



## **Zoning & Planning Committee** **Agenda**

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

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

**6:30 PM-PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME**  
**Council Chambers, Room 207**

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082541495> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 870 8254 1495.

#### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

- #193-22      **Appointment of Jennifer Pucci to the Zoning Board of Appeals****  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Jennifer Pucci, 22 Florence Court, Newtonville as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 19, 2023. (60 days: 05/20/22)
- #194-22      **Appointment of John Sisson to the Newton Historical Commission****  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing John Sisson, 45 Greenlawn Avenue, Newton as an Alternate member of the Newton Historical Commission for a term of office to expire on April 19, 2025. (60 days: 05/20/22)
- #195-22      **Appointment of Anne Marie Stein to the Newton Historical Commission****  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Anne Marie Stein, 31 Madoc Street, Newton as an Alternate member of the Newton Historical Commission for a term of office to expire on April 19, 2025. (60 days: 05/20/22)

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- #38-22 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers**  
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to Mixed Use, business districts and village districts relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance. (formerly #88-20)  
**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 03/28/22**
- #192-22 Request for review and amendments to Section 6.7.1**  
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, DANBERG, LIPOF, KELLEY, ALBRIGHT, NORTON, BOWMAN, GREENBERG, HUMPHREY, LEARY, RYAN, AND KRINTZMAN requesting a review of and possible amendments to, Section 6.7.1 Accessory Apartments, to remove barriers to creating accessory apartments, such as to consider conditions under which detached ADUs may be allowed by right, and under which ADUs may be permitted as part of new construction.
- #227-22 Request for ordinance to regulate embodied carbon in new construction**  
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY, on behalf of the Climate & Sustainability Team, requesting a discussion with the Sustainability Team and Planning Department, and to amend the zoning ordinance (Section 5.13, notable 5.13.4.D Reserved) to regulate embodied carbon in large new construction, to further the objectives of the city's Climate Action Plan.
- #228-22 Resolution to pursue a Building Energy/Reporting/Reduction Ordinance**  
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY ON BEHALF OF THE ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE, seeking a Resolution from the City Council confirming its support for pursuing an ordinance that would require large property owners to report annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and then to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions over time, to further the objectives of the Newton Climate Action Plan.
- #52-22 Discussion and possible ordinance amendments regarding the utilization of electric vehicle charging stations**  
COUNCILORS GROSSMAN, LAREDO, BOWMAN, NORTON, ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting a discussion and possible ordinance amendments with the Planning Department and the Sustainability Directors regarding allowing the utilization of electric vehicle charging stations on private commercial parking lots BY CITY ORDINANCES, including but not limited to the use of digital advertising to pay for the stations and provide free charging to customers. (formerly #340-21)

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair

**Resolution to pursue a Building Energy Reporting/ Reduction Ordinance**

Councilor Crossley on behalf of the ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE, seeking a Resolution from City Council confirming its support for pursuing an ordinance that would require large property owners to report annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and then to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions over time, to further the objectives of the Newton Climate Action Plan.

**RESOLUTION to pursue a Building Energy Reporting/ Reduction Ordinance**

**Whereas**, the City of Newton recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis;

**Whereas**, in December of 2019, the Newton City Council adopted the Newton Climate Action Plan, a collaborative effort among the City Climate and Sustainability Team, the Newton Citizens' Commission on Energy, Councilors and many citizens; and

**Whereas**, Newton's Climate Action Plan requires steady reductions in energy use and GHG emissions across all city sectors over time, in order to meet a long term goal of net zero emissions by 2050; and

**Whereas**, the most significant measure taken to date is the city's implementation of *Newton Power Choice*, where ratepayers on Eversource basic service now purchase electricity powered by 82% clean renewable energy; and

**Whereas**, the Newton Climate Action Plan identifies strategies necessary to reduce carbon emissions from buildings over the next five years; and

**Whereas**, the Newton Citizen's Commission on Energy 2019 citywide emissions update shows that the largest 400 buildings in the City of Newton contribute 27% to Newton's greenhouse gas emissions; and

**Whereas**, the next most impactful measure the city can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is to reduce emissions from Newton's large buildings; and

**Whereas**, the City is committed to working closely with property owners and stakeholders to achieve an ordinance that sets clear expectations, is workable and allows building owners time to properly plan; and

**Whereas**, our Mayor, Co-Directors of Climate and Sustainability, Citizens' Commission on Energy, City Councilors, Green Newton Building Standards

committee members and others stand ready to enthusiastically support this measure;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the City Council commits to developing an ordinance that will require large property owners to report energy use and emissions to the city annually, and in subsequent years demonstrate reductions in energy use and emissions to meet benchmarks established for their building type, with the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.