

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BOARD ACTIONS

Monday, May 7, 2012

Present: Ald. Albright, Baker, Blazar, Crossley, Danberg, Fischman, Fuller, Gentile, Harney, Hess-Mahan, Johnson, Kalis, Lappin, Laredo, Linsky, Rice, Sangiolo, Schwartz, Swiston, Yates and Lennon;

Absent: Ald. Ciccone, Merrill and Salvucci

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT (Ald. Ciccone, Merrill and Salvucci) **TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE CHAIR OF LAND USE TO REPORT OUT THE FOLLOWING ITEM WITHOUT A WRITTEN REPORT WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

#81-12 WABAN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY requesting a temporary license pursuant to Sec 30-6(k) of the City of Newton Ordinances to hold its *Eighth Annual WABAN VILLAGE DAY* on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

APPROVED 7-0

Clerk's Note: The Land Use Committee met earlier in the evening and approved this item.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday April 18, 2012

#84-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board accept G.L. c. 138 §33B to allow the Board of License Commissioners to grant the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays starting at 10:00 a.m. [03/26/2012 @ 4:37PM].

APPROVED 5-0 (Fischman, Baker not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday April 25, 2012

#96-12 ALD. ALBRIGHT & HESS-MAHAN requesting that Article I, Section 3.A. (1) of the Board of Aldermen Rules and Orders 2012-2013 be amended to provide for the referral to the Land Use Committee of community housing projects recommended for funding by the Community Preservation Committee. [04-06-2012 @ 4:22PM]

APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

- #233-11 ALDERMEN CROSSLEY, YATES AND RICE requesting a discussion with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) regarding design and location of the recently created pedestrian access from Quinobequin Road to the revised DCR trail parallel to the Charles River, where pedestrians are concealed and unprotected from oncoming traffic, and further to consider redesign and/or relocation to make access points to the trail safe for both pedestrians and drivers. [08/01/11 @ 4:18 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Ciccone not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #105-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) from the stormwater reserve account for the purpose removing sediment from the three basins of the City Hall ponds. [04-09-12 @ 3:39 PM]
FINANCE approved 5-0-2 (Ciccone, Gentile abstaining; Salvucci not voting) on 04/23/12
APPROVED 3-0-1 (Lappin abstaining, Danberg, Lennon not voting)
- #97-12 PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER recommending that **Article III. Designer Selection Committee, Sec. 5-35 Established; purpose.** of the City of Newton Rev Ordinances, 2007, be amended to clarify the role of the Designer Selection Committee and to permit alternative methods to secure design services when required to use such methods by state or federal law or regulation. [04-09-12 @ 3:41 PM]
APPROVED 6-0
MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE VICE CHAIR OF PUBLIC FACILITIES TO POLL THE COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0 DELETING THE PHRASE “FROM WHICH HE SHALL MAKE HIS DECISION”

Clerk’s Note: After the Committee voted approval of this item on April 18, 2012, it was noted that the phrase “from which he shall make his decision” was not gender neutral and also redundant, it was determined to remove the phrase from the ordinance text.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #113-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding Phase I (evaluation, hazardous material testing, code review, and schematic design) of the Carr School renovations. [04-09-12 @ 3:39 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 (Salvucci not voting) on 04/23/12
APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 23, 2012

- #89-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the final report from the IT Advisory Committee for presentation to the Board of Aldermen. [03/26/12 @ 4:37 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #113-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding Phase I (evaluation, hazardous material testing, code review, and schematic design) of the Carr School renovations. [04-09-12 @ 3:39 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 04/18/12
APPROVED 7-0 (Salvucci not voting)
- #100-12 COMPTROLLER recommending a one-year extension of the financial audit contract to June 30, 2013, based upon the same terms as the existing four-year agreement. [04-03-12 @ 2:33 PM]
APPROVED 7-0 (Salvucci not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #105-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) from the stormwater reserve account for the purpose removing sediment from the three basins of the City Hall ponds. [04-09-12 @ 3:39 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 3-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 04/18/12
APPROVED 5-0-2 (Ciccione, Gentile abstaining, Salvucci not voting)

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 30, 2012

- #101-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding design costs as part of a larger construction project for Lower Falls Community Center required to bring the structure into compliance with accessibility requirements. [04-09-12 @ 3:40 PM]
APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccione not voting)

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE CHAIR OF FINANCE TO REPORT OUT THE FOLLOWING ITEM, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, WITHOUT A WRITTEN REPORT WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#383-11(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting recommended FY2013 Water and Sewer Rates for implementation on July 1, 2012. [04/11/11 @5:59 PM]
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Clerk's Note: The Board of Aldermen met earlier in the evening as a Committee of the Whole with Finance Presiding to hold a public hearing and vote the Water and Sewer Rates for FY13. The Committee of the Whole approved this item by unanimous voice vote.

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE FOLLOWING LATE FILED ITEM TO BE ACCEPTED TO THE DOCKET AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Appointment by his honor the Mayor:

#124-12 MARJORIE BUTLER, 33 Andrew Street, Newton Highlands, appointed as a member of the Election Commission for a term of office to expire March 31 2013. [04-30-2012]

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE ASSIGNED:

Public Hearing assigned for May 23, 2012:

#123-12 CAROLYN WONG et al. filing with the City Clerk on April 24, 2012 a Neighborhood Area Council Petition, with 255 qualified signatures, pursuant to article 9-3 of the City Charter, requesting the Board of Aldermen to hold a public hearing to establish a Newton Centre Neighborhood Area Council. [04-24-12 @ 2:33PM]

Public Hearing assigned for June 6, 2012:

#126-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that a portion of CHRISTINA STREET be laid out, graded, and accepted as a PUBLIC WAY from Needham Street to the property line at 90 Christina Street, (a distance of 1,020') to be the width of 40'. (Ward 8) [04-30-12 @ 5:09 PM]

Public Hearing assigned for June 12, 2012:

#118-12 ZORI & INBAL ROBINOVITZ petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a new single-family dwelling with a Floor Area Ratio of .28 where .26 is allowed by-right at 150 COUNTRYSIDE ROAD, Ward 8, on land known as SBL 83, 36, 39, containing approximately 25,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Single Residence 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-15(u) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.