

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

7:45 PM  
Room 202

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #299-12      DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, requesting a discussion regarding a policy-based management plan for parking. [09/24/12 @ 3:17 PM]
- #300-12      DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, 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]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #363-10(2)    ALD. ALBRIGHT 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**

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #50-13      PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, requesting a discussion with the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) regarding traffic issues on Quinobequin Road. [01/24/13 @ 9:42 AM]
- #35-13      ALD. YATES, 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      ALD. CICCONE & FULLER 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**

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#391-12 ALD. LENNON, 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.  
**HELD 5-0, Ald. Fuller not voting on 01/23/13**

#337-12 ALD. LINSKY, CICCONE, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, 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 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY14-FY18 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/09/12 @ 2:38 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#281-12 HARRY SANDERS requesting creation of an ordinance to allow pawnbrokers in the City of Newton pursuant to G.L. c. 140 section 70 with potential for non-fixed location of business. Secured property storage would not entail retail walk-in; 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 ALD. CICCONE, 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE 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 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that the definition of *Crosswalk* in **Sec. 19-1 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 ANN BASSI et al. 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 ALD. CICCONE 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 ALD. YATES, HARNEY, SANGIOLO & GENTILE, 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 DANIEL HERMON, 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 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]
- #278-11 ALD. YATES, 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 6-0 on 01/23/13**

#137-11 ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER 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 5-0, Ald. Fuller not voting on 01/23/13**

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

#41-11 ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON AND DANBERG 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**

#279-10 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, 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 5-0, Ald. Johnson not voting on 01/23/13**

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM

September 10, 2012

TO: David Olson, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: New docket items

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I wish to request the following items to be considered by the Board:

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*A policy-based management plan for parking that 1) makes efficient use of existing and future parking spaces; 2) encourages use of alternative modes of travel; 3) addresses the placement, timing and pricing of parking citywide; 4) considers the merits of current parking standards; and 5) includes an action plan that identifies appropriate tools for shaping desired parking behavior.*

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300-12

*Amendments to Chapter 19 of the City Code to establish parameters around which parking meter "holidays" may be allowed and identifying the authority for making determinations of eligibility.*

~~*Department heads Havens, Zaleznik and Lojek requesting amendments to Section 26-30 to streamline the procedure allowing businesses to place café furniture on public sidewalks.*~~



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 purposes for which collections from parking meters may lawfully be expended, and sums from such account may be expended without appropriation for the purchase of such parking meters in accordance with any duly authorized contract for the acquisition of such meters which makes provision for the payment for such meters out of the fees collected therefrom. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-159; Ord. No. 90, 10-6-75)

**Sec. 19-194 – 19-195. Reserved. (Sections moved to Traffic and Parking Regulations (Ord. No. Z-31, 07-14-08))**

**Sec. 19-196. Enforcement.**

It shall be the duty of the police department to take the parking meter number and the registration number of all vehicles whose operators violate the provisions pertaining to parking meters and to prosecute such violations under applicable law.

- (a) Parking meters shall be in operation for the regulation of parking in parking meter zones Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Sundays and legal holidays, during which time no time limits or fees shall be in effect, except for locations designated in section 19-196(b), where alternative enforcement times are specified.
- (b) Parking meters shall be in operation for the regulation of parking meter zones Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays, during which no time limits or fees shall be in effect, at the following locations:

Austin Street Parking Area

Melrose Avenue Parking Area

(Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-162; Ord. No. Z-31, 07-14-08)

**Sec. 19-197. Disabled veterans and handicapped persons.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no parking meter fee shall be exacted and no penalty shall be imposed for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or by a handicapped person and bearing the distinctive number plates or placard authorized by chapter 90, section 2 of the General Laws. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 13-163)

**Sec. 19-198. Senior citizen sticker parking.**

(a) Metered parking in municipal lots shall be free to senior citizens who procure a sticker from the department of senior services and display the same on their motor vehicle; provided, however, that the time limit restriction at that particular metered location shall be obeyed. Newton senior citizens shall each be entitled to one such sticker annually for motor vehicles registered in Newton to them. Stickers shall be issued at a charge of one dollar annually by the department of senior services under such rules and regulations as the director of senior services shall promulgate with the approval of the board of aldermen.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "senior citizen" shall mean any person sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#363-10(2) ALD. ALBRIGHT 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]

**ACTION:** HELD 7-0, Ald. Johnson not voting

**NOTE:** Ald. Albright and Ms. Stout joined the Committee for discussion on this item. Ms. Stout provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report.

Ms. Stout said that the Commissioner of Department of Public Works could waive meter fees. The City’s Law Department has stated the City must recoup any lost revenue for providing free parking. Ms. Stout stated that the Nonantum Neighborhood Association is interested in promoting business and plan to fundraise for “free” parking during the holidays.

The proposed Nonantum Pilot Program would include “free” 2-hour parking at 62 on-street meters. Enforcement is necessary to assure turnover, which is important to merchants. Ms. Stout provided two scenarios including 1) 4 metered Saturdays and 2) 14 consecutive metered days. The presentation includes cost estimates on meter revenue, DPW overtime and the cost for decorative meter bags.

**Total Cost Estimates**

	<u>Scenario 1</u>	<u>Scenario 2</u>
Meter revenue	\$1,860	\$5,580
DPW overtime	\$1,040	\$ 390
Decorative bags	\$ 400	\$ 400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>

Committee members and Aldermen present expressed their concerns, questions, requests and suggestions regarding this item.

Concerns

Committee members said that they are most concerned regarding enforcement and promoting the program carefully.

Questions

Committee members asked if merchants had a preference of 4 Saturdays or 14 consecutive days. Ms. Stout said they do not. They then asked how the Police Department could enforce a 2-hour limit and how would the parking control officers be able to identify a 2-hour period. Chair Ciccone answered that the license plate recognition system could identify the time. Committee members asked if the free parking would benefit merchants and what else will be done to promote the program. Ms. Stout said that the program would be promoted in different villages, shops and restaurants perhaps providing merchant discounts.

Requests/Suggestions

Committee members suggested installing additional signs informing patrons where free parking is available in the two municipal parking lots to encourage shopping. Chair Ciccone suggested promoting this program during the Holiday lighting ceremony.

Ms. Stout provided possible next steps on the program including the following suggestions:  
Summer: Nonantum Neighborhood Association fundraising



September: Determine scenario based on funds raised

Fall: Promote program and order bags

December: Implement Nonantum Pilot Program

January 2013: Roundtable discussion with merchants to gauge success of the project including was there lack of turnover, enforcement issues and revenue gains

Some Committee members said that they could not support this item without the Police Department's involvement, input and suggestions for the program. Other members suggested promoting the program since merchants have requested it.

Ald. Kalis made the motion to hold this item until September 2012 pending enforcement availability or issues, quantitative data and the assurance the majority of merchants are on board with implementing the program. Committee members agreed 7-0, Ald. Johnson not voting.

## Free Parking at the Holidays: Nonantum Pilot Program December 2012



PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE  
JUNE 20, 2012

## Background and Purpose

- BOA interest in free parking trial at holidays
- DPW Commissioner can waive meter fees for public safety
- Must recoup the lost revenue for free parking at holidays



## Proposed Nonantum Pilot Program December 2012

- “Free” parking at 62 on-street meters in Nonantum during specified period
- 2-hour time limits in effect
- Enforcement needed to assure turnover
  - Traffic Control could issue “warnings”



Scenario 1 (4 Saturdays)	Scenario 2 (2 weeks)
Saturday, December 1 Saturday, December 8 Saturday, December 15 Saturday, December 22	Sunday, December 9 – Tuesday, December 25
4 metered days	14 metered days

## Costs

### 1) Meter Revenue

- One meter, one day = \$7.50 x 62 meters = \$465/day

Scenario 1 (4 Saturdays)	Scenario 2 (2 weeks/12 days)
\$1,860	\$5,580

### 2) DPW Overtime

- Bagging must be done by DPW staff working overtime

Scenario 1 (4 Saturdays)	Scenario 2 (2 weeks/12 days)
\$1,040 (8 shifts)	\$390 (3 shifts)

### 3) Decorative Bags

- Promotion and communication are essential
- \$300 - \$500



## Nonantum Pilot Program December 2012

- Total Cost Estimates

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## Nonantum Neighborhood Association

- Nonantum Neighborhood Association interested in enlivening commerce in the village
- First Nonantum Village Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Plan to fundraise for “free parking during the holidays”



## Possible Next Steps

- Summer: Nonantum Neighborhood Association fundraising
- September: determine scenario based on funds raised
- Fall: order bags and promote program
- December: Nonantum Pilot Program
- January 2013: roundtable discussion with businesses to gauge success of the project
  - Was there lack of turnover?
  - Enforcement issues?
  - Documented revenue gains?
- Related efforts happening now
  - EDC and Chamber of Commerce working on “Shop Local” efforts
  - Mayor and staff rolling out marketing campaign for the City