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**Programs & Services Committee**  
**Agenda**

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

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82384553669> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID 823 8455 3669.

**Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

**#310-21**      **Appointment of Nancy Kritzman to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing NANCY KRITZMAN, 677 Winchester Street, #423, Newton as a member of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY for a term to expire on September 20, 2023 (60 Days: 10/08/21).

**#311-21**      **Appointment of Cynthia Greene to the Human Rights Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing CYNTHIA GREENE, 21 Garden Road, Newton, as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 30, 2024 (60 Days: 10/08/21).

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#281-21**      **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$1,440,344 in CPA funding**  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one million four hundred forty thousand three hundred and forty-four dollars (\$1,440,344) in Community Preservation Act funds, with \$288,068.80 to come from the Open Space Prior Year Reserve (Act# 5840-3599) and \$1,152,275.20 to come from the Prior Year Undesignated Fund (Acct# 5800-3599), to the control of the Planning & Development Department for the implementation of the approved and permitted designs for Levingston Cove including the construction of new erosion controls, plantings, accessibility improvements and the installation of new public amenities including new pathways, benches and decks.

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**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

- #347-21** **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$420,000 in CPA funding**  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) in Community Preservation Act funds from the FY22 Budget Reserve (Account# 58R10498-579000) to the control of the Planning & Development Department for the completion of the Athletic Fields Capital Improvements Plan Design FY2022-2025 Project which includes the hiring of on-call consultants to complete the studies, plans, and design work necessary to construct new fields and restore four to six existing sites.
- #267-21** **Request for a discussion on rodent control in Newton**  
COUNCILORS GREENBERG, ALBRIGHT, KELLEY, LEARY, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY, GROSSMAN, HUMPHREY, LAREDO, LIPOF, LUCAS, MALAKIE, OLIVER, RYAN, DANBERG AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion regarding rodent activity control related to construction activities and the creation of an ordinance that would require a pest control management plan for any application to obtain a building permit which includes demolition and/or excavation on public or private property.
- #341-21** **Request for additional rodent control initiatives**  
COUNCILORS LEARY, GREENBERG, AND OLIVER requesting that the City Administration develop additional initiatives to its proactive and holistic approach to rodent control applicable to residential, municipal and commercial properties. Areas to consider potentially include, but are not limited to public education, enforcement, special permits and building permits, construction and excavation management, and assistance to private property owners of limited means.
- #308-21** **Request for discussion on COVID-19 vaccination mandate**  
COUNCILORS GENTILE, KALIS, MALAKIE, OLIVER, LAREDO, MARKIEWICZ, NORTON AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Human Resources and Health Departments about instituting a City of Newton policy mandating that all city employees be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

*Chair's Note: The Chair anticipates entertaining a motion to vote No Action Necessary on each of the following three items:*

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

- #99-21** **Discussion regarding resources needed for a safe return to in-person learning**  
COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, GROSSMAN, LAREDO, WRIGHT, KALIS, MALAKIE, GREENBERG, LEARY, RYAN, BAKER, ALBRIGHT AND NOEL Requesting a discussion about the resources necessary for a speedy and safe return to in person learning, in compliance with the March 9, 2021 guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and in anticipation of more than \$48 million in Federal Aid from the American Rescue Plan

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#156-20**

**Request for comparison of dog license fines**

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting a comparison of Newton's fine for failure to license a dog to other communities. In addition, requesting an increase in the fine for failure to license a dog.

**Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 04/21/2021**

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#157-20**

**Request for review and changes to off-leash dog ordinance**

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting a review and possible changes to the off-leash dog ordinance to include:

- a) raising fees required by dog walking companies in order to better maintain sites heavily used by dog walkers; and
- b) requiring background checks on dog walkers to assure safety of dog owners and dogs; and
- c) requesting the development of regulations for dog walking and dog daycare companies to assure appropriate care for dogs.

**Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 04/21/2021**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Josh Krintzman, Chair**