

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF NEWTON

Massachusetts

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 16, 2022

TO: All Members, City Council

FROM: Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development
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SUBJECT: **Petition #311-22**, for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow retaining walls greater than 4' within side and rear setbacks at 10 Elberta Terrace, Ward 4, Newton, on land known as Section 41 Block 17 Lot 19, containing approximately 15,787 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Petition #311-22 was placed on second call at the September 13th Land Use Committee hearing on the condition that the Petitioner provide the City with a revised site plan indicating an extension of the wall per an agreement with the abutter. The City received a site plan showing the extension of the wall, however, no wall heights for any portion of the wall were shown on the plan. The plan referencing condition of the special permit necessitates a plan with wall measurements so when City staff review at building permit and certificate of occupancy, City staff know the approved height of the wall. City staff are not comfortable with the petition being approved without a plan indicating the wall heights.

Planning recommends the City Council hold this item to a future meeting date when Planning can confirm receipt of a revised site plan with the proposed wall heights. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.