



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86133559339>. To listen to this meeting via phone call 1-646-558-8686 and use the Meeting ID 861 3355 9339.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#306-20

Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND LIPOF requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$143,911 effective July 1, 2020 to match the percentage increase included in the FY21 budget for H-grade employees.

#307-20

Request to move the Ward 2 Precinct 2 polling location

CITY CLERK requesting that the polling location for Ward 2, Precinct 2, which is currently located at the Cabot Park Village Assisted Living Facility off of Newtonville Avenue be moved back to the Cabot School on Cabot Street. The polling location was moved out of the Cabot School during the school's renovations. This move is to protect the seniors that live at Cabot Park Village from Covid-19. The Cabot School will be unoccupied by students on Election Days in 2020.

#308-20

Request to move the Ward 2 Precinct 3 polling location

CITY CLERK requesting that the polling location for Ward 2, Precinct 3, which is currently located at the Newton Senior Center on Walnut Street be moved down the Street to the Newton North High School. This move is to protect the seniors that use the Senior Center from Covid-19. Newton North High School will be unoccupied by students on Election Days in 2020.

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#309-20 Request to move the Ward 6 Precinct 2 polling location

CITY CLERK requesting that the polling location for Ward 6, Precinct 2, which is currently located at the Weeks Housing Senior Apartment Facility on Hereward Road be moved to the Bowen School on Cypress Street. This move is to protect the seniors that live at Weeks House from Covid-19. The Bowen School will be unoccupied by students on Election Days in 2020.

#310-20 Request to move the Ward 5 Precincts 3 & 4 polling location

CITY CLERK requesting that the polling location for Ward 5, Precincts 3 & 4, which is currently located at the Waban Library Center on Beacon Street be moved back down the street to the Zervas School. The polling location was moved out of the Zervas School during the school's renovations. This move is to allow for social distancing in the polling location during the Covid-19 Emergency. The Zervas School will be unoccupied by students on Election Days in 2020.

#302-20 Reappointment of Elizabeth Wilkinson to the Urban Tree Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Elizabeth Wilkinson, 14 Trowbridge Street, Newton Centre, as a member of the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term to expire on May 1, 2023. (60 Days: 09/11/20)

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

#302-20

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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Elizabeth Wilkinson of 14 Trowbridge Street, Newton Center as a member of the Urban Tree Commission. Her term of office shall expire on May 1, 2023 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Objective

To be reappointed as member of Newton's Urban Tree Commission with the primary goals of supporting the Director of Urban Forestry in his work to continue to increase Newton's urban canopy, to maintain the health of the current inventory, and to help educate Newton's residents about the importance of trees in our city.

Summary of Relevant Qualifications

- Nine years on the Urban Tree Commission
- Education and experience in area of Field Botany
- Knowledge of city through leadership positions in a variety of organizations, including PTO Council Co-president (1998-2000), Trustee of Newton Free Library (2005-2010), and the conservation-related nonprofit organizations listed below

Related Experience

- Mayor's Webster Woods Advisory Panel. Chair 2018 to present. My work as chair of the panel included convening meetings of the full panel and (more frequently) the executive committee of the panel to advise Mayor Fuller and to help City staff in the successful effort to preserve Webster Woods.
- Newton Conservators. President from 2014-2019, editor of quarterly newsletter from 2011 through March 2017, and member of board of directors (2011-Present). My duties as president included representing the Conservators at meeting with city conservation and Parks and Rec departments, planning and running board meetings, overseeing advocacy for and maintenance of open space in Newton.
- Native Plant Trust (Formerly Newton Wild Flower Society). Plant Conservation Volunteer (2010-Present). Tasks have included doing woodland surveys for rare and endangered plants, and seed collection and cleaning.
- Newton Tree Conservancy. Past member of board of directors, including responsibility for all membership outreach and renewals and participation in twice-yearly planting (2010 -2016).
- Crystal Lake Conservancy. Past member of board of directors of, including participation in testing water quality, applying for grants and writing for newsletter (2010-2015).
- Massachusetts Horticultural Society Speaker's Bureau and Massachusetts Master Gardener's Speaker's Bureau. Active member (2004 – 2009) and continuing independent speaker at garden clubs and Weston Nurseries (2010-13).
- Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Volunteer in gardens and on gardening help-line; worked at Hort Info desk and gave presentations at New England Flower Show (2003-2008).

Education and Training

Field Botany Certificate, New England Wild Flower Society (2009)

Master Gardener Certificate, Massachusetts Horticultural Society (2003)

Master's Degree and ABD (all-but-dissertation for Ph.D.) in English and American Literature, Boston University (1977-1981)

BA in English and Philosophy, University of Rochester (1977)

Awards

2012 Unsung Heroine Award from Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

Application Form

Profile

Elizabeth (Beth) _____ Wilkinson _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

14 Trowbridge St. _____
 Home Address Suite or Apt

Newton Centre _____ MA _____ 02459 _____
 City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 6

 Primary Phone

 Alternate Phone

None _____
 Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Urban Tree Commission: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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