



## **Zoning & Planning Committee** **Agenda**

### **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting, use this link at the above date and time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633960924>. To listen to the meeting via phone dial 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID 826 3396 0924.

#### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

**Chair's Note:** *The Zoning and Planning Committee will be joined by local building professionals who will share observations on applying the proposed code to local residential projects.*

**#88-20**      **Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance**  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting review, discussion, and direction relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance.  
**Zoning and Planning Held 8-0 on 06/29/2020**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 2, 2020

**TO:** Councilor Deborah Crossley, Chair, Zoning & Planning Committee  
Members of the Zoning & Planning Committee

**FROM:** Barney Heath, Director, Department of Planning and Development  
Zachery LeMel, Chief of Long Range Planning

**RE:** **#88-20 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance**  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting review, discussion, and direction relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance.  
**Other docket items to be taken up within the context of Zoning Redesign include #30-20, #38-20, and #148-20**

**MEETING:** July 9, 2020

**CC:** City Council  
Planning Board  
John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services  
Alissa O. Giuliani, City Solicitor  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

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### Previous Meeting (6/29) Takeaways

Thank you to everyone that attended, and spoke, at the June 29 ZAP meeting. The thoughtful comments, ideas, and questions by Committee members, other City Councilors, and Planning and Development Board members have provided staff with the guidance to revise and update Article 3 – Residents Districts of the draft Zoning Ordinance. Staff plan to share the revised zoning language for Article 3 in advance of the ZAP August meetings.

### Upcoming Meetings (7/9 and 7/16)

The Planning Department has engaged local architects and builders to lend their professional expertise in reviewing the draft Zoning Ordinance. This effort, known as the Architects Focus Group, runs in parallel with ZAP and other community engagement as part of the overall Zoning Redesign project. At the upcoming meetings on July 9 and July 16, participants of the Architects Focus Group will have the opportunity to present to, and take questions directly from, the Committee, other City Council members, and the Planning and Development Board. Topics that may be discussed relevant to Article 3 include Building Components, nonconformities, sustainability, FAR vs. Building Types, and Alternative

Lot/Building Configurations. Presenters may showcase case studies using their recent projects in Newton as relevant to the given topic. Staff hopes this leads to a productive conversation, with results that will further help revise and update Article 3 to not only achieve the stated goals and objectives, but also make it more intuitive and user friendly.

**Looking Ahead**

In addition to the upcoming ZAP meetings, staff plan to host two public office hours (July 8 and 22) and two Architects Focus Groups (July 15 and 29). As mentioned above, the Planning Department is working to update and revise the Article 3 zoning language in advance of the ZAP August meetings.