

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

Present: Ald. Yates (Chairman), Lappin, Baker, Swiston, Linsky, Danberg, and Harney;
absent: Ald. Ciccone

Staff: Michael Kruse (Director of Planning & Development) and Linda Finucane (Chief
Committee Clerk)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#193-08 JUDITH HEPBURN, 132 Stanley Road, Waban, appointed to the
CONSERVATION COMMISSION for a term to expire April 30, 2011
(60 days: 8/2/08). [5/21/-8 @2:13PM]

ACTION: HELD 6-0

NOTE: Ms. Hepburn's resume was attached to the agenda. She has been an associate
member of the Conservation Commission (a non-appointed position) and is a member of
the Angino Farm Commission. Although well known to several committee members and
clearly qualified for the position, in accordance with a strict interpretation of the Rules
the appointment was held because she was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#194-08 NORMAN A. RICHARDSON, 372 Waltham Street, West
Newton, re-appointed as a member of the CONSERVATION
COMMISSION for a term to expire April 30, 2011 (60 days:
8/2/08) [05-21-08 @2:12 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Mr. Richardson is a long-time member of the Commission who has been before
the committee previously. His resume describing his community service and professional
background as a biologist who performs environmental assessments was attached to the
agenda. The committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Richardson's re-appointment.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#195-08 THOMAS J. PHILLIPS, 138 Algonquin Road, Chestnut Hill, appointed
as an *associate* member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a
term to expire June 30, 2009 (60 days: 8/2/08). [5-16-08 @10:47 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Mr. Phillips was present. He explained that he is a land use attorney. After
some discussion of his experience and another possible role for him (perhaps the
Economic Development Commission) and his expectations about serving on the Zoning
Board of Appeals after appearing before boards in other communities, the committee
voted unanimously to approve his appointment.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#196-08 ZACK BLAKE, 66 Eddy Street, West Newton, appointed as an *alternate* member of the HISTORICAL COMMISSION for a term to expire July 1, 2011 (60 days: 8/2/08). [5-27-08 @12:50 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Mr. Blake joined the committee. He works for the Revenue Department Bureau of Local Services. (The Chairman asked whether he was invited to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Group; he said no.) He was Assistant Facilities manager for the Town of Watertown and developed the Commander's Mansion at the Arsenal, which is now an event venue, and founded a collaborative dedicated to providing business and marketing resources to historic venues throughout New England.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#197-08 PATRICIA BAKER, 55 Wilde Road, Waban, currently an *alternate realtor* member of the AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION appointed as a *permanent member* for a term to expire August 1, 2010 (60 days: 8/2/08). [5-21-08 @2:13 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: The Mayor is changing Ms. Baker's position from alternate realtor to permanent realtor member of the Auburndale District Commission. The Chairman thought she might be able to assist in his effort to educate realtors on the impact of historic designation on property values. The committee voted unanimously to approve this change in position.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#198-08 EUGENE GALTON, 244 Woodland Road, Auburndale, re-appointed as a resident member of the AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire June 30, 2011 (60 days: 8/2/08). [5-21-08 @2:13 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: The Committee reviewed Mr. Galton's resume. He has lived in Auburndale since 1962 and prior to retirement was Associate Director at the Center for Research at MIT. Alderman Harney is familiar with Mr. Galton's work and diligence on behalf of the Auburndale Historic District Commission and the committee voted unanimously to approve his reappointment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#199-08 KATHLEEN MAHER, 126 Windermere Road, Auburndale, re-appointed as a resident member of the AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire June 30, 2011 (60 days: 8/2/08). 5-27-@12:50 PM.

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Ms. Maher's resume was attached to the agenda. Alderman Harney said she is an active member of the Auburndale District Commission. A lawyer who returned to

school for her teaching certificate, she teaches social studies in Wayland. The committee voted unanimously to approve her re-appointment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#200-08 LOIS McMULLIN, 11 Meigh Road, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed as a resident member of the CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire July 1, 2011 (60 days: 8-2-08). [5-21-08 @2:13 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Ms. McMullin's resume (attached) was inadvertently left off the agenda. Prior to her retirement, she was the Assistant Director of the Melrose Public Library. She volunteers at the Newton Library. Alderman Baker knows Ms. McMullin and moved approval of her re-appointment, which passed unanimously.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#177-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter, submitting the FY09 Budget, totaling \$318,354,461 passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY09-FY13 Capital Improvement Program.

Effective date of submission: 5/5/08; last day to pass budget: 6/19)

Inspectional Services

The Committee on May 22 held the Inspectional Services Budget pending a resolution on the restoration of a building inspector position in the expectation that the position could lead to additional fees and tax base values. Since then, the Mayor agreed to restore the position and the Committee approved the ISD budget 5-0-2, with Aldermen Harney and Swiston abstaining.

All other items were held without discussion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Yates, Chairman