CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

7:45 PM Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #87-12 <u>ALD. SALVUCCI</u>, requesting the establishment of a permit parking program for the Melrose Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Auburndale to assist abutting businesses with parking for their employees. [03/23/12 @ 12:52 PM] HELD 6-0, Ald. Harney not voting on 05/23/12
- #391-12 <u>ALD. LENNON</u>, filing on 11/14/12 an appeal from TC36-12, which requested parking spaces on Richardson Street, which are currently reserved for Parks & Recreation Employees on weekdays, be changed back to metered parking spaces (Ward 1), approved as amended by Traffic Council on October 25, 2012.
- #137-11 <u>ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER</u> requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-191, Parking Meter Fees, to require a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters in order to discourage short-term use. [4/26/11 @ 9:52 AM] **HELD 8-0 on 01/18/12**
- #278-11 <u>ALD. YATES</u>, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. [09/26/11 @ 2:37 PM] HELD 5-0, Ald. Johnson not voting on 03/21/12
- #279-10 <u>ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY</u>, requesting the development of a comprehensive traffic and parking plan for the Newton North High School neighborhood with the following streets as its borders: Commonwealth Avenue, Washington, Harvard and Valentine Streets. This plan to be completed by November 30, 2010 will include a fix to short term (immediate needs) and longer term needs to effectively manage the traffic circulation within the neighborhood, provide pedestrian and vehicular safety, and preserve quality of life for the neighborhood, school staff and faculty. [10/06/10 @ 12:33 PM]
 HELD 7-0, Ald. Harney and Swiston not voting on 6/20/12

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ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#35-13 <u>ALD. YATES</u>, requesting an update from the Chief of Police on the status of the recommendation of the Police Department on school security in a 2008 report. [01/14/13 @ 1:34 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #428-12 <u>ALD. CICCONE & FULLER</u> requesting a discussion with the Executive Office and the Police Department regarding police staffing and overtime costs.
 [12/07/12 @ 1:34 PM]
 HELD 6-0, Ald. Swiston not voting on 01/09/13
- #337-12 <u>ALD. LINSKY, CICCONE, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON</u>, requesting authorization for the installation of a bicycle corral adjacent to 321 Walnut Street, Newtonville. [10/11/12 @ 8:18 PM]
 HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 11/07/12 HELD 7-0 on 12/05/12

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #322-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> submitting the FY14-FY18 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/09/12 @ 2:38 PM]
- #300-12 <u>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT</u>, requesting amendments to Chapter 19 to establish parameters around which parking meter "holidays" may be allowed and identifying the authority for making determinations of eligibility. [09/24/12 @ 3:17 PM]
- #299-12 <u>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT</u>, requesting a discussion regarding a policy-based management plan for parking. [09/24/12 @ 3:17 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #281-12 <u>HARRY SANDERS</u> requesting creation of an ordinance to allow pawnbrokers in the City of Newton pursuant to G.L. c. 140 section 70 with potential for nonfixed location of business. Secured property storage would not entail retail walkin; model would entail possible satellite locations enabling the possibility of integrating Newton students. [08/31/12 @ 12:25 PM]
- #268-12 WARD 2 ALDERMEN, filing an appeal from TC29-12 (A&B), which requested removal of metered parking spaces on Walnut Street across from Washington Park and Madison Avenue (Ward 2), approved by Traffic Council on July 26, 2012. (Appeal filed 08/13/12)
 A) HELD removal of Meter #266, Walnut Street across from Washington Park (6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting) on 10/03/12
 B) APPEAL DENIED removal of Meters #253 and #254, Walnut Street across from Madison Avenue (6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting) on 10/03/12

#267-12 <u>ALD. CICCONE</u>, proposing that Sec. 19-309. Requirements as to vehicles generally. and 19-332. Procedure for obtaining licenses. be amended to include limousines and that Sec. 19-338 Limousine Permits be amended to include an annual fee of \$25 and an annual inspection. [08/21/12 @ 10:29 AM] HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 10/03/12

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #257-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.
- #240-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> requesting that Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC be amended to determine who has jurisdiction for parking on municipal land, the owning department as described in Sec. 19-224. Parking prohibited on city grounds. or the Traffic Council as described in Sec. 19-26. Authority and role of Traffic Council.
- #239-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> requesting a discussion as to whether the increased Tiger Permit Fees in Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC and the process established as part of the temporary Tiger program are still valid for the smaller permanent program.
- #238-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> requesting a discussion to determine whether Hawk lights should be regulated in Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC or in the *Traffic and Parking Regulations*.
- #237-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> requesting a discussion relative to amending Sec. 19-188 Establishment of spaces and installation of parking meters; type of meters; operation and maintenance. of Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC by deleting in paragraph (a) the reference to specific denominations for payment.
- #236-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> recommending Sec. 19-175. Angle parking. of Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC be amended by deleting the words "board of aldermen" and inserting in place thereof the words "traffic council" and by inserting after the word "and" the words "the commissioner of public works".
- #235-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> recommending that Sec. 19-113. Pedestrians crossing ways or roadways. in Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC be amended by removing the existing description of a marked crosswalk.

- #234-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> recommending that the definition of *Speed humps* in **Sec. 19-1.** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to make it consistent with current design/practice standards.
- #233-12 <u>RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE</u> recommending that the definition of *Crosswalk* in **Sec. 9-1** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to define that it is a portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrians crossing with marked lines only.
- #232-12 FRANK TERRIO on behalf of NEWTON YELLOW CAB requesting either an exemption from the City of Newton Ordinances 2012, Sec. 19-309.
 Requirements as to vehicles generally c), no vehicle shall be approved for use as a taxicab or public automobile or van in the city when the vehicle is ten (10) years old or older, the age of each vehicle to be determined from the year of manufacture to the year for which the vehicle license is to issue. or an amendment to allow a vehicle to be used as a taxicab, public auto or van when the vehicle is over ten years old if it passes Police Department inspection. [08/02/12 @ 2:53 PM]
 HELD 7-0 on 10/03/12
- #196-12 <u>ANN BASSI et al.</u> filing an appeal from TC-68-11, which requested a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. on Atwood Avenue (Ward 2), voted No Action Necessary by Traffic Council on June 14, 2012. (Appeal filed 07/02/12).
- #194-12 <u>ALD. CICCONE</u> proposing that Sec. 19-309. Requirements as to vehicles generally. and 19-332. Procedure for obtaining licenses. be amended to include vans and that Sec. 17-3. Fees for certain licenses and permits. be amended to include a \$25 annual fee for vans. [06/21/12 @ 11:28AM] HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 10/03/12
- #125-12 <u>ALD. YATES, HARNEY, SANGIOLO & GENTILE</u>, requesting the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) to work with the Town of Wellesley, MetroWest Regional Transit Authority, Mass Bay Community College, Wellesley College and other institutions that provide bus service to the MBTA and Newton Wellesley Hospital to operate their vehicles along Route 16 and request that they pick-up and discharge passengers in Lower Falls. [04/20/12 @ 1:55 PM]
- #69-12 <u>DANIEL HERMON</u>, One International Place, 100 Oliver Street, Suite 1400, Boston, MA 02110 requesting issuance of a van license to operate Dan's Coach in Newton. [03/08/12 @ 2:16 PM]

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

#413-11 <u>ALD. CICCONE, SALVUCCI, GENTILE & LENNON</u> 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]

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

#41-11 <u>ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON AND DANBERG</u> requesting discussion of the elimination, except during snow emergencies, of the overnight parking ban which is in effect from November 15 through April 15. [01/18/11 @ 9:00 PM]
 PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 (Ald. Salvucci not voting) on 02/09/11 HELD 6-0 on 02/09/11

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY&TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

 #363-10(2) <u>ALD. ALBRIGHT</u> proposing a trial of parking meter free Saturdays between Thanksgiving and New Year for the shopping areas to support shopping at local businesses in Newton. [02/10/12 @ 9:13 AM] HELD 7-0, Ald. Johnson voting on 06/20/12

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

#87-12 <u>ALD. SALVUCCI</u>, requesting the establishment of a permit parking program for the Melrose Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Auburndale to assist abutting businesses with parking for their employees. [03/23/12 @ 12:52 PM] HELD 6-0 on 04/11/12 ACTION: HELD 6.0 Ald Harman pat voting

ACTION: HELD 6-0, Ald. Harney not voting

<u>NOTE:</u> Ald. Salvucci, Clint Schuckel, Director of Transportation and David Koses, Transportation Planner joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ald. Salvucci said that he docketed this item requesting the removal or bagging of 10 parking meters to allow free parking for business employees as a "Parking by Permit Only" program because he feels the Melrose Avenue lot is not fully utilized. He said that the City collects approximately \$13,000 per year in revenue at this location. The MBTA is now charging a fee to park in the Auburn Street municipal parking lot. It appears commuters are now parking in the business district occupying employee parking. Mr. Schuckel said that when the Commercial Parking Permit Program was in place, permits were not purchased at this location.

Ald. Fuller asked Mr. Schuckel for his opinion on this item and asked that he provide the pros, cons, how the program could be managed and if he thought it would set a precedent for other villages. Mr. Schuckel stated that Newton North High School issues 40 student parking permits out of the available 150 parking spaces at the Austin Street lot because the lot is not fully utilized. He did not know the fee charged to the students for the parking permits because the school makes their determination based on their administrative costs. He then said that he is concerned that this item would set a precedent and all villages would desire this program.

Mr. Koses said that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the City base their parking prices on demand. TAC suggests the City charge lower fees at low demand locations and higher fees at high demand locations. Ald. Salvucci then said that he would not be opposed to a \$25.00 permit fee and asked if meters could be adjusted to be longer than the 6-hour limit. Mr. Schuckel said that the Melrose Avenue municipal lot is the only City parking lot that has 6-hour meters.

Ald. Johnson said that she is opposed to a free parking program and is concerned that additional villages may desire the same program. She requested additional information on lot utilization. Ald. Swiston said that the past parking permit program was a burden to the City when several departments were involved to operate the program. She feels a solution is necessary to help businesses without placing additional burden on the City. Ald. Yates said by creating this program it opens parking spaces for patrons. He asked if the burden could be placed on the employers to collect fees for the permit.

Ald. Kalis made the motion to hold this item pending additional information from Mr. Schuckel regarding the pros, cons, Melrose Avenue lot utilization and City revenue. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Harney not voting.

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TC36-12 <u>DAVID KOSES</u>, requesting that the parking spaces on Richardson Street, which are currently reserved for Parks and Recreation Employees on weekdays, be changed back to metered parking spaces. (Ward 1) [09/11/12 @ 10:16 AM]

<u>ACTION</u>: APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0). One hour limit, Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, except Parks and Recreation Vehicles. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.

<u>NOTE</u>: Mr. Koses said that he docketed this item and spoke with Commissioner DeRubeis, who informed him that the Parks & Recreation employees are not utilizing the Richardson Street parking spaces that were approved by Traffic Council on September 22, 2011. Traffic Council approved the original request of removing seven parking meters to accommodate Parks and Recreation Department employee parking Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5pm on Richardson Street. Mr. Koses then said that the removal of parking to accommodate the Parks & Recreation employees has made it difficult for the public to park, especially when voting.

Sgt. Babcock questioned why the Parks & Recreation vehicles are using the Richardson Street parking lot rather than the street. The parking lot allows business patrons and commuters the opportunity to park. He will request through Commissioner DeRubeis that Parks & Recreation vehicles be parked on Richardson Street. He then requested this item be held until Commissioner DeRubeis can attend a meeting. Ald. Ciccone agreed.

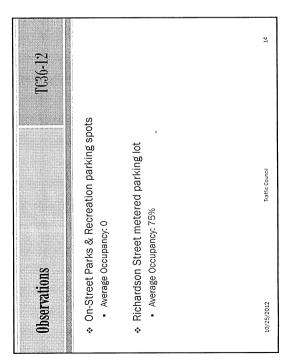
Mr. Koses said that the original intent of this item was to allow employees the opportunity to park their personal cars on Richardson Street (a residential street). Traffic Council also provided an opportunity for Parks and Rec employees to park their personal vehicles in the Richardson Street lot without paying the meters. Mr. Grafe suggested removing the signs until meters are placed back because it is wasted space.

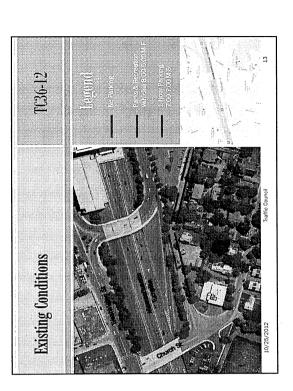
Mr. Baxter provided Council members with existing area parking restrictions and observations. He agreed that Parks & Recreation are not utilizing the on-street parking. He suggested 'swapping' signs to reflect a one-hour limit, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm, except for Parks & Recreation vehicles to allow flexibility, rather than return the removed meters. Council members all respected Mr. Baxter's suggestion. Without further discussion, Mr. Baxter made his suggestion into a motion to approve as amended a one-hour limit, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm, except Parks & Recreation vehicles. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012. Any parking concerns in the Richardson Street lot itself may be handled under a different docket item, if need be.

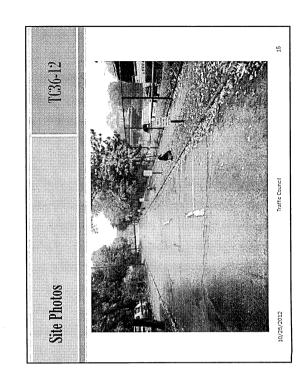
Sgt. Babcock said that in order to accommodate residents parking needs when voting on November 6, 2012, the Police Department would allow parking on Richardson Street.

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12 TC36-12 approximately across from 46 Richardson Street removed Vehicles displaying a Parks and Recreation Department Parking Lot that is not designated as a one-hour meter, sticker may park at any meter in the Richardson Street Seven parking meters located along Richardson Street and replaced by a "Parks and Recreation Department Vehicles Only 8AM to 5PM, Monday-Friday" zone Traffic Council without paying the meter. Approved (4-0) 9.22.11 Approved (3-1) 9.22.11 **Previous Action** 10/25/2012







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#137-11 <u>ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER</u> requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-191, Parking Meter Fees, to require a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters in order to discourage short-term use. [4/26/11 @ 9:52 AM] ACTION: HELD 8-0

NOTE: Ald. Danberg said that this item was docketed in order to request the requirement of a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters to discourage short-term use by changing pricing models.

Committee members were provided with draft ordinance language that creates a daily rate for long-term parking spaces in the Cypress Street parking lot prepared by Marie Lawlor, Assistant City Solicitor, dated 01/12/12, attached to this report.

Mr. Schuckel said that this item is primarily for the Cypress Street parking lot because of the simplicity to change rates on the kiosk "Luke". He said he is concerned about educating patrons. If this item were approved, what would be the most effective way?

Ald. Fuller made a motion to hold this item pending the following information: Additional data regarding patrons who use long-term spaces for short-term visits, recommendation on a trial and most effective way to educate people. Committee members agreed 8-0.

As requested from Ald. Johnson, "The Premium Parking Spot" article from the *Boston Sunday Globe*, dated January 15, 2012, is attached to this report.

At approximately 9:35 pm, Ald. Yates moved to adjourn. Committee members agreed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

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Item #137-11

1/12/2012

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES:

Add the following new paragraph (c) to Section 19-91 Parking meter fees :

(c) In the Cypress Street Municipal Lot, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday except City holidays, a minimum purchase of four dollars (\$4.00) for eight (8) hours parking time is required in parking meter spaces designated as long-term pursuant to Section 19-194 of these ordinances. The rate for additional time over the eight hour minimum shall be \$0.50 per hour. After 12:00 p.m., the long-term parking meter space rate shall be \$0.50 per hour with no minimum purchase required.

NEWTON CODE ONLINE - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

§ 19-189

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Sec. 19-189. Manner of parking in parking meter spaces; unlawful parking.

(a) Whenever any vehicle shall be parked next to a parking meter, the operator of the vehicle shall park within the area designated by the curb or street marking lines, and upon entering the parking space shall immediately deposit in the meter one or more five cent (\$0.05) or ten cent (\$0.10) coins or a twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coin. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or neglect to deposit such coins or to fail to park within the limits designated. Such parking meter space may be used by such vehicle during the time limited according to the sum thus deposited and such vehicle shall be unlawfully parked if it shall remain in such space beyond the period of time for which the operator shall have deposited coins in the meter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause any vehicle to be unlawfully parked as provided in paragraph (a); however, it shall not be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in a metered parking space without depositing coins in the meter, provided the meter does not show that the time for such parking has expired and further provided that the total period of time used shall not exceed the total period of time to which such metered parking space is limited for use. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-155; Ord. No. 53, 2-18-75)

Sec. 19-190. Overtime parking.

No person shall park a vehicle for a longer consecutive period than the limit specified and between the hours specified on any of the streets or parts of streets designated as parking meter zones in which parking meters and parking meter spaces are to be established pursuant to this chapter. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-156)

Sec. 19-191. Parking meter fees.

The fees for parking in a parking meter space during the days and hours designated for parking meter zones shall be as follows:

(a) For parking meter zones with a time limit of fours hours or less, the fee shall be five cents (\$0.05) for each four (4) minute period or part thereof; and

(b) For parking meter zones with a time limit of greater than four hours, including those parking meter zones that have no time limit, the fee shall be five cents (\$0.05) for each six (6) minute period or part thereof. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-157; Ord. No. 53, 2-18-75; Ord. No. 70, 5-5-75; Ord. No. 318, 3-5-79; Ord. No. R-28, 3-16-81; Ord. No. S-29, 12-5-83; Ord. No. W-44, 5-29-01; Ord. No. X-207, 4-18-06; Ord. No. Z-58, 12-21-09)

Sec. 19-192. Feeding meters; tampering with, injuring or destroying meters unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in a parking meter any coin for the purpose of extending the period of permissible parking as shown by such meter beyond the maximum period of parking as prescribed for such parking meter space. It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized to do so to open, tamper with, break, injure or destroy any parking meter. (Rev. Ord. 1973, § 13-158)

Sec. 19-193. Collection, deposit of fees; inspection of meters; parking meter fund subject to appropriation.

The commissioner of public works shall collect or cause to be collected weekly or more often, at his discretion, all coins deposited in parking meters, and shall inspect such meters or cause the same to be inspected weekly to see if they are in proper working order. He shall turn over all money collected from such parking meters on the same day as collection is made to the city collector-treasurer who shall keep a separate account of such monies designated as the "parking meter account." The mayor shall have authority to require employees of the department of public works engaged in the collection of such monies to be bonded in such amount as he may deem advisable. The parking meter account shall be subject to appropriation by the board of aldermen upon recommendation of the mayor for all

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2013

TO: Public Safety and Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen

FROM: David Koses, Transportation Planning Coordinator

SUBJECT: #279-10 Newton North Neighborhood Parking Plan

CC: Mayor Setti D. Warren

This brief memo is intended to provide the Committee with updated information about the characteristics of the proposed Newton North Neighborhood Parking Plan, to be discussed at the January 23, 2013 PS&T meeting.

The Newton North Area Neighborhood Parking Plan has the following goals

- O Improve residents' ability to park on their street
- O Provide more consistency
- O Easier enforcement
- O Quick implementation
- O Balance desire to share our public streets without incentivizing more students to drive to school

The Proposed Neighborhood Parking Plan will feature a new permit program – the "Newtonville Permit"

- O New parking permit program designed specifically for NNHS area
- O Allows residents to use their streets all day
- O Reduces large number of different restrictions = easier enforcement
- O Responds to varying parking conditions on different streets
- O Allows limited, managed sharing of public streets
- O This program represents a model for a similar parking program that could expand to Auburndale, W Newton, Newton Highlands, and other places and village centers to address some of our parking challenges in these areas.

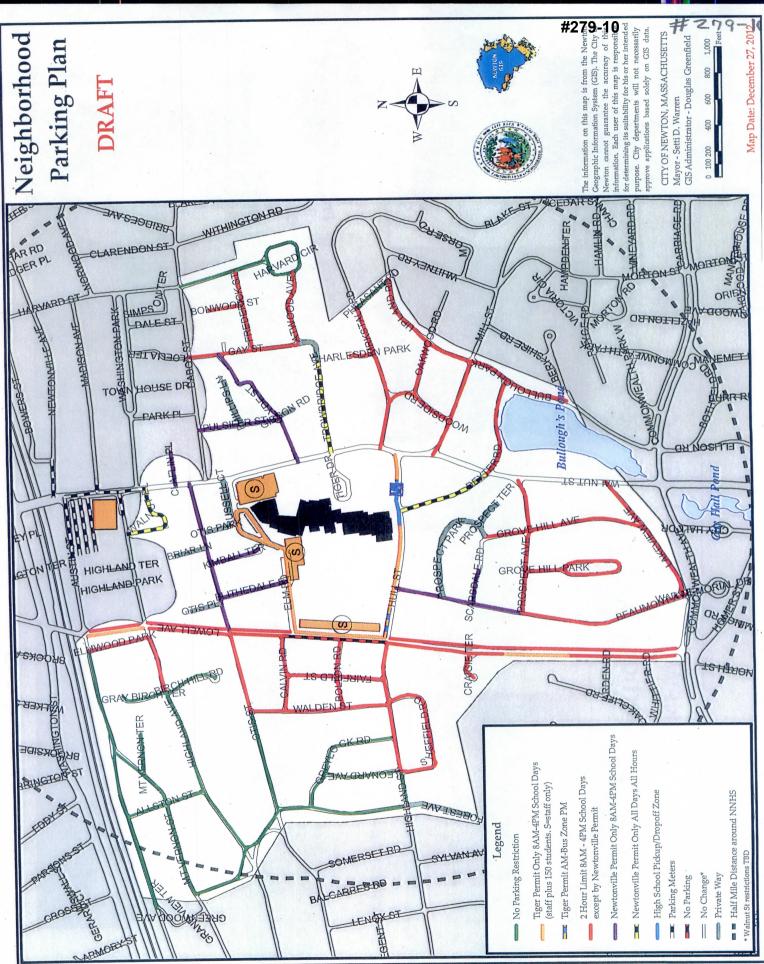
Characteristics of the Newtonville Permit include the following:

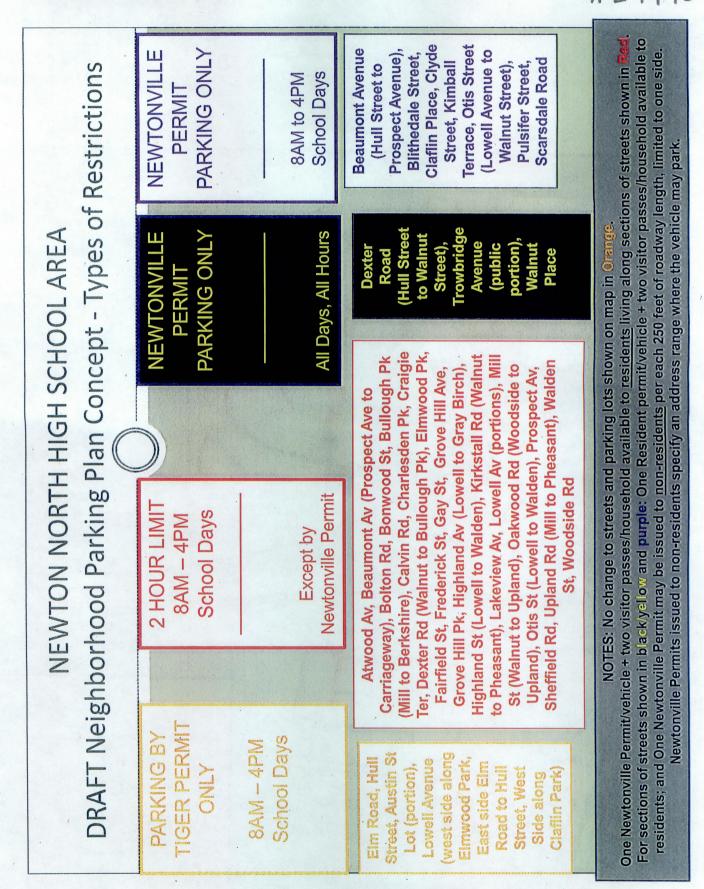
- O Available to residents living in 1,010 households within the zone (see accompanying map)
- O 37 permits will be made available to non-residents under the proposed plan
- O To purchase a permit, the proposed fee is \$50 per year
- O TIGER and Resident fee of \$50/year for consistency and to cover costs
- O Fee to defray costs of proposed new part time Traffic Bureau clerk, to administer program

Link to materials posted on-line:

http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/current/transportation/nnhs_parking.asp

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