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CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Present: Ald. Hess-Mahan (Chairman), Ald. Schnipper, Blazar, Crossley, Merrill, and Harney;
absent: Ald. Albright and Fischman; also present: Ald. Baker and Lennon

Public Hearings were held on the following items:

- #279-98(2) SVETLANA OSTROVSKAYA petition to AMEND SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL for an EXTENSION of a NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE #279-98, granted on 10/19/98, to construct an attached garage in the front setback onto an existing nonconforming single-family dwelling at 14 ROLAND STREET, Ward 8, on land known as SBL 83, 33, 6, containing ≈14,819 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec 3-24, 30-23, 30-21(a)(2)b), 30-21(b), of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
HEARING CLOSED; ITEM APPROVED 5-0 (Schnipper not voting)
- #104-11 HEIDI K. GARDNER petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to EXTEND A NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE into the rear setback by expanding and enclosing an existing breezeway to create a mudroom, increasing the Floor Area Ratio from .369 to .389 at 61 PARK AVENUE, Ward 7, on land known as SBL 73, 7, 15, containing ≈9,665 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(b) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
HEARING CLOSED; ITEM APPROVED 6-0

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#105-11 SARAH F. BROWN petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to EXTEND a NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE to construct an addition containing approximately 17 sq. ft. into the side and rear setbacks ~~and to add dormer(s) wider than 50% of the walls below and closer than 3 ft. from the end walls,~~ which will increase the Floor Area Ratio from .55. to .61, and to increase the nonconforming maximum lot coverage from 40.1% to 42.1% at 30 SCHOOL STREET, Ward 1, Newton Corner, on land known as SBL 11, 25, 32, containing ≈1,671 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(b), ~~30-15(t)(1) and (3)~~ of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
HEARING CLOSED; ITEM APPROVED 6-0
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE REQUEST FOR RELIEF TO ADD DORMERS APPROVED 6-0

#91-11 WABAN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY requesting a temporary license pursuant to Sec 30-6(k) of the City of Newton Ordinances to hold its Seventh Annual WABAN VILLAGE DAY on Sunday, May 22, 2011.
APPROVED 5-0 (Schnipper not voting)

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 9, 2011

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Baker, Sangiolo, Yates, Shapiro, Lennon, Swiston; absent: Ald. Lappin; also present: Planning Board member Rev. Howard Haywood

#17-11(2) TERRENCE P. MORRIS et. al., proposing amendments to Section 30-1 of the Zoning Ordinance which would institute a length-weighted mean approach for calculating grade plane by revising the current definition of grade plane; and by inserting a new definition of average grade containing a method for a length-weighted mean grade plane calculation. [03-30-11 @ 4:12PM]
 (Public Hearing closed 4-25-2011; 90 day expiration July 22, 2011)
HELD 6-0 (Swiston not voting)

#65-11(2) TERRENCE P. MORRIS & JOSEPH PORTER proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the definition of “height” in Section 30-1
 A) so as to calculate building height as the distance from grade plane to the peak of the roof; to revise clause (b) in the definition of “height, contextual” in Section 30-1 (relating to Section 30-15(s) Planned Multi-Use Business Developments) so as to calculate vertical distance using the peak of the roof; to increase the height limits in residential districts contained in Section 30-15, Density/Dimensional Controls, Tables 1 and 4; to increase the height limit contained in Section 30-15(m) for accessory structures;
 B) and to add a provision in Section 30- 15(m) to allow accessory structure height limits to be waived by special permit. [03-30-11 @ 4:12PM]
 (Public Hearing closed 4-25-2011; 90 day expiration July 22, 2011)
HELD 6-0 (Swiston not voting)

#150-08 ALD. GENTILE proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to clarify that for a commercial vehicle to be parked legally at a residential property, it must be registered to the owner/occupant of that residential property. [4/15/08 @ 2:17PM].

HELD 6-0 (Swiston not voting)

#122-09 ALD. SANGIOLO on behalf of Armando Rossi requesting a discussion of the proliferation of signage in the city.

NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Ald. Swiston not voting)

#133-03 ALD. YATES proposing an amendment to Chapter 30 requiring a special permit for a so-called "snout house" (one with excessive/intrusive garage on the front) following the example of Fort Collins, Colorado.

HELD 5-1 (Ald. Johnson opposed; Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#135-11 SCOTT WOLF, 27 Philbrick Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed to the Planning and Development Board for a term of office to expire February 1, 2014. [04/25/2011 @ 4:20PM] (60 days to expire on June 23, 2011)

APPROVED 5-0-1 (Ald. Yates abstaining; Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#136-11 JANE IVES, 34 Lucille Place, Newton Upper Falls, re-appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a term of office to expire August 17, 2013 [04/19/2011 @ 4:47PM] (60 days to expire on June 17, 2011)

APPROVED 5-0-1 (Ald. Yates abstaining; Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor:

#108-11 CHARLES EISENBERG, 4 Ashford Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire on August 17, 2013. [04-11-11 @5:30PM] (60 days to expire on June 19, 2011)

APPROVED 5-0-1 (Ald. Yates abstaining; Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor:

#109-11 DAPHNE COLLINS, 372 Waltham Street, West Newton, re-appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a term of office to expire on July 13, 2013. [04-11-11 @5:29PM] (60 days to expire on June 19, 2011)

APPROVED 6-0 (Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor:

#110-11 PHILIP PLOTTEL, 50 Roslyn Road, Waban, re-appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a term of office to expire on December 21, 2013. [04-11-11 @5:28 PM] (60 days to expire on June 19, 2011).

APPROVED 5-0-1 (Ald. Yates abstaining; Ald. Swiston not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor:

#111-11 PETER LAW, 61 West Pine Street, Auburndale, re-appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a term of office to expire on April 30, 2014. [04-11-11 @5:28 PM] (60 days to expire on June 19, 2011).

APPROVED 5-0-1 (Ald. Yates abstaining; Ald. Swiston not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 4, 2011

Present: Ald. Sangiolo (Chairman), Fischman, Blazar, Merrill, Rice, Hess-Mahan, Baker, Linsky; also present: Ald. Fuller, Danberg, Lappin, Shapiro, Lennon

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#142-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the BAA Boston Marathon Contributions Fund for the purpose of supplementing current and future fundraising from local community groups to purchase playground equipment to enhance neighborhood playgrounds. [04-20-11 @ 5:57 AM]

FINANCE APPROVED 4-0 (Ciccone, Danberg, Freedman, Rice not voting) on 05/09/11

APPROVED 6-0(Ald. Baker, Linsky not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chairman), Johnson, Swiston, Harney, Yates, Shapiro and Fuller; absent: Ald. Freedman; also present: Ald. Lappin, Danberg, Crossley and Lennon

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#144-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$24,300) from FY11 Budget Reserve to supplement the Fire Department's Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Account to fund emergency/upkeep repair work on the fire apparatus. [04-20-11 @ 5:57 AM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone, Freedman not voting) on 05/09/11

APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Salvucci, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, and Lappin; also present: Ald. Fuller

REFERRED PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #129-11(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that Section 29-67A of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2007 be amended to increase the fee for sewer clean-outs to more accurately reflect the City's cost of providing such a service. [04/11/11 @5:59 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 5-3 (Ciccone, Freedman, Salvucci opposed) on 05/09/11
APPROVED 6-1-1 (Salvucci opposed, Lappin abstaining)

REFERRED PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #129-11(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2007 be amended to establish a fee for the collection of "white goods," such as washing machines, dryers, water heaters, refrigerators, air conditions, computers, monitors, televisions, and printers and to further assign responsibility for pick-up and disposal of said white goods and collection of such fees to a third-party administrator. [04/11/11 @5:59 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 8-0 on 05/09/11
APPROVED 8-0
- #55-11 ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, FREEDMAN, HESS-MAHAN recommending that Section 29-67A of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2007 regarding sewer clean-out fees be updated either to increase the fee from \$25 during normal hours (\$75 during overtime hours) to a fee more closely representing the full cost of service of cleaning a privately-owned building sewer lateral or, alternatively, eliminating the service. [02/14/11 @ 5:25 PM]
HELD 8-0
- #40-11 ALD. ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting discussion regarding the possibility of changes to Newton's trash program to charge for the removal of white and bulky goods. [01/21/11 @1:42 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #145-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of three hundred seventy-three thousand dollars (\$373,000) from the Snow and Ice Regular Overtime Account to the Sand and Salt Account and to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Snow and Ice Regular Overtime Schools Account to the Sand and Salt Account. [04-25-11 @ 5:55 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone Freedman not voting) on 05/09/11
APPROVED 8-0
- #385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]
HELD 7-0 (Salvucci not voting)

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 9, 2011

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Rice, Danberg, Fuller, Freedman

#141-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the BAA Boston Marathon Contributions Fund to purchase basketball equipment to supplement the current basketball court renovations underway at the Emerson Community Center. [04-20-11 @ 5:57 AM]

APPROVED 4-0 (Ciccone, Danberg, Freedman and Rice not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#142-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the BAA Boston Marathon Contributions Fund to supplement current and future fundraising from local community groups to purchase playground equipment to enhance neighborhood playgrounds. [04-20-11 @ 5:57 AM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 on 05/04/11

APPROVED 4-0 (Ciccone, Danberg, Freedman and Rice not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#144-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$24,300) from FY11 Budget Reserve to supplement the Fire Department's Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Account to fund emergency/upkeep repair work on fire apparatus. [04-20-11 @ 5:57 AM]

PS&T APPROVED 7-0 on 05/05/11

APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone and Freedman not voting)

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 05/04/11

APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone and Freedman not voting)

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 05/04/11

APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #129-11(3) **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** recommending that Section 29-67A of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2007 be amended to increase the fee for sewer clean-outs to more accurately reflect the City's cost of providing such a service. [04/11/11 @5:59 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-1-1 (Salvucci opposed, Lappin abstaining) on 05/04/11
APPROVED 5-3 (Ciccone, Freedman, Salvucci opposed)

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & FINANCE

- #103-11 **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** recommending that \$1,103,500 be appropriated from the fiscal 2011 housing & general reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to the control of the Director of Planning & Development, for a grant to create 4 units of affordable ownership housing in a mixed-income development at 112-116 Dedham Street, as detailed in the Committee's funding recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. [03-21-11 @ 8:48AM]
COMMITTEE ON COMM. PRES. APPROVED 6-0-1 (Yates abstaining) on 04/26/11
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMM. PRES. 6-0 (Ciccone, Freedman not voting)