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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2018

TO: Councilor Susan Albright, Chairman
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development
James Freas, Deputy Director of Planning and Development

RE:# Introduction to the Zoning and Planning Committee

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2018

Welcome to the Zoning and Planning Committee. In conjunction with Councilors Albright and Danberg, we thought it would be beneficial to begin the new Council term with an introductory presentation on Planning, Zoning, and the projects that will be in front of the Committee in 2018. An outline of the presentation is provided below. In addition, for new members of the Council (or even returning members), Barney Heath, Planning Director and James Freas, Deputy Director, are scheduling meetings to discuss and answer questions about the work of the Department – please reach out to Norine Silton, Executive Assistant at nsilton@newtonma.gov, if you would be interested in setting up a meeting time.

1. Intro to Planning Department
 - a. Long Range Division
 - b. Current Planning Division
 - i. Land Use
 - ii. Historic
 - iii. Environmental
 - c. Housing & Community Development Division
 - d. Transportation Division
 - e. Economic Development Division

- f. Community Preservation Act
- 2. Newton's Comprehensive Plan
- 3. Introduction to Zoning
- 4. Zoning Redesign project – overview
 - a. Zoning Reform Group Report – themes/issues
 - b. Phase 1
 - c. Phase 2
 - i. Pattern book
 - ii. Engagement series
 - iii. Policy content outline
 - iv. Draft text
- 5. Strategies
 - a. Housing Strategy
 - b. Transportation Strategy
 - c. Economic Development Strategy
- 6. Needham Street Vision
- 7. Upcoming Items for ZAP
 - a. Inclusionary Zoning
 - b. Lodging Houses
 - c. Recreational Marijuana
 - d. Shared Parking Pilot
 - e. Webster Woods