



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, September 13, 2021

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009633456> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 870 0963 3456

Item scheduled for discussions:

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#349-21

Transfer \$181,550 to a Cheesecake Brook Bridge Repair Account

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars (\$181,550) from Acct #62A10498-579000 Stormwater Current Year Reserve to a Cheesecake Brook Bridge Repair Account.
Public Facilities to meet on 09/13/2021

#319-21

Appropriate \$2,262.40 for a floating beach wheelchair at Crystal Lake

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend two thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars and forty cents (\$2,262.40) in Commission on Disability (COD) Fine Account funds for the purchase of a floating beach wheelchair for Crystal Lake.

#345-21

Acceptance of 15 picnic tables from Paddy's Public House

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept 15 picnic tables donated by Paddy's Public House to the City for use by Parks, Recreation & Culture. The total value of the picnic tables is one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875) which represents the cost to construct the tables.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#348-21

Request to set salary for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, LIPOF AND KRINTZMAN requesting an amendment to Section 4-21(b) of the City of Newton Ordinances to set the salary for the City Clerk/Clerk of the Council.

Programs & Services to meet on 09/13/21

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

#116-21 **Discussion reviewing and confirming account designation and available funds**
FINANCE COMMITTEE request a discussion with the Comptroller, Chief Financial Officer, and Finance Committee Clerk regarding the process for reviewing and confirming account designation and available funds with respect to appropriation requests made to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair



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Office of the Mayor

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September 8, 2021

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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$181,550 from Acct # 62A10498-579000 Stormwater Current Year Reserve to a Cheesecake Brook Bridge Repair Account.

As you know, the Albermarle Foot Bridge, a key "route to school" for the F. A. Day students, was destroyed on August 19, 2021 when hit by a car during a localized flooding situation. The City and NPS administrators worked with all stakeholders to determine how best to move forward.

It was determined that we should purchase a steel framed 30' by 10' temporary pedestrian bridge to be constructed in the same place as the damaged bridge. This will restore critical pedestrian and bicycle access while the City works with the community and various stakeholders on the location, design and construction for the permanent fully accessible bridge.

As part of this project, we will also be conducting repairs to the footbridge at the end of Nevada Street.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

52 ELLIOT STREET, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
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Building Commissioner

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September 7, 2021

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Funding Request for the Replacement of the damaged Albemarle Road Footbridge & Re-decking of Nevada Street Footbridge

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests funding for the Replacement of the Damaged Albemarle Road Footbridge and the Re-Decking of the Nevada Street Footbridge. It is anticipated the cost for these projects will be \$181,550.

Sincerely,


Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

**Albemarle Road Footbridge Replacement &
Nevada Street Footbridge Re-Decking**

Summary of Project Costs

1. Demo of existing Albemarle Road Footbridge	\$ 6,000
2. New Temporary Bridge Purchase/Construction/installation	\$133,200
3. Replacement of Decking on Nevada Street Footbridge	\$ 25,830
4. Contingency	<u>\$ 16,520</u>
5. Total Project Funding Request	\$181,550

Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459
Office: (617) 796-1500
parks@newtonma.gov
Nicole Banks, Commissioner



September 8, 2021

Re: Cheesecake Brook Bridge Replacement at Albemarle

Dear Councilors,

This letter is to indicate the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is in firm support of the funding request for the temporary bridge solution and installation of new decking for the Cheesecake Brook pedestrian bridges the Public Buildings department is requesting.

As you all may be aware, the pedestrian bridge at Albemarle between Watertown and Crafts Streets was impaired by a vehicle that was dragged through the brook after a recent storm. This bridge is an essential walking route for students and residents to access nearby schools and the wonderful Russ Halloran Sports & Recreation Complex, and Gath Pool. The proposed temporary bridge is the quickest route to restore access to the area's many recreational and educational amenities.

The temporary bridge solution will be a significant and well received improvement that will ensure safe pedestrian crossings over the brook for the park, pool, and schools.

Regards,

Nicole Banks
Commissioner
Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
City of Newton

N. E. L. Corporation

GENERAL CONTRACTOR
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(978) 777-2085 • FAX (978) 777-2719

September 7, 2021

City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

Attention: Arthur Cabral

Reference: Contract No. C-3985
General Building Construction Repairs, Installation and Maintenance Services

Project: Revised Proposal - Albemarle Road Emergency Bridge Replacement

Dear Mr. Cabral,

NEL Corporation is pleased to submit a cost proposal in the amount of \$165,030.00 for the completion of the Albemarle Road Emergency Bridge Replacement Project. The cost proposal includes Middlesex County Prevailing Wage Rates.

Scope of Work:

Base Contract:

- Demo existing damaged pedestrian bridge and dispose
- Evaluate substructure and layout for new temporary pedestrian bridge
- Provide engineering for new temporary pedestrian bridge
- Install new substructure as needed and new temporary pedestrian bridge (steel frame, wood decking, and wood hand rail)
- Rework asphalt transition on each end
- Base Contract Total: \$108,950

Change Order #1:

- City of Newton to purchase temporary rental bridge
- Change Order #1 Total: \$30,250

Change Order #2:

- Remove timber decking and timber sleepers at 2nd Albemarle Rd pedestrian bridge location
- Replace-in-kind timber decking and timber sleepers at 2nd Albemarle Rd pedestrian bridge location
- Existing steel beams, fence, and asphalt approaches to remain
- Change Order #2 Total: \$25,830

Exclusions:

- Police details

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (978) 777-2085.

Very Truly Yours,
NEL Corporation

X  _____

Michael Galasso
Project Manager

Accepted By:

Arthur Cabral Project Specialist

Print Name & Title

Signature

Date

City of Newton

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ruthanne Fuller

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Mayor

1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

September 8, 2021

Dear Councilors,

As you are aware the Albemarle pedestrian footbridge between Watertown and Crafts Streets was destroyed by a vehicle that was swept into the brook during a recent flooding event. This bridge is a critical walking path for students and residents attending area schools, the park, the fields, and the Gath pool. The proposed temporary bridge is the fastest solution to restore pedestrian access to the area.

In addition, the funding request from the Public Buildings Department includes monies to replace the deteriorated decking on the second footbridge located on Albemarle Road by Nevada Street. The Department of Public Works recently had a consultant look at this bridge and the bridge was deemed structurally sound; however, the consultant suggested that the decking be replaced.

The Department of Public Works is very supportive of the requests for funds for the temporary bridge solution and the new decking.

Regards,

James McGonagle
Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner

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September 9, 2021

Re: Cheesecake Brook Pedestrian Bridges at Albemarle

Dear Councilors,

This letter is to confirm Newton Public Schools is in support of the funding request for the installation of a temporary pedestrian bridge over the Cheesecake Brook on Albemarle Road between Crafts and Watertown Streets. This temporary pedestrian bridge installation will replace the footbridge that was severely damaged during a recent storm. This bridge provides pedestrian and bike access to and from F.A. Day Middle School for hundreds of students each day. NPS also supports the funding needed to re-deck the walking surface of the pedestrian bridge near the intersection of Albemarle Road and Nevada Street.

Both of these projects are critical to maintaining pedestrian and bicycle access along Albemarle Road and to quickly restoring pedestrian access to F.A Day Middle School, Albemarle park and fields, the Gath Pool and other area amenities.

Sincerely,

Liam T. Hurley
Newton Public Schools
Assistant Superintendent & Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

Cc: David Fleishman
Jackie Mann

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Alison M. Leary and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars (\$181,550) from Acct #62A10498-579000 Stormwater Current Year Reserve to a Cheesecake Brook Bridge Repair Account and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Stormwater Current Year Reserve (62A10498-579000)	\$181,550
TO:	Cheesecake Brook Bridge Repair- Undistributed (7212D401-579500)	\$181,550

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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(SGD) NADIA H KHAN

Acting City Clerk

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August 2, 2021

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the use of \$2262.40 in Commission on Disability (COD) Fine Account funds for the purchase of a floating beach wheelchair for Crystal Lake.

This floating beach wheelchair provides a way for someone with mobility disabilities to travel across the beach sand right into the water to cool off, recline, and remain as long as desired.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) Department already purchased the wheelchair so it could be used for much of the 2021 summer season. The COD voted unanimously on July 12, 2021 to approve the use of the funds for this purpose. The COD funds will replenish the PRC Department for the purchase.

Please see the attached email from City ADA/504 Coordinator Jini Fairley for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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NEWTON, MA. 02459

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Jonathan Yeo

From: Jonathan Yeo
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Jonathan Yeo
Subject: Request to Docket the Purchase of a Floating Beach Wheelchair with COD Fines Funds

From: Jini Fairley <jfairley@newtonma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Maureen Lemieux <mlemieux@newtonma.gov>
Cc: Nicole Banks <nbanks@newtonma.gov>; Jini Fairley <jfairley@newtonma.gov>; Hattie Kerwin Derrick <hkerwinderrick@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Request to Docket the Purchase of a Floating Beach Wheelchair with COD Fines Funds

Dear Maureen,

Despite all the rain we have been experiencing, I hope you are well and enjoying the summer.

In a meeting with Mayor Fuller and the COD Co-chairs, Lakshmi and Anne Marie, on June 22nd, 2021, the Mayor approved the use of COD's Fines Funds to purchase a Floating Beach Wheelchair for Crystal Lake, suggested by the COD. With the Mayor's endorsement, I worked with Commissioner Banks and her staff to choose and receive a quote for the MOBI Floating Beach Wheelchair. This chair provides a way for someone with mobility disabilities to travel across the beach sand right into the water to cool off and remain as long as desired. The chair even reclines a bit, for those who would like that position while enjoying Crystal Lake.

The Newton Commission On Disability, at their July 12, 2021 meeting, voted unanimously to approved the use of the COD's Fines funds for this purchase.

Today, I would like to request your assistance to docket \$2262.40 from the COD's Fines Funds, account # 5500-335518, to be used for the purchase of the MOBI Floating Beach Wheelchair for Crystal Lake for patrons (residents and visitors) with mobility disabilities, in order to traverse the sandy beach and enter and enjoy the water.

Please let me know if you need anything else, the invoice, details of this item, etc., which I can send in a separate email.

Much appreciated,
Jini

Jini Fairley
ADA/504 Coordinator
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IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to appropriate and expend the sum of two thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars and forty cents (\$2,262.40) for the purchase of a floating beach wheelchair for Crystal Lake and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation- Handicap Parking Fines (5500-335518)..... \$2,262.40
TO:	Crystal Lake Swim Chair-Recreational Supplies (01C60210-546100) \$2,262.40

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Acting City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER

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August 30, 2021

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the approval to accept 15 picnic tables donated by Paddy's Public House to the City for use by Parks, Recreation & Culture. The total value of the picnic tables is \$1,875 which represents the cost to construct the tables.

Paddy's Public House constructed the picnic tables to be used for the Elm Street Lot Newton Al Fresco site and oversaw maintenance such as cleaning and opening/closing of umbrellas at the site. The site is seeing extremely little use presently. The City intends to eliminate the Elm St Lot Al Fresco site at the end of August to allow parking to resume at the location. Devra Bailin of Planning will outreach other restaurants to let them know if this change.

Nicole Banks of Parks, Recreation and Culture has reviewed and approved this request to accept the donation of picnic tables upon the closure of the Elm Street Lot Al Fresco site.

Please see the attached memo from for Transportation Planning Director Nicole Freedman for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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Barney S. Heath
Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 17, 2021
To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
From: Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning
Cc: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Subject: Request to Docket Item to Accept Picnic Tables from Paddy's Public House

We request approval to accept and expend up to 15 picnic tables donated by Paddy's Public House to the City for use by Parks, Recreation & Culture. The total value of the picnic tables is \$1,875 which represents the cost to construct the tables.

Paddy's Public House constructed the picnic tables to be used for the Elm Street Lot Newton Al Fresco site and oversaw maintenance such as cleaning and opening/closing of umbrellas at the site. The site is seeing extremely little use presently. The City intends to eliminate the Elm St Lot Al Fresco site after August 29, 2021 and allow parking to resume at the location. Devra Bailin of Planning will outreach other restaurants to let them know if this change.

Nicole Banks of Parks, Recreation and Culture has reviewed and approved this request to accept the donation of picnic tables upon the closure of the Elm Street Lot Al Fresco site.

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, the authorization to accept 15 picnic tables donated by Paddy's Public House to the City for use by Parks, Recreation & Culture be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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(SGD) NADIA KHAN
Acting City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
Mayor

Date: _____