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City of Newton
In City Council

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

7:00 PM

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #366-21** **Appointment of Sam Figler to the Newton Commonwealth Foundation**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SAM FIGLER, 63 Sumner Street, Newton Centre, as a member of the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION for a term to expire on October 30, 2024. (60 Days: 12/03/21)
Programs & Services Held 7-0 on 10/20/2021
- #399-21** **Reappointment of Lori Yarvis to the Farm Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing LORI YARVIS, 1469 Centre Street No.1, Newton, as a member of the FARM COMMISSION for a term set to expire on October 31, 2024. (60 Days: 12/31/21)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs & Services Committee

- #362-21** **Community Preservation Committee Annual Update to City Council**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR on behalf of the CPC, requesting a discussion with the City Council to provide an annual update on the status of the CPA funds, the community preservation program and the ordinance in accordance with Sec 7-80 of the Ordinances.

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Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs and Services

#392-21 Authorization to acquire property at 163-144 Hancock Street and 169 Grove Street

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to acquire whether by purchase or friendly eminent domain the real properties which are portions of 136-144 Hancock Street and 169 Grove Street, known as The Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange.

#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.

Programs & Services Held 7-0 on 09/22/2021

Chair's Note: *The Committee will be joined by the Public Facilities Committee to discuss the following one (1) item. Additional back-up for item #371-21 can be found at the following link: <http://lincolneliot-necp-projects.com/>*

Referred to Public Facilities and Programs & Services Committee

#371-21 Update on the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School project

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the opportunity to provide a Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School project update to the Public Facilities and Programs & Services Committees.

Programs & Services Held 7-0 on 10/06/2021

Public Facilities Held 5-0 (Councilor Danberg not voting) on 10/06/2021

Chair's Note: *It is the intent of the Chair to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following two (2) items:*

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs & Services Committees

#154-21 Request for discussion zoning to support native plants and pollinators

COUNCILORS KELLEY, BOWMAN, DOWNS, AND NORTON requesting a discussion on increasing native plants and pollinator friendly plants in Newton. Discussion should include options to change zoning for both residential and commercial projects as well as increase such plantings on public lands. Native plants are environmentally more sustainable as they require less water and pesticides. Native plants attract a variety of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife by providing diverse habitats and food sources. Pollinator friendly plants can help support a healthy ecosystem, our Climate Action Goals, environmental sustainability and are needed to help refurbish native plants for biodiversity, bees and butterflies.

#247-21 Prohibition of Single-Use Alcohol Containers

COUNCILORS NORTON, KELLEY, AND LEARY requesting the prohibition of the sale of miniature, single-use containers for alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair**