

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2001

Present: Ald. Yates (Chairman), Ald. Baker, Sangiolo, Johnson, Merrill, and Mansfield

Absent: Ald. Gentile and M. Lipof

Also present: Ald. Lipsitt

City officials: Gayle Smalley (Law) and Linda Finucane (Clerk's)

REFERRED TO PROG& SERV, ZONING & PLANNING & FINANCE

#64-01(3) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE recommending ordinance to implement Community Preservation Act in Newton.

ACTION: PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 ON 9/19/01
APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0

NOTE: Several of the committee members who are also members of the Programs and Services Committee explained the draft as proposed by the Programs and Services Committee. Ald. Lipsitt raised various issues regarding the practicality of the multiple levels of membership and requirements as well as the startup process. After considerable discussion, the committee voted to approve the following amendments to the Programs and Services version. First, the basic term of office shall be three years, and a member will be limited to no more than two such terms. Startup shorter terms shall not count against this limit. Second, in order to get some members up for appointment every year, the statutory members initial terms shall be as follows: Conservation Commission and Newton Housing Authority three years; Parks and Recreation Commission and Historic Commission two years; and Planning and Development Board one year. Finally, language was adopted to clarify the meaning of Sec. 2-351(a)(2). The words "the 'appointed members'" was moved to right after the members it refers to. The reference to the fields of interest was amended to say that the appointed members shall include "at least one citizen who has expertise or demonstrated interest" in each of the fields. The professional expertise section was amended to reflect that the Mayor does not control the statutory members but that in making the final four appointments, he can be mindful of the backgrounds of the statutory members and strive to appoint members in the fields of expertise not represented. The Committee then voted 6-0 to approve the ordinance as amended.

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All other items were held without discussion and the meeting was adjourned as approximately 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Brian Yates, Chairman

Attachments: Excerpt from Programs & Services 9/19 report
Draft ordinance approved by Programs & Services on 9/19