe or a hazard at this time.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions

Thank you

Donny

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From: Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU) [<mailto:Dmitriy.Gridnev@mahouse.gov>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:41 PM

To: Dailey, Donny (DOT)

Subject: RE: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Thanks Donny. Representative Balsler wanted to make it clear that she is also interested in seeing these repairs done this Spring.

Dmitriy Gridnev

Legislative Aide

Office of State Representative Ruth Balsler

617-722-2396

From: Dailey, Donny (DOT) [<mailto:Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:54 PM

To: Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU)

Subject: RE: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Dmitry,

Anil Adyanthaya also sent the same letter to Senator Creem's office. I forwarded the same response that I had sent you on December 14th to to Cat Anderson this morning. (see below). I will check back with the District and see if anything has changed

This past summer the Newton pedestrian bridge N-12-072 (87D) had areas of concrete that were spalling with delamination to the outside faces of the sidewalk deck. These locations were chipped clean of any loose concrete. I will let you know what , if any, other work is scheduled to be done on the bridge , which would likely be in the spring

Thank you

Donny

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From: Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU) [<mailto:Dmitriy.Gridnev@mahouse.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Dailey, Donny (DOT)
Subject: FW: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Hi Donny,

Following up on this email I sent you last week. Could you please let me know what you have found?

Thanks,

Dmitriy Gridnev
Legislative Aide
Office of State Representative Ruth Balsler
617-722-2396

From: Gridnev, Dmitriy (HOU)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 10:38 AM
To: 'Dailey, Donny (DOT)'
Subject: FW: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Hello Donny,

Attached, please find a letter detailing the issues found with the bridge connected to the Elliot station. Representative Balsler and I have been in touch with you about this bridge before.

You had said that if DOT would work on this bridge, the plan would be determined in the Spring. Does DOT have plans to fix the issues with this bridge? If not, what can Representative Balsler do to advocate for fixing this bridge? She is very interested in seeing these cracks and breaks in the concrete repaired.

Dmitriy Gridnev
Legislative Aide
Office of State Representative Ruth Balsler
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From: Anil Adyanthaya <aadyanthaya@newtonma.gov>
Date: February 4, 2017 at 6:20:10 PM EST
To: "Ruth.Balser@mahouse.gov" <ruth.balser@mahouse.gov>
Cc: Srdjan Nedeljkovic <snedeljkovic@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Bridge to Eliot MBTA Station

Dear Representative Balser,
Attached please find a letter for your consideration concerning the condition of an important bridge in our villages.

Thank you,
Anil

Anil Adyanthaya
President
[Newton Upper Falls Area Council](#)