

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

Present: Ald. Swiston (Chairman), Johnson and Shapiro

Absent: Ald. Schnipper, Sangiolo, Rice, Lennon and Freedman

#377-09 ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion with the Executive Secretary of the Elections Commission on the access to and quality of the Newton Voter Files. [10/26/09 @ 9:02 PM]

ACTION: RECOMMEND HOLD 3-0

NOTE: Chairman Swiston distributed a letter from Craig Manseau, Executive Secretary, Elections Commission, dated March 29, 2011, attached to this report. Mr. Manseau provided this letter as a follow-up request from Chairman Swiston and Ald. Lennon requesting he provide a list of variations in voter files provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Voter Registration Voter Information Systems (VRIS).

Ald. Johnson recommended holding this item until Mr. Manseau could attend a meeting explaining the letter provided. Committee members agreed 3-0.

#178-04(3) ALD. LAPPIN requesting a report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings regarding why no progress has been made on the implementation of the construction project database approved by the Board of Aldermen on April 20, 2004. [01/03/06 @ 1:34 PM]

ACTION: RECOMMEND NO ACTION NECESSARY 3-0

NOTE: Chairman Swiston indicated that Ald. Lappin recommends a vote of no action necessary on this item because it is her intention to docket an item requesting regular updates from the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

Ald. Johnson and Ald. Shapiro asked that they be added as additional sponsors to the new item. Chairman Swiston recommends the item be docketed to the Public Facilities Committee to receive quarterly reports from the Commissioner of Public Buildings on the status of the database. Ald. Johnson suggested the database include *all* City buildings.

Ald. Shapiro recommended a vote of no action necessary on this item. Committee members agreed 3-0.

#375-09(2) COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION requesting explanations from the Inspectional Services and Fire Department regarding requests for changes in the Brigham House Rehabilitation Project from the Project Plan that they had previously approved that resulted in increased project costs. [11/30/09 @ 10:33 AM]

ACTION: RECOMMEND NO ACTION NECESSARY 3-0

NOTE: Chairman Swiston indicated that Ald. Lappin and Ald. Rice recommend a vote of no action necessary.

Without discussion, Ald. Shapiro recommended to vote no action necessary on this item. Committee members agreed 3-0.

Ald. Shapiro moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Greer Tan Swiston, Chairman

City of Newton

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March 29, 2011

*Ms. Greer Tan Swiston, Alderman-At-Large Ward 3
Chair, Post Audit & Oversight Committee*

Dear Madame Chair,

You have requested me to provide you with scenarios that would contribute to variations in voter files provided by The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Voter Registration Voter Information System, (VRIS).

Scenarios:

- *Newly registered Voter.*
- *The Voter has moved to a different address within the City.*
- *The Voter making a party or name change.*
- *The Voter has died.*
- *The Voter has registered in another community in Massachusetts.*
- *The Voter has relocated to a new state.*
- *The Voter has requested deletion in writing.*
- *The Voter consistently fails to return their City census, but votes in every election.*
- *The Voter has not responded to the confirmation mailing and has not had any voter activity for 2 federal elections since the confirmation mailing was sent.*
- *The Voter who is incarcerated for a felony will be removed from the voter list.*
- *An American Citizen living overseas can vote listing their last known U.S. address.*
- *Overseas Military Personnel applying to vote absentee must be added to the voting list, using their last U.S. address.*
- *Confidential Voters (Individuals for safety reasons do not want their identity known).
Note: These individuals must provide documentation from the courts or the Chief of Police.*

Should you or the committee have any further questions, please contact me.

Respectfully
Craig A.J. Manseau
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Executive Secretary