



City Council Docket

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Monday, January 4, 2021
7:45 PM, Virtual
To be reported on
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

The City Council will hold this meeting as a virtual Zoom meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

#4-21

Class 1 Auto Dealer License

VILLAGE MOTORS GROUP, INC. D/B/A HONDA VILLAGE
371 Washington Street
Newton, MA. 02458

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- #5-21 Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
JACOB & ASSOCIATES
1232 Washington Street
Newton, MA. 02465
- #6-21 Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
MOTORCARS OF BOSTON, INC.
1191 Washington Street
Newton, MA. 02465
- #7-21 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
SONOMA CLASSICS LLC.
1215 Chestnut Street/145 Wells Avenue
Newton, MA. 02464
- #513-18(2) Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #513-18 43 Kenwood Avenue**
MARK AND MARTHA FISHMAN petition for a TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME to EXERCISE SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow construction of a 161 sq. ft. second floor addition, in the existing footprint of the house, exceeding the maximum allowable FAR of at 43 Kenwood Avenue, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 64 Block 20 Lot 22, containing approximately 10,652 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Said Extension of Time to Run from November 19, 2019 to November 19, 2021. Ref: Sec. 7.3, 7.4, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.9 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for January 26, 2021

- #8-21 Petition to allow parking in the front setback at 141 Waban Hill Road**
MIRIAM ROSENBLUM petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to remove an existing paved parking area and construct a semi-circular driveway with two parking stalls within the front setback, where one is allowed at 141 Waban Hill Road, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill, on land known as Section 63 Block 04 Lot 37, containing approximately 10,505 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.1.7.A, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for January 26, 2021

- #443-20 Petition to allow marijuana retailer at 232 Boylston Street and to amend Order #774-85**
MME Newton Retail, LLC petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Board Order #774-85 to allow a recreational retail marijuana establishment, allow waivers to parking facility requirements for; parking in the side setback, parking stall width and depth, reduced dimensions for accessible parking stalls, to reduce the minimum aisle width for two-way traffic, to waive perimeter screening requirements, to waive lighting requirements, to allow tandem parking and parking managed by an attendant, to waive the 25% front façade ground floor transparency requirements, to allow a free-standing sign and to allow an oversized directional sign at 232 Boylston Street, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill, on land known as Section 82 Block 02 Lot 09, containing approximately 16,570 sq. ft. of space in a district zoned BU4. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.10.3.D, 4.4.4, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.B.4, 5.1.8.C.1, 5.1.8.E.1, 5.1.8.E.2, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10, 5.2.3, 5.2.8, 5.2.13, 6.10.3.E.15 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Other Communications

#9-21 **ZBA Decision #04-20 – 1007 Walnut Street**
DWIGHT BRAND AND DIANA IVANS, 1007 Walnut Street, Newton petitioning to the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow a setback of 7.2’ where 7.6’ is allowed, for a distance of approximately 4’ on the 8,790 sq. ft. property located at 1007 Walnut Street.
ZBA Approved

#10-21 **ZBA Decision #05-20 – Commonwealth Avenue**
KGORDON AND DEBORAH MEGRIAN, 563 Commonwealth Avenue, petitioning to the Zoning Board of Appeals the issuance of a building permit by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services for the installation of a sign located at 552-564 Commonwealth Avenue.
Appeal Upheld

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#11-21 **Request for Ordinance requiring topographic data prior to building permit issuance**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND ALBRIGHT requesting an ordinance to require that topographic data be provided on surveys of existing and proposed conditions currently required for new construction and additions, prior to issuing construction permits. Request for energy efficiency analysis during construction.

#12-21 **Request for energy efficiency analysis during construction**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, BOWMAN AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion and possible ordinance to require that property owners who are proposing new construction or major renovations, submit an analysis and pricing for providing all electric high efficiency HVAC and appliances as an alternative to fossil fuel powered equipment.

#13-21 **Request for development of web page to provide tenant resources**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY, KELLEY, HUMPHREY & RYAN in the face of possible evictions due to the COVID pandemic, (1) request the Planning Department develop a web page on Newton's website, similar to <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-getting-help-with-housing-costs> aimed at reducing the number of evictions, and (2) discuss and possibly develop a process whereby landlords notify tenants of their rights and available resources to assist them if tenants have been served a notice to quit or notice of lease non-renewal or expiration.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #14-21 Appointment of Melissa Shang to the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Melissa Shang of Newton South High School, Newton as a member of the YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 1, 2021. (60 Days: 03/05/2021)
- #15-21 Appointment of Stephanie Spector to the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Stephanie Spector of Newton North High School, Newtonville as a member of the YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 1, 2021. (60 Days: 03/05/2021)
- #16-21 Appointment of Ava Freeman to the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Ava Freeman of Newton South High School, Newton as a member of the YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 1, 2022. (60 Days: 03/05/2021)
- #17-21 Appointment of Hannah Lagenfeld to the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Hannah Lagenfeld of Newton North High School, Newtonville as a member of the YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 1, 2023. (60 Days: 03/05/2021)
- #18-21 Reappointment of Jane Brown to the Human Rights Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing JANE BROWN, 104 Atwood Avenue, Newtonville, as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 1, 2024 (60 Days: 03/05/2021)
- #19-21 Appointment of Ethan Situ to the Youth Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Ethan Situ of Newton North High School, Newtonville as a member of the YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 1, 2023. (60 Days: 03/05/2021)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #20-21 Request to extend the appointment of Newton Retired Police Chief Howard L. Mintz**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR in accordance with Section 3-6 of the City of Newton Charter, requesting authorization to extend the appointment of Newton Police Department Retired Police Chief Howard L. Mintz as Interim Chief of Police until such time as a permanent Chief of Police has been named and is in place.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #22-21** **Request for approval of Commonwealth Ave/Auburn Street Concept Design**
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting, on behalf of Mass DOT, approval of the concept redesign plan for the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Auburn Street.

Referred to Finance Committee

- #23-21** **Accept \$25,600 in grant funds from Mass Emergency Management Agency**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in the amount of twenty-five thousand, six hundred dollars (\$25,600) to purchase equipment for the City's emergency operations management function.
- #24-21** **Authorization to expend a Mass Dept of Public Health grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant in the amount of forty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$49,457) from the Mass Dept of Public Health to supplement staffing support in the City's Department of Health and Human Services.
- #25-21** **Appropriate \$1,137,285 from Free Cash for Permitting Management System**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million one hundred thirty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars from June 30, 2020 Certified Free Cash to fund the implementation of the City's municipal information and permitting management system.

Referred to Real Property Reuse Committee

- #26-21** **Reuse of Newton Highlands Branch Library/Brigham House**
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT submitting on December 24, 2020 a letter recommending that the property located at 20 Hartford Street, on 4,776 sq. ft. of land in Ward 6, Newton Highlands, known as Property ID: 52040 0010 be transferred from the Executive Office to the Public Buildings Department to be used for youth activities and community services.