



## Memorandum

To: Newton City Council  
From: Councilor Deborah J. Crossley  
Re: Zoning & Planning upcoming discussion with Sustainability Team  
Date: October 7, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

The Zoning & Planning Committee will meet this Tuesday in part to continue the discussion from the September 19<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole, please attend for a Question & Answer period with the Sustainability Team. If you cannot attend, you can submit any outstanding questions to the Clerk.

Have a great weekend,

Deborah J. Crossley

**Chair's Note:** *The Sustainability Team will join the Committee for discussion of the following item focusing on climate action items that will require new zoning or zoning amendments, such as developing a Newton BERDO, working groups assessing regulation for EV charging, embodied carbon, requiring electrification of new construction and advances in MA Stretch codes, coming in January. The Climate Actions update provided to Council at the September 19, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting ([Newton City Council | Committee of the Whole September 19, 2022 \(newtv.org\)](#)) involved both extensive municipal programs as well as regulation, leaving little time for questions. Please bring your questions to this meeting!*

**Referred to Zoning & Planning and Public Facilities Committees**

**#48-22**

**Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES and ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEES** requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows:

Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns. (formerly #324-21)