

1. If it were in your power, what one change would you make to increase the efficiency of what the Mayor does?
2. What do you see as the largest challenges to the effective operation of City government?
3. What do you see as the greatest advantage in Newton's government structure?
4. Budgeting is a major issue. Can you provide some insight into ways to appropriately balance the legislative and executive power in that regard? Are there any lessons you've learned by personal experience?
5. Zoning and planning as well as the granting of special permits are hot topics. Who should handle those responsibilities and to whom should those boards be responsible?
6. In a community like Newton that has a lot of talent and strong volunteer base, what do you see as the appropriate role for volunteer boards and commissions, and what should the balance be between these volunteer boards and elected officials?