

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chairman), Johnson, Harney, Yates and Kalis

Absent: Ald. Fuller, Schwartz and Swiston

City Staff: Officer Rocco Marini and Captain Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department

#344-13      ZAKARIA ATROUSSE, 9 Hazelwood Street, Malden, MA 02148, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Boston City Limousine, Inc.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL**

**NOTE:**      Officer Marini stated that due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Atrousse has not had his public auto inspected. If the auto is not inspected or does not pass inspection a medallion would not be issued. In addition, Massachusetts Port Authority would be notified.

Without discussion, the Committee voted in favor to approve this renewal, subject to second call pending vehicle inspection prior to the Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled for November 18, 2013.

#346-13      DONALD LaPLANTE, 395 Lexington Street, Auburndale, MA 02466, requesting renewal of **(one) public auto license** for Don's Car Service.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 4-0, ALD. HARNEY NOT VOTING**

**NOTE:**      Mr. LaPlante and Officer Marini joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Officer Marini reported that Mr. LaPlante's vehicle has passed inspection and recommends approval of this public auto renewal. He then said that Mr. LaPlante is here this evening requesting a second public auto license. Chair Ciccone stated that it would be necessary to docket a request for an additional public auto license.

Officer Marini said that the Police Department has a long 'waiting list' requesting public auto licenses. Newton's population determines the number of taxi and public auto medallions issued. Currently there are sixteen public auto licenses issued in the City. City Ordinance **Sec. 19-333 Number of Licenses** states that the maximum number of medallions distributed shall not exceed one public auto license for each population unit of 5,000. It is the Police Department's intent to review and perhaps request an ordinance amendment increasing the number of public autos in the City Ordinance. Officer Marini supports increasing the number of public auto licenses because they are a contracted business and an increase would not affect other businesses.

Mr. LaPlante stated that he is in favor of increasing the number of public auto licenses issued in the City and it is unfortunate that he has to turn away business.

Committee members stated that they are concerned that not all companies conducting business in the City have a Newton address and feel that companies with a City address should be given first priority.

Ald. Johnson moved approval of this public auto renewal. Committee members agreed 4-0, Ald. Harney not voting.

#333-13      MICHAEL ANTONELIS, 224 Calvary Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses, forty-nine (49) taxi licenses, and five (5) designated taxi stands** for Veterans Taxi of Newton, LLC.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#334-13      RICHARD E. JOHNSTON, 25 Border Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting renewal of **twenty (20) taxi licenses and two (2) designated taxi stands** for Newton Yellow Cab, Inc.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#335-13      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses and two (2) designated taxi stands** for Holden's Taxi Inc.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#336-13      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **two (2) taxi licenses** for Newtonville Cab Co. Inc.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#337-13      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for Newton Taxi Co.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#338-13      MOHAMED SAIDI, 77 Cedar Street, Boston, MA 02119, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Luxury Cab.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#339-13      ANIS LAHIANI, 4 Cedar Street, Suite 405, Wellesley, MA 02481, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Town Taxi.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#340-13      AHCENE TOURI, 1359 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Metro Cab.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

#341-13      YEKATERINA PORTNAYA, PO Box 42, 90 Oak Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Newton, MA 02464 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Beantown Carriage, LLC.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:** Officer Marini stated that since his inspection report, dated November 2, 2013; this vehicle has passed inspection and recommends approval of this public auto license renewal.

#342-13 DOROTHY W. DUNDAS, 15 Moreland Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Crystal Lake Express.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

#343-13 JERALD ROBBINS, 253 Riverview Avenue, Newton, MA 02466, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses** for Weldon Group Inc.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

#345-13 ROBERT KEEFE, 266 Nevada Street, Newton 02460, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Charter Rides, Inc.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

#347-13 HAMDI TLILI, 12 Appleton Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Newton Car Service.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:** Officer Marini stated that since his inspection report, dated November 2, 2013; this vehicle has passed inspection and recommends approval of this public auto license renewal.

#348-13 DAVID NEWCOMB, 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-400, Auburndale, MA 02466 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Newton Coach, Inc.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:** Officer Marini stated that since his inspection report, dated November 2, 2013; this vehicle has passed inspection and recommends approval of this public auto license renewal.

#349-13 MEDHI HAOUANI, 72 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for Newton Cab.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:** Officer Marini joined the Committee for discussion on the above docket items. He reviewed with Committee members the taxi/public auto contact list dated November 2, 2013, attached to this report.

Officer Marini provided additional information regarding inspections that have been complete since the date of his report regarding the four missing vehicle inspections on Docket numbers 341, 347 and 348-13. He stated that these vehicles have since passed inspection and recommends approval of renewing these public autos and taxi medallions.

Without discussion, the Committee voted in favor to approve these renewals 5-0.

**The following twelve (12) items were referred without discussion to the 2014-2015 Board of Aldermen. Committee members agreed 5-0.**

#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]

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

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#403-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY15-FY19 Capital Improvement Plan and Long Range Projection pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/21/13 @ 9:59 AM]

**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.

At approximately 8:20 pm, Ald. Yates made the motion to adjourn. Committee members agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

**Docket #333-13 to #349-13****Taxi/Public Auto Contact Information**

Prepared by Officer Marini 11/02/13

This list reflects current information regarding business address and business phone  
Other numbers provided

<b>Company and Business Address</b>	<b>Contact and Business Phone</b>	<b>Medallion</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
<b>Veterans Taxi of Newton, LLC.</b> 224 Calvary Street Waltham, MA 02453	Michael Antonelis 781-693-5300 <b>Other</b> <b>781-693-5423</b> <b>617-527-0300</b>	Medallions 1-29,66- 85(Total 49) PA 2,3,11,12 (Total 4)	PASS
<b>Newton Yellow Cab, Inc.</b> 25 Border St Newton, MA 02465	Richard Johnston 617-332-7700 <b>Home</b> <b>617-244-2464</b>	Medallions 30-49 (Total 20)	PASS
<b>Holden's Taxi, Inc.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-2404	Medallions 59, 60, 61	PASS
<b>Newtonville Cab Co., Inc.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-2404	Medallions 54, 55	PASS
<b>Newton Taxi Co.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-2404	Medallions 56,57,58	PASS
<b>Newton Luxury Cab</b> 77 Cedar St Boston, MA 02119	Mohamed Saidi 617-293-4300 <b>Other</b> <b>781-812-8620</b>	Medallion 65	PASS
<b>Newton Town Taxi</b> 4 Cedar St #405 Wellesley, MA 02481	Anis Lahiani 617-244-7444 <b>Other</b> <b>617-959-9924</b>	Medallion 53	PASS
<b>Newton Metro Cab</b> 1359 Centre Street Newton, MA 02459	Ahcene Touri 617-332-8294 <b>Other</b> <b>617-947-2191</b> <b>857-244-4959</b>	Medallion 52	PASS
<b>Beantown Carriage LLC</b> PO Box 42 90 Oak St. 4 <sup>th</sup> floor Newton, MA 02464	Yekaterina Portnaya 617-828-5646 <b>Other</b> <b>617-594-5995</b> <b>Cell</b> <b>617-592-7879</b>	PA 7	

<b>Crystal Lake Express</b> 15 Moreland Ave Newton, MA 02459	Dorothy Dundas 617-510-0336 <b>Other</b> 617-244-5833	PA 6	PASS
<b>Weldon Group, Inc.</b> 253 Riverview Ave Newton MA 02466	Jerald Robbins 617-928-1888 <b>Other</b> 617-828-4990 978-535-0222	PA 4,5,9,10	PASS
<b>Boston City Limousine, Inc.</b> 9 Hazelwood Street Malden, MA 02148	Zakaria Atrousse 617-401-5521 <b>Other</b> 866-581-0347	PA 15	
<b>Charter Rides, Inc.</b> 266 Nevada Street Newton, MA 02460	Robert Keefe 617-999-9799	PA 1	PASS
<b>Don's Car Service</b> 395 Lexington Street Auburndale, MA 02466	Donald LaPlante 617-962-4446	PA 14	PASS
<b>Newton Car Service</b> 12 Appleton Street Waltham, MA 02453	Hamdi Tlilli 617-244-9044 <b>Other</b> 781-690-1477	PA 8	
<b>Newton Coach, Inc.</b> 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-400, Auburndale, MA 02466	David Newcomb 857-272-6224 <b>Other</b> 617-816-9314 781-647-8294	PA 16	
<b>Newton Cab</b> 72 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02453	Medhi Haoulani 617-332-1322 <b>Other</b> (? 509 or 508) 275-6198	Medallions 62, 63, 64	PASS