



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

7:00 PM

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81592015432> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 815 9201 5432.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Public Hearing

#133-22 **Petition to expand the area represented by the Newton Highlands Area Council**
SRDJAN S. NEDELJKOVIC et. al. petitioning the City Council to expand the area represented by the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council to include areas immediately contiguous with the existing service area of the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council pursuant to Article 9, Section 9-4 of the City of Newton Charter

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#173-22 **Request to transfer \$165,000 from Current Year Budget Reserve**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) from Acct # 0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to Acct # 0160238-585270 Parks, Recreation & Culture Trash Receptacles for the purchase of open-style trash and recycling receptacles with active monitoring and reporting capability for 30 strategic high-use areas in the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair

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DOCKET REQUEST FORM

DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

To: Clerk of the City Council

Date: 1/20/2022

From (Docketer): Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic

Address: 1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Phone: _____

E-mail: snedeljkovic@newtonma.gov

Additional sponsors: _____

1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):

SRDJAN S. NEDELJKOVIC et al. petitioning the City Council to expand the area represented by the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council to include areas immediately contiguous with the existing service area of the Newton Highlands Area Council pursuant to Article 9, Section 9-4 the City of Newton Charter.

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2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fact-finding & discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriation, transfer, | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure, or bond authorization | <input type="checkbox"/> License or renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special permit, site plan approval, | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone change (public hearing required) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Area council service area alteration</u> |

3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion |

4. This item should be taken up in committee:

Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency:

- As soon as possible, preferably within a month
- In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
- When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
- Following public hearing

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5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:

- One half hour or less
- More than one hour
- More than one meeting
- Up to one hour
- An entire meeting
- Extended deliberation by subcommittee

6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, especially relevant Department Heads):

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

Newton Highlands Area Council

Jeremy Freudberg - jeremyfreudberg@gmail.com

7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:

Validation of signatures

8. I have or intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. *

Petition materials, signature pages, and explanatory materials are enclosed.

(*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)

Please check the following:

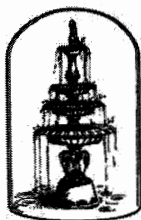
- 9. I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
- 10. I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
- 11. I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.

Srdj S. Nedeljkovic, M.D.

/s/ Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic _____
Signature of person docketing the item

[Please retain a copy for your own records]



Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

#133-22

Memorandum

Joshua Krintzman
Chair, Program & Services Committee
City Council, City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

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January 20, 2022

Docket item #__-22: Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council service area

Dear Mr. Krintzman and members of the P & S Committee:

The Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council (NHNAC) is submitting a petition requesting inclusion of certain omitted streets and addresses. In 2014 and 2015, the Board of Aldermen approved expansion of the NHNAC borders based on a map that was submitted with the expansion petition at that time. We have been informed by our constituents and their neighbors that certain addresses that appear on the map were omitted from the Board order authorizing the expansion at that time.

These addresses include the following: Clark Street (#37 to #162), and adjacent addresses at Rowena Road (#96), Athelstane Road (#111), and Boylston Street (#619).

Each of these addresses was included in the map that was part of the approved NHNAC expansion petition in 2014-2015 (except for the Rowena Road address, which appeared only on older maps), but in fact none have ever been included in any Board order authorizing expansion. At the time of that most recent expansion, however, it was the intent to include these parcels within the contiguous boundaries of the area council service area. We also request inclusion of #106-108 Athelstane Road, which until now has not appeared on any petition or proposed map but complements the inclusion of #111 Athelstane Road.

An additional residential address at #129 Elliot Street is also contained within a parcel that was approved to be within the Area Council but is not listed on the current list of addresses. We are requesting that this address be added to the Area Council as it is part of a two-family house that was originally within the area council's contiguous boundaries.

Although we believe that these addresses were omitted inadvertently, we have proceeded to collect a petition with an adequate number of signatures to meet the 20% requirement to add these areas. We look forward to the City Council approving our petition to include these addresses in the NHNAC service area.

Sincerely,

Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic, M.D.

Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic, Secretary
On behalf of the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

NHNAC Memo

City Council memo (January 20, 2022)

Petition to Expand the Area Represented by the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

Background Information

What is the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council?

The nine-member Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council (NHNAC) is an official elected body under the city charter that has existed since 1974. It is a voluntary organization whose members do not receive compensation or other city benefits.

What Does the Area Council Do? What Are Its Purposes?

Its purposes are to facilitate communication between neighborhood residents and the City Council and other elements of city government, to serve as a forum for dealing with various local issues, and to foster community spirit through annual events such as Village Day, the Halloween party and haunted house, and the Winter Social.

In addition to giving residents a focal point for local initiatives and events that contribute to the quality of life in Newton Highlands, it also is a mechanism for discussing and communicating to City government neighborhood issues and concerns about matters such as land use, economic development, traffic and parking controls, and the quality and use of our parks and open spaces.

Why Is There a Petition to Expand the Area Covered by the NHNAC?

A number of residents in an area of Clark Street adjacent to the current boundary of the NHNAC expressed an interest in becoming more involved in the activities of the NHNAC. Signatures from 20% of registered voters in the covered area are required for an expansion. The expansion is not based on zip code or city ward location, and being in the NHNAC does not obligate any kind of participation.

Where Can I Learn More about the Area Council?

Official Website: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/neighborhood-area-councils>

Newton Highlands discussion group: <https://groups.google.com/g/newtonhighlands>

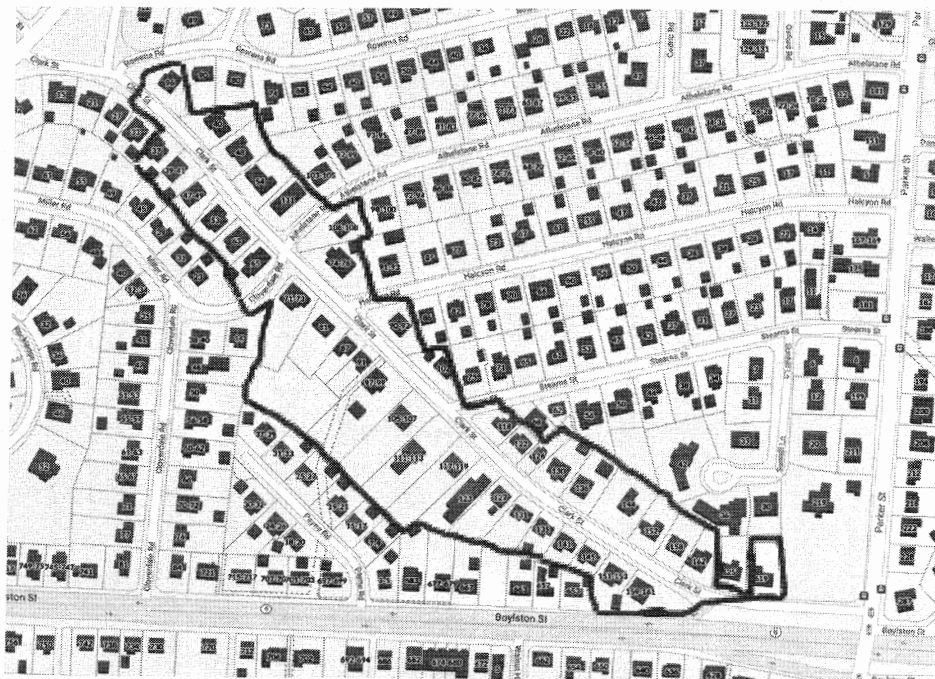
Where/How Can I Sign the Petition?

Please sign the petition provided by a volunteer. If someone else would like to sign the petition, send an email to snedeljkovic@newtonma.gov and we will contact you if more signatures are needed.

Petition to expand the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

The undersigned registered voters of the City of Newton residing in the area described in this petition request that the City Council of the City of Newton incorporate the streets noted into the existing Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council.

The expanded Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council shall represent all residents and include the area on the accompanying map.



Streets and Addresses in expanded area:

Clark Street: #37 - #162 (inclusive)
Athelstane Road: #106-108 and #111

Boylston Street: #619
Rowena Road: #96

In addition to the addresses on this map, the following shall be included:

Elliot Street: #129

For full description of services, please refer to Board of Aldermen resolution #441-74 dated July 1, 1974 adopting the Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council.

TO: Clerk's office staff

FROM: Jeremy Freudberg
Srdjan Nedeljkovic (Secretary of Newton Highlands Area Council)

Enclosed is a petition to expand the Newton Highlands Area Council pursuant to section 9-4 of the Charter. The proposed area of expansion is **37-162 Clark Street, 96 Rowena Road, 106-111 Athelstane Road, 619 Boylston Street, and 129 Elliot Street.**

Enclosures:

1. Petition and signature pages
2. Docket Request Form
3. Additional backup material

Please direct any questions by email to jeremyfreudberg@gmail.com.

Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council: Clark Street Petition signature report
Names extracted from voter list as updated through December 14, 2021

Athelstane Road	#106-#108, #111	Ward 6-2	3 eligible
108	Cook Katherine Oehm <u>Cook, Ryan Stofan</u>		
111	Wong, Susie Shain		
Rowena Road	#96	Ward 6-2	2 eligible
96	Rachlin, Lisa L. Rachlin, Yaron		
Boylston Street	#619	Ward 6-2	2 eligible
619	Sobczak, Krzysztof G. Sobczak, Lisa M.		
Clark Street	#37 - #162	Ward 6-2	89 eligible
37-2	Kanter, Rebecca Anne		
39	Wiseman, Gail R.		
40	Bassin, Heidi I.		
41	Stone, Alan B. Stone, Carol K.		
47-2	Brown, Carson T.		
48	Vrouvlianis, Alexander Vrouvlianis, Kosmas Vrouvlianis, Marina Xydeas Xydeas, Anna Xydeas, Irene		
49	Lasonde, Jared M. Lasonde, Laura Lisa		
53	Chaparala, Alekhya R. Chaparala, Kaavya <u>Chaparala, Murali V.</u> <u>Chaparala, Rajitha</u>		
54	Tsukernik, Irene Tsukernik, Michael		
63	<u>Olia, Maria</u> Olia, Masoud		
65-1	<u>Ring, Howard</u>		
65-2	<u>Smithline, Betty</u>		

71	Cohen, Clifford R.
	Medvedow, Elisabeth J.
73	Zhdanov, Michael A.
74	Tsivkin, Barak
	Tsivkin, Kira
	Tsivkin, Yonaton A.
76	Kindermann, Rachel
81	Perry, Deborah W.
	<u>Perry, George A.</u>
87	Cohen, Audrey Kurash
	Cohen, Daniel
	<u>Cohen, Gilad</u>
	Cohen, Rafael
90	Winer, Matthew
	<u>Wolf, Barbara</u>
91	<u>Litwalk, Robin</u>
	<u>MacAlister, Todd</u>
92	Lazebnik, Maria B.
	<u>Sims, Hillel</u>
97	<u>Jackson, David W. Jr.</u>
102	<u>Freudberg, Jacob A.</u>
	<u>Freudberg, Jeffrey</u>
	<u>Freudberg, Jeremy T.</u>
107	Heberlein, Calvin Todd
	Heberlein, Jennifer Shea
	Heberlein, Robert Todd
111	Goralnick, Eric
	Roberts, Alexandra J.
	Tevetmarkelevich, Ariel Joseph
	Tevetmarkelevich, Roni
117	<u>Alhassani, Mohammed Ali</u>
118	Shields, Hannah LB
	<u>Shields, Lynn M.</u>
119	Chen, Gary
122	Ng, Michael
	Ng, Pak Ling
	Ng Pui Ching
125	<u>Mohta, Namita S.</u>
	<u>Mohta Vinay Seth</u>
126	<u>Dorschner, Eileen G.</u>
	Dorschner, Michael
127	Fagerberg, Lauren Kate
	Fagerberg, Timothy J.
130	Foster, Jack Adam

131 Poole-Foster, Allyson
Lau, Victor
Lau, Yem F.
135 Jain, Eshaan
Jain, Molshri
Jain, Sanjay Kumar
144 Orduna, Andrea
Orduna, Joseph B.
Orduna, Zenaida
145 Chen, Jie
Wang, Huicheng
151 Gouin, Lauren Elizabeth
MacNair, Deborah J.
O'Neil, Steven Edward
158 Seraphim, Franziska
West, Elena L.
West, Steven N.
159 Izakovic, Radoslav
161 Raymond, Dorothy A.
162 **Belenky, Alexei B.**
Belenky, Marina B.
Belenky, Paul A.

Elliot Street #129 Ward 5-2 1 eligible
129 Vonhehn, Janasuzanne Eaton

Total number of voters eligible: 97.0
Number of signatures needed (20%): 19.4
Number or signatures needed, rounded: 20.0
Number of signatures obtained: **28.0**

CITY OF NEWTONIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

July 1, 1974

BOARD RESOLUTIONADOPTINGNEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD AREA COUNCILSECTION I. REQUEST

The undersigned registered voters of the City of Newton residing in the area described in this petition request that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton establish a Newton Highlands Neighborhood Service Area. The service area boundaries which are detailed in Section 2 provide the services described in Section 3.

PURPOSE

The purpose of a Newton Highlands Neighborhood Service Area is to organize a communications center through which the residents of the area can funnel thoughts, hopes, and needs that refer to the area. At present, there is no citizen caucus or communications center through which individuals can reach each other to discuss common issues. The 9 member Neighborhood Area Council hereinafter referred to as "Council" will act as neighborhood leaders, co-ordinators and representatives serving the area by reporting objective pertinent information to residents regarding local issues and then informing the city government agencies of the opinions of the residents in regard to these issues.

AREA

In order to make this group cohesive, it is necessary to define meaningful boundaries. The Hyde School district has much integrity in terms of common needs, interests, friendships, etc. The fact that the school is located in the business district near two community churches enhances the feeling of community.

SIZE

The size of the Council shall be nine members.

SECTION II. STREETS WITHIN THE NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE AREA

Aberdeen St.	Cragmore Rd.	Miller Rd.
Allen Ter.	Cushing St.	Mountfort Rd.
Allerton Rd. #109-191 both sides	Delmore Rd.	Mullen Ct.
Arlo Rd.	Dickerman Rd.	Nantucket Rd.
Bacon Place	Duncklee St.	Niles Rd.
Bellingham St.	Elliot St. #2-127 both sides	Norman Rd.
Bemuth Rd.	Endicott St.	Oak Ter.
Berwick Rd.	Eric Ave.	Payne Rd.
Beverly Rd.	Fisher Ave.	Pine Crest Rd.
Bowdoin St.	Floral Place	Plymouth Rd. #211-251 both sides
Boylston St. #896-1088 even nos.; #625-1161 odd nos.	Floral St.	Raeburn Ter.
Bradford Rd.	Forest St.	Ramsdell St.
Brewster Rd.	Frances St.	Randolph St.
Burnside Rd.	Glenmore Ter.	Ridgeway Ter.
Canterbury Rd.	Harrison St.	Rockledge Rd.
Carver Road	Hartford St.	Rogers St.
Centre St. #1471-1670 both sides	Hillside Rd.	Saxon Rd.
Charles St.	Hinckley Rd.	Saxon Ter.
Chester St.	Hyde St.	Selden St.
Circuit Ave.	Ipswich Rd.	Standish St.
Clark St. #2-33 both sides	Josselyn Place	Station Ave.
Cloverdale Rd.	Kingman Rd.	Suban Place
Cochituate Rd.	Lake Ave. #185-348 both sides	Terrace Ave.
Columbus St.	Lakewood Rd.	Waldorf Rd.
Columbus Ter.	Lincoln St.	Walnut St. #901-1237 both sides
	Manchester Rd.	Wenham Rd.
	Margaret Rd.	Winslow Rd. #172-240 both sides
	Mayflower Ter.	Woodcliff Rd. #15-70 both sides
	Meredith Ave.	Woodward St. #1-209, both sides
		Wood End Rd.

SECTION III.

1. The Council shall have advisory but not substantive authority in the provision of regular services of the City government. The main function of the Council is to serve as an auxiliary means of communication between all departments, agencies, boards, and commissions of the City of Newton and the residents of the area so as to advise all departments, agencies, boards, and commissions of the City of Newton about the current reactions and attitudes of the area voting members to impending neighborhood issues or actions.
2. The Council shall be obliged to set up a procedure in its by laws whereby it guarantees to inform each resident of the area about all issues that come before it. Such procedure shall also establish a way for residents to communicate their opinions to the Council and before the Council informs the relevant city departments of the opinions of the community, responses shall have been received from at least 20% of the registered voters in the Neighborhood Service Area.
3. The Council can originate its own concerns and present them to the community. Each resident can go to the Council with his or her own concern for the Council to consider. Action shall not be taken by the Council without community approval through the appropriate channels of communication. These channels will always allow time for the idea or issues to be researched and sent to each household for consideration. Subsequently, a public meeting will be set up to allow for community discussion of the issue. This will be followed by the establishment of a specific time for people to register their opinion in regard to the issue raised.
4. Other services of the Council may include communicating the needs, wants, and desires of the area in regard to city-owned land, buildings, and services (i.e., Hyde School, Newton Highlands Branch Library, Cold Spring Park, and Crystal Lake) to the appropriate city agencies.
5. Other services of the Council may include the responsibility to inform the area of any potential changes in the village shopping area.
6. Other services to be provided may include the development of proposed measures for the preservation of a healthy economic center in Newton Highlands. These may relate to physical development and to determining and communicating the commercial needs of the area residents to present and prospective merchants, after consultation with the City Planning Dept. and the Law Dept. of the City of Newton.
7. Other services of the Council may include drawing up proposals for the development of transportation facilities based on needs demonstrated by area residents.
8. Other services of the Council may include acceptance of funds from public sources, but not including the City of Newton, and private sources, including public subscriptions; and expenditure of monies to meet overhead cost of Council administration and support for Neighborhood Service Area projects.

SECTION III (cont.)

9. Other services of the Council may include self-help projects such as beautification, establishment and maintenance of a neighborhood community center, street fairs and festivals, cultural activities, and recreation.
10. Other services of the Council may include preparing and presenting petitions to the Board of Aldermen for permission to amend the services to be provided by the Neighborhood Area Council. Such petitions must be signed by 20% of the voters residing in the area and shall specify the services to be provided. Upon receipt of the petition and after verification of signatures, the Board of Aldermen shall, within thirty days hold a public hearing. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time but shall be completed within sixty (60) days. Following the public hearing the Board of Aldermen by resolution shall approve or disapprove the amendment of services to be provided.
11. The first duty of the Council shall be to draft by-laws which must be distributed to all residents of the area and be approved by a two-thirds majority of those residents attending an announced meeting or meetings called for that purpose. Such by-laws shall be reviewed by the City Solicitor so as not to conflict with the substantive authority of City government.
12. The Council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Board of Aldermen, which report shall be open to the public.
13. The Council shall keep complete financial records which shall be subject to City Audit.
14. All meetings of the Council shall be subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.
15. The Council shall have no other power, duties, or functions except as expressly provided herein.

Resolution voted 5-0 (Ald. Magni abstaining) as amended at the Legislation & Rules Committee meeting on June 24, 1974.

Under Suspension of Rules
 Readings Waived & Adopted
 23 Yeas 1 Absent
 (Absent: Ald. Lipof)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Approved July 3, 1974

(Sgd) JOSEPH H. KARLIN City Clerk

(Sgd) THEODORE D. MANN Mayor

Petition to expand the
Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Council

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#	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
✓ 1	Steven West		158 Clark
✓ 2	ZARINA ORWA		144 Clark
✓ 3	Mohammed - Ali Alhassan		117 Clark street
✓ 4	Robin Litwack	R. Litwack	91 Clark St
✓ 5	GILAD CHEN		87 CLARK ST
✓ 6	RAJITHA CHAPPARA	Rajitha	53 CLARK ST
✓ 7	MURALI CHAPPARA	Murali	53 CLARK ST
✓ 8	Marina Beleny	M. Beleny	162 Clark St
✓ 9	Alexei Belenk		162 Clark St
✓ 10	Huicheng Wang		145 Clark St
✓ 11	Molshri Jain		135 Clark St
✓ 12	sanjay Jain		135 Clark St
✓ 13	Eileen Dorschner Elen Dorschner	Elen Dorschner	126 CLARK ST
✓ 14	VINAY SETH MOKHA	Vinay Seth Mokha	125 CLARK ST.
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✓ 3	David W Jackson Jr.	<i>[Signature]</i>	97 Clark St.	
✓ 4	JERRAM FROENBERG	<i>[Signature]</i>	102 Clark St	
✓ 5	Betty Smithline	<i>[Signature]</i>	65 Clark St. Apt 2	
✓ 6	HOWARD RING	<i>[Signature]</i>	65 CLARK ST	
✓ 7	Ed [unclear]	[Signature]	91 Clark St.	
✓ 8	Lynn Shields	<i>[Signature]</i>	115 Clark St	
✓ 9	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	108 Athol St	
✓ 10	Maria Olin	<i>[Signature]</i>	63 Clark St. Newton, MA 02459	
✓ 11	GEORGE PERRE	<i>[Signature]</i>	81 Clark St.	
✓ 12	Barbara Wolf	<i>[Signature]</i>	90 Clark St.	
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RUTHANNE FULLER
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February 14, 2022

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 \$165,000 from Acct # 0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to Acct # 0160238-585270 Parks, Recreation & Culture Trash Receptacles.

This funding will be used for the purchase of open-style trash and recycling receptacles with active monitoring and reporting capability for 30 strategic high-use areas in the City. Please see the attached memo from Parks, Recreation and Culture Commissioner Nicole Banks for further details.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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February 14, 2022

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



Dear Mayor Fuller,

I am writing to respectfully request that you docket with the Honorable City Council for consideration a request of \$165,000 for the purchase of open-style trash and recycling receptacles with active monitoring and reporting capability for strategic high use areas in the city.

The Beautification Division of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recently piloted a one-year program by placing monitoring-capable trash and recycling open-style receptacles in several parks and a village space. This pilot program has been reviewed by the Sustainable Materials Management Committee and the DPW Sustainable Materials Division. Altogether, we piloted six receptacles: three pairs of a trash and recycling container in three locations. The pilot study was conducted due to a number of issues the team experiences with the existing Big Belly receptacles including: the trash bins needing to be emptied by hand, reports of strong and noxious odors, malfunctioning hopper handles, trash sticks to the inside of the hoppers, graffiti on the side panels, and the issue of hoppers jamming. This last issue is significant and likely is the cause of phone calls the City and councilors receive whereby people believe the receptacle is full, when in fact the unit is usually empty, but the hopper is full of waste that is stuck.

The pilot project, using a more open-style container system, has proven that this style of container is better for the public and for the sanitation team because: 1. The trash bin can be lifted with the trash truck tipper; 2. There are no handles to touch or hoppers to jam; 3. There are no side panels to be vandalized; 4. They have a bonnet lid with a good size opening so larger items do not get jammed. Additionally, even if an item does somehow get stuck, there are other openings in the same container making it clear that the barrel is not full and is still usable.

The pilot demonstrated equal rates of recycling compliance compared to our existing Big Belly receptacles, reduction in waste in surrounding area, less graffiti, less odor, and easier handling given the size and shape of the liner containers. Though we trialed 35-gallon capacity receptacles, we learned that 45-gallon receptacles would allow for more waste to be collected and still allow for a person to handle the barrel tip operation without assistance from another person.

We have come to appreciate the importance of active monitoring as the Department is able to strategically map out routes each morning to service those bins that need emptying. Not only does this reduce unneeded trips to bins that are not yet filled, it ensures that we empty full bins so that people may properly dispose of their waste materials. We would like to install new waste and recycle containers at 30 locations during the first phase of deployment.

There is one additional topic that I would be remiss not to address: rodents. Throughout the entire pilot we have had zero staff reports of rodents, either within or around the containers. Rodents are an issue with the current Big Belly systems as they are very capable of getting into the receptacles; however, they unfortunately are not able to get out on their own. Staff on occasion have opened the side door to access the trash liner and encounter a scared and anxious rodent. This creates an unsafe and uncomfortable work environment.

Migration Plan

We plan to implement a 2-phase migration to this open-style receptacle system with monitoring and reporting capability. Phase 1 is what is currently docketed and includes the purchase of 76 barrels with rain bonnets and wireless relay sensors that detect when the barrel is full and notifies City officials so the barrel can be added to the collection route. Each location will feature trash and recycling containers side-by-side. These barrels will be deployed at parks and school grounds, playgrounds and in village centers. Phase 2 will see the remaining barrels being purchased and deployed.

Cost

The seventy-six waste/recycle container units will cost approximately \$165,000, inclusive of freight. This price includes: 76 receptacles, plastic liners, and bonnet lids with the relay system that monitors barrel fullness and alerts the City when full. The new units will replace our existing Big Belly units, primarily the ones that perform compaction as these systems are most difficult for our staff to work with (due to the weight of trash), have more frequent maintenance issues, and are more expensive to lease. On this last point, it is important to emphasize that, unlike the Big Belly systems that are leased, the plan to purchase new waste containers will result in the City having full ownership. After initial purchase, the City must only pay for over-the-counter trash bags (Big Belly units have proprietary bags) and the monitoring cost for each barrel that we want monitored. The industry average is approximately \$5 per barrel for this monitoring service, meaning the cost to monitor all phase 1 containers would be around \$7,500.00 annually. The City will have the flexibility to activate and deactivate monitoring services which will allow for testing whether a sensor is necessary for each barrel or only for a single barrel in a given multi-barrel deployment.

Schedule

The trash receptacle RFP must be done prior to a purchase being made; we anticipate a roughly 4-month turnaround time to receive delivery once the firm is selected.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Nicole Banks

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture

CC: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer; Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer; Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works; Waneta Trabert, Director of Sustainable Materials Management



An image of the receptacle with rain bonnet that was piloted (photo not taken in Newton).

Newton Public Rubbish and Recycling Receptacle Cost Analysis

Current System: Enclosed, box shaped receptacles with remote monitoring, leased.

Comparison System: Traditional, cylindrical shaped receptacle with remote monitoring, owned.

Number of receptacles units: 360

Operational Expense Review**Projected Five Year Cost for Current System**

	Rental/ Monitor fee	Replacement/ Supplies Costs	Total Annual Operating Costs
FY2023	\$ 288,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 300,000
FY2024	\$ 288,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 300,000
FY2025	\$ 288,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 300,000
FY2026	\$ 294,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 306,000
FY2027	\$ 294,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 306,000

\$ 1,512,000 5 Year Cost, Current Receptacle System

Projected Five Year Cost for Comparison System

	Monitor fee	Replacement/ Supplies Costs	Total Annual Operating Costs
FY2023	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 65,000
FY2024	\$ 35,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 68,000
FY2025	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 71,000
FY2026	\$ 37,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 76,000
FY2027	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 77,000

\$ 357,000 5 Year Cost, Comparison Receptacle System*

* Requires purchase of 360 new receptacles. See Below

Operational Budget Savings

Comparison system will allow for a significant savings in the annual operating budget

One Year Operating Budget Savings	\$ 235,000
Five Year Operating Budget Savings	\$ 1,155,000
Ten Year Operating Budget Savings	\$ 2,310,000

Complete Cost Savings Review, Current System Vs. Comparison System**Five Year Comparison**

	Current System	Comparison System
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ 765,000
Rental/Monitoring	\$ 1,452,000	\$ 179,000
Repl./ Supplies Costs	\$ 60,000	\$ 178,000
Totals	\$ 1,512,000	\$ 1,122,000

\$ 390,000 Projected Savings, next five years

Ten Year Comparison

	Current System	Comparison System
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ 765,000
Rental/Monitoring	\$ 2,904,000	\$ 358,000
Repl./ Supplies Costs	\$ 120,000	\$ 356,000
Totals	\$ 3,024,000	\$ 1,479,000

\$ 1,545,000 Projected Savings, next ten years