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Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council



Monday, December 12, 2022

6:30 pm – PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME

Room 204

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, December 12, 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/82801898910> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 828 0189 8910

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Public Hearing

#489-22

Requesting amendments to zoning for animal service establishments

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance, to amend the definition of “Animal Services” defined in Section 6.4.1.A, and to allow Animal Service uses in certain Business Use zones.

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 (Councilor Baker not voting) on 11/14/22

Chair’s note: For the following item Sustainability Director Ann Berwick will compare the new MA Energy codes as applicable to both residential and commercial projects. Adopting the “Specialized code” requires a simple majority vote of the City Council; we will discuss whether and when to hold a public hearing, as was done when Newton adopted the first Stretch Code.

#477-22

Request for discussion regarding new MA Building Energy Codes

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LEARY, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, LIPOF, KELLEY, NORTON, LAREDO, BOWMAN, HUMPHREY, DOWNS, GREENBERG, WRIGHT, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, AND GROSSMAN requesting discussion with the Sustainability Team and Planning Department about the new MA Building Energy Codes (Base code, Stretch code and Specialized code) which become effective beginning January 2023, and in particular to understand the specifics of the MA “Specialized code” which is optional, what it regulates beyond the Stretch code, and to consider adopting the Specialized code for Newton.

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Chair's Note: *For the following item staff and Utile will lead a discussion focusing on evaluating the metrics for and proposed mapping of the VC1 district in response to various conditions across the city.*

#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 11/28/22

#544-22 Reappointment of Dan Brody to the Community Preservation Committee

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Dan Brody, 15 Brewster Road, Newton Highlands as a member of the Community Preservation Committee for a term of office to expire on February 1, 2026. (60 Days: 02/03/2023)

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair