

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Fuller, Yates, Lipof, Harney, Johnson, Schwartz and Cote
City Staff: Chief Howard Mintz and Lt. David MacDonald, Executive Officer, Newton Police Department; Chief Bruce Proia and Asst. Chief Paul Chagnon, Newton Fire Department and Robert Symanski, Financial Analyst

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#116-14 JEROME GRAFE, 21 Oakland Street, Newton Corner, appointed as an alternate member of TRAFFIC COUNCIL for a term to expire on April 15, 2017. (60 days 05/31/14) [04/01/14 @ 2:18 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 8-0**

NOTE: Mr. Grafe did not attend tonight's discussion, as he is well known to Traffic Council and the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Grafe was first recommended to serve as the Citizen Representative for Traffic Council in the spring 2008, when he began serving. Mr. Grafe has been serving as the Citizen Representative for Traffic Council until March 2014 when his term expired. Mr. Grafe chose to become an alternate member.

Chair Ciccone stated that an alternate member has not been appointed for many years. The City Ordinance requires one appointed member and one or more alternates.

Chairman Ciccone stated Mr. Grafe's qualifications are tremendous, an asset to Traffic Council with his extensive experience and will certainly benefit the City. The attached resume highlights his skills and experience.

Without discussion, Ald. Johnson made the motion to approve his appointment. Committee members agreed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman



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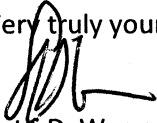
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to appoint Jerome Grafe of 21 Oakland Street, Newton as an alternate member of the Traffic Council. His term of office shall expire April 15, 2017 and his appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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I hold a Masters of Urban Affairs (Environmental Planning) from Boston University and BA in Environmental Management from Framingham State College. I am a senior regional planner with 28 years experience in the Transportation Unit of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in Boston.

I serve as MassDEP's technical lead on the Central Artery/Tunnel (CA/T) Project air quality mitigation program; overseeing the High Occupancy Vehicle, Transit System Improvement and Tunnel Ventilation System Certification regulation requirements. This entails many aspects of ongoing technical and policy work internally with transportation agencies and outside stakeholders.

I am also responsible for MassDEP's review of development projects statewide that are subject to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office. Our role in the MEPA process is to devise plans that minimize air pollution caused by traffic associated with private development. In coordination with the four regional MassDEP offices, I provide mobile source air quality/green house gas comments that recommend project specific mitigation programs. My comments generally address several transportation demand management (TDM) measures, including; parking management, public transit shuttle bus services, bicycle/pedestrian facility enhancements, rideshare requirements, transportation management (TMA) programs, employee transportation benefits as well as traffic calming and other transportation system management (TSM) and construction period mitigation. Accordingly, I am very familiar with local; parking, traffic congestion, pedestrian safety concerns and traffic control devices.

In my earlier years at MassDEP I worked on Boston, Cambridge, Massport Parking Freeze programs, served as legislative coordinator for the former Division of Air Quality, managed the Boston-area carbon monoxide attainment re-designation and provide state/regional transportation plan review/approval for conformity requirements with the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan.

I believe in transportation equity where all mobility and mode interests are considered and have endeavored to achieve this throughout my first term as Citizen Representative on Traffic Council.

My wife and our 2 children have lived in Newton Corner since 2002 where our boys attend Bigelow and too soon, will be at North where my wife works as a full time teacher.

Jerome Grafe