



Public Facilities and

Finance Committees Agenda

City of Newton

In City Council

Joint Meeting

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Grossman, Humphrey, Gentile, Malakie, Oliver, Noel, Norton, Kalis, Danberg, Laredo, Kelley, and Crossley

City Staff: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle, Comptroller Steve Curley, Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux, Senior Financial Analyst Perry Rosenfield, Senior Financial Analyst Connor Roach

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

19-23 Appropriate \$150,000 from Certified Free Cash
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing the replacement of a 1998 trackless sidewalk clearing tractor.

Action: Public Facilities Approved 7-0 (Councilor Norton not voting)
Finance Approved 8-0

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the above request. He explained that this money is to replace one of their six main units used to clear snow from sidewalks during the winter. He referenced an earlier approved request of a similar nature (Item #497-22) and stated that they had received the new unit. He added that, should this unit be purchased, the fleet of six main snow clearing units will have a 2023, 2022, 2019, and 3, 2006 or older model units. Mr. McGonagle stated that these units will be crucial in clearing the 85+ miles of sidewalks for Safe Routes to School, Village Centers, and transportation nodes.

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Councilors asked the following questions:

Q: A Councilor asked if the price for this equipment was determined using last year's pricing model.

A: Mr. McGonagle stated that yes, this equipment is the same price as the one purchased in November of 2022, adding that it was a pleasant surprise to see the equipment stay at this price.

Councilors made the following comments:

A Councilor stated that they are pleased with how well the City has moved forward in the effort to clear sidewalks in the winter. They added that it is essential for sidewalks need to be walkable in the winter for everyone, including children and the elderly.

Councilor Danberg motioned to approve the item in Public Facilities.

A Councilor stated that they are glad the City will be getting a new piece of sidewalk clearing equipment, and appreciate that the new machine will be more comfortable for the operator.

Councilor Noel motioned to approve the item in Finance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

**Alison Leary, Chair
Public Facilities Committee**

**Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair
Finance Committee**