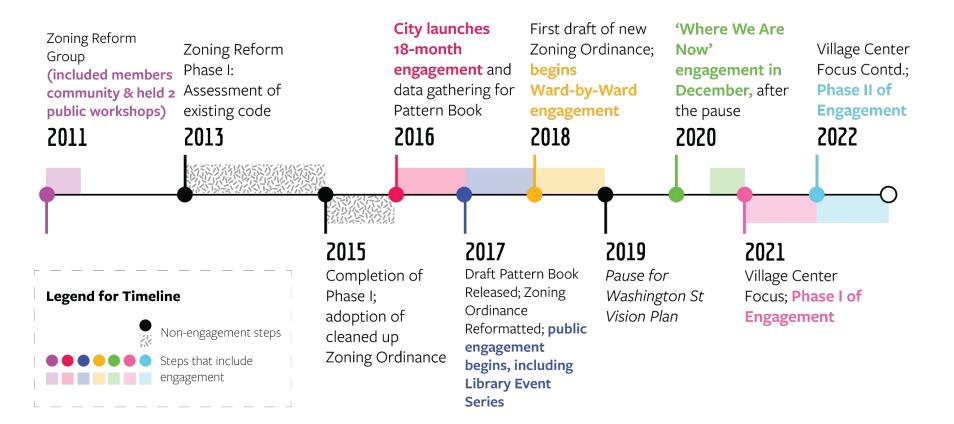
# Zoning Redesign: Village Centers Phase II Engagement ZAP 3.14.22



# Zoning Redesign Engagement Timeline



# Village Center Focus Timeline 2021

2	021:	Phase I Engagement					
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	

Identified shared visions & spectrum of opinions in response to, "What do you envision for the future of your village centers?"



# Village Center Focus Timeline **2022**

With Utile's development scenarios and economic feasibility analysis, ask community members, "To what extent do these scenarios align with what we heard from you in 2021?"

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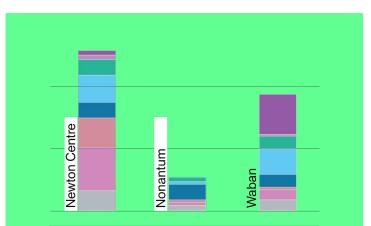


# 2022 Engagement Strategy



### Get Community Feedback on Development Scenarios & MBTA Communities

Interactive tools that anyone can use to give feedback



### Synthesis for ZAP

Identify takeaways to create community-informed village center zoning update proposals

## Feedback on Development Scenarios



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Image: Reimagine Union Square (Somerville) Pop-Up

Interactive tool that can be used virtually or in-person

Installation at Newton Free Library

On-the-spot surveying

Focus groups

Community Engagement Network

MAPC Technical Assistance Program Grant

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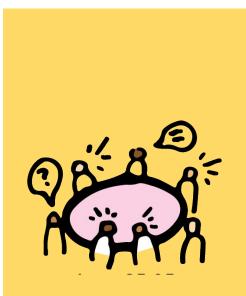


Community Engagement Network

A space to make the engagement material & efforts as fun & accessible as possible!

\*Not a space to give feedback on zoning content

# Community Engagement Network



Public & virtual meetings/ workshops (May - November)

Develop an understanding of Zoning Redesign

Test & make suggestions on the engagement material designed by staff

Workshop(s) on community engagement

A space for collaboration, brainstorming, and problem-solving

\*Not a space to give feedback on zoning content; this will be done from August - October (see slide 6 for how feedback will be collected)

# Community Engagement Network: Membership

### Network Members

- Active participation for majority of each meeting
- Can co-facilitate a meeting (if interested)
- Agree to this set of commitments:
  - Curiosity
  - Commitment to wide-reaching, inclusive & equitable engagement
  - Conduit for your respective group (informal or formal)
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Max of 2 representatives per group  $\,$
  - Attend all 4 meetings \*or\* Send feedback/updates via email/ call
- Submit application by April 10th
- \*Do not have to be an 'expert' on Zoning Redesign!

### **Everyone Else**

- All meetings will be public; any attendee can give comments or ask questions at the end of each meeting
- City Councilors welcomed to attend meetings



# (2021) Who we reached out to & heard from

### **Neighborhood Area Councils**

- Newton Highlands
- Newtonville NAC
- Upper Falls NAC
  - Waban NAC

# Commissions, Committees & Departments

- Commission on Disability
- Council on Aging
- Youth Commission
- Department of Health & Human Services (workers)
- Department of Planning & Development (workers)
- Historic Newton
- Human Rights Commission
- Newton Senior Center Transportation Advisory
- Group Economic Development Commission
- Citizens Commission on
- Energy Parks, Recreation + Culture

City of Newton Planning to Development Board

### Councilors

- Reached out to all Councilors
- 12 Councilors of 5 Wards

#### **Stakeholders**

- 350Mass Newton Node Bike Newton Boston College Graduate
  - Student Union
  - Boys & Girls Club Chestnut Hill Association
  - Chinese American Association of Newton (CAAN)
- Cultural Development (City) Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Defund Newton Police
- Engine6
- Families Organizing for Racial Justice (FORJ)
- FUUSN Social Action Council
- Green Newton Green Newton - School Connections

- Green Newton Youth Group Harmony Foundation
- Hyde Community Center
- League of Women Voters -Newton Myrtle Baptist Church
- New Art Center Newton Center for Civic Engagement
- Newton Coalition of Black Residents Newton Community Development Foundation
- Newton Housing Authority Newton Interfaith Clergy Association (NICA) Newton Lower Falls
- Improvement Association
- Newton Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- NNHS & NSHS's Sustainability Courses
- Newton Open Studio

co-hosted focus group
submitted a Vision Kit
staff tabled at event of

Newton Public School System (PTOs + Teachers + Social Workers + Students)

- Newton Talks Race Newton Teachers Association NNHS NextGen Voices Right-Size Newton Safe Routes to School Task Force
- St. Mary of Carmen Society
- Team Sangiolo Temple Emanuel Social Justice Group
- Temple Shalom
- The Village Bank
- Tour de Newton U-CHAN

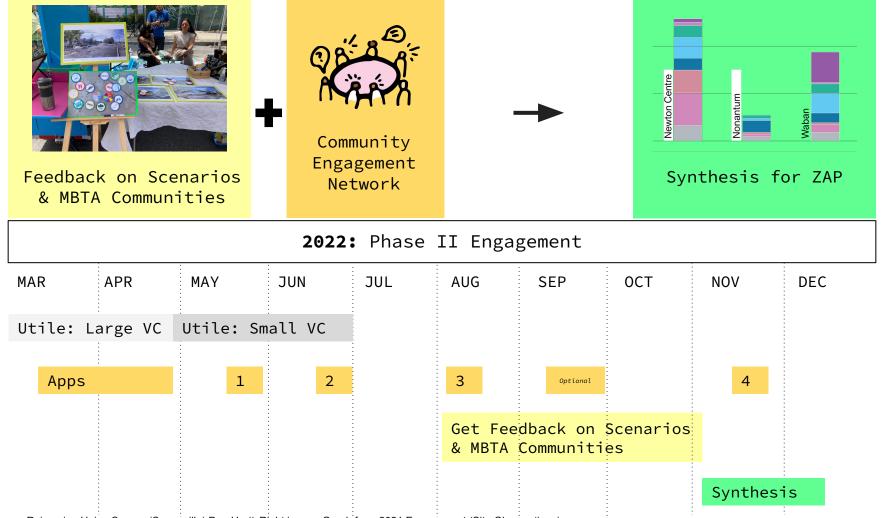
Understanding Our Differences Waban Improvement Society Welcoming Newton

# Community Engagement Network: Calendar



Community Engagement Network

April 10	<u>Applications due</u> (acceptance on a rolling basis)				
<b>Meeting #1</b> May	<u>Kick-Off the Network</u> Zoning Redesign intro / Community Engagement 101 / Workshop goals				
<b>Meeting #2</b> June	<u>Test Engagement Material</u> & Goals Contd.				
<b>Meeting #3</b> August	<u>Practice Engagement Material</u> & Begin To Engage One's Group				
<b>Optional Meeting</b> <u>Check-In on Goals</u> September					
<b>Meeting</b> # <b>4</b> November	<u>Celebrate &amp; Debrief the Network</u>				



Left image: Reimagine Union Square (Somerville) Pop-Up // Right image: Graph from 2021 Engagement (Site Observations)

# Concrete Next Steps

- Apply to join the Zoning Redesign 'Community Engagement Network' by April 10th at: https://tinyurl.com/ZRNetwork
- Sign up for Zoning Redesign Newsletters in order to get the Network meetings' dates, times & zoom links
- Stay tuned for the engagement in the Fall!
- Any questions? Email <u>zoningredesign@newtonma.gov</u> or find information on newtonma.gov/zoningredesign/vc

