



# Finance Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

Present: Councilors Grossman (Chair), Malakie, Humphrey, Kalis, Norton, and Noel

Absent: Councilors Gentile and Ciccone

City staff present: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer; Marc Welch, Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture and Superintendent of Urban Forestry; Sue Dzikowski, Comptroller; Marie Lawlor, Assistant City Solicitor; Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer; Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture; Carol Stapleton, Rec Program Manager

**Chairs Note:** *The Committee met jointly with the Programs & Services Committee to discuss the following two items. Please see the 10/28/20 Programs & Services Committee Report for the back-up and notes on these items.*

### Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

**#421-20**

**Transfer \$400,000 to the Forestry Division of Parks, Recreation & Culture**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from Acct #0110498-579400- Reserve for Snow & Ice Removal to the Forestry Division of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department to cover the costs of the three wind events that have occurred thus far in this fiscal year.

**Programs & Services Approved 8-0 on 10/28/20**

**Action:**

**Finance Approved 5-0 (Councilor Norton not voting)**

### Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

**#49-20(2)**

**Requesting establishment of a fee for the registration of leaf blower contractors**

Programs and Services Committee requesting an appropriate fee be set for registration of leaf blower contractors pursuant to possible revisions in the Noise provisions of Newton Ordinances, Chapter 20, relating to leaf blowers, to provide for registration of leaf blower contractors and their certification of understanding and intention to comply with the provisions of the Noise ordinance, contained in possible revisions to Chapter 20, prepared by the Newton Law Department to improve compliance with existing standards for leaf blower operation.

**Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 10/28/2020**

**Action:**

**Finance Held 5-0 (Councilor Kalis not voting)**

The Committee adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair**