

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BOARD ACTIONS

Monday, October 3, 2011

Present: Ald. Albright, Baker, Blazar, Ciccone, Crossley, Danberg, Fischman, Freedman, Fuller, Gentile, Harney, Hess-Mahan, Johnson, Lappin, Linsky, Merrill, Rice, Salvucci, Sangiolo, Schnipper, Shapiro, Swiston, Yates and Lennon

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 24 YEAS, 0 NAYS, TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday September 26, 2011

#94-11(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing amendments to Chapter 30, Section 30-1, clarifying that an accessory apartment is an accessory and subordinate use to the principal dwelling on a lot; to Sections 30-8 and 30-9 clarifying that no accessory unit may be held in separate ownership from the principal dwelling and to require that any special permit for an accessory apartment automatically include a condition that the two dwellings may not be held in separate ownership; and to Section 30-22, requiring that a RAAP report Certificate of Occupancy include language clarifying that the accessory apartment must be held in common ownership with the principal dwelling unit and that the owner must dwell in one of the two units.

ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

#254-11 NANCY BRAUDIS, 57 Theodore Road, filing on August 15, 2011 an appeal from the decision of the Traffic Council on July 28, 2011 to deny TC30-10 as follows: *Requesting a pedestrian warning beacon with a crosswalk at Theodore Road and Parker Street. (Ward 8)*

PUBLIC SAFETY APPEAL APPROVED 6-0

#147-09 ALD. VANCE, HESS-MAHAN AND DANBERG requesting discussion with members of the Administration of such possible adoption by Newton's city government of a program such as Zipcar's Fast Fleet vehicle-sharing and management system as a means of reducing the costs of vehicle usage by city

employees and the impact of such usage on the environment. [05/11/09 @ 9:58 AM]

PUBLIC SAFETY NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0

- #65-10 ALD. YATES, SHAPIRO, JOHNSON, SWISTON AND HARNEY asking the MBTA to provide safer access to bus route 52 for residents of Nahanton Woods, and employees and students of Mount Ida College. [2/17/10 @ 10:29 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

- #257-11 NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to install 37' ± of conduit in PINE STREET at Pole 354/3 opposite Evergreen Circle in a southeasterly direction. (Ward 4) [08/22/11 @ 11:22 AM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting)

- #258-11 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 95' ± of 6" gas main in WITHINGTON ROAD from the existing 6" gas main at #122 Withington Road southerly to #137 Withington Road for new gas service. (Ward 2) 07/31/11 @ 12:50 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #38-10(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred four thousand eight hundred twenty six dollars (\$104,826) from the Energy Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund to provide additional funding for costs associated with building envelope improvements at the Newton Lower Falls Community Center. [08/01/11 @ 2:23 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 8-0 on 09-26-11

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting)

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting) on 09/21/11

FINANCE APPROVED 8-0

- #259-10 COMPTROLLER transmitting Annual Financial Report for the audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 for Board of Aldermen review/acceptance. [09/13/10 @ 12:26 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Freedman, Linsky, Rice not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #87-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, BRANDEL, FREEDMAN AND HESS-MAHAN requesting a Home Rule Petition to allow the City of Newton to require elected officials to contribute a higher percentage rate for health insurance benefits than is required for other employee groups. [03-10-09 @ 9:17 AM]
PROGRAM & SERVICES APPROVED 5-1-1 (Baker opposed; Merrill abstaining; Parker not voting) on 4/15/09
FINANCE NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0
A motion was made by the Chair of Programs and Services to suspend the Rules to allow her to poll her Committee – Approved by Voice Vote
MOTION IN PROGRAMS & SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S VOTE OF NO ACTION NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE REPORT OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES WAS APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

Tuesday September 27, 2011

- #270-11 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting a brief discussion of Newton's overall policy goals and funding options for affordable housing with the Aldermanic Committee on Community Preservation and any other interested members of the Board. [08-31-11 @ 3:02PM]
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- #193-11 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, in conjunction with the Aldermanic Committee on Community Preservation, requesting a discussion of the program goals in the published FY12 CPC budget.
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 23 YEAS, 1 NAY (Ald. Gentile), TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

A public hearing was held on the following item:

- #220-11 DEBORAH FOGEL et al. filing with the City Clerk on July 26, 2011 a Group Petition with 52 qualified voter signatures, pursuant to Sec. 10-2 of the City

Charter, requesting the Board of Aldermen hold a public hearing “to allow regulated but unsupervised swimming at Cronin’s Cove on Crystal Lake.”

NB: Board action shall be taken not later than three months from the date the petition was filed with the City Clerk [October 23, 2011].

PROGRAMS & SERVICES RESOLUTION APPROVED 8-0 (to request that the Parks and Recreation department revisit this issue)

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE FILING OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED SPECIAL PERMIT PETITION DEEMED A “MAJOR PROJECT” THAT WILL FALL WITHIN THE TIME RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 5 OF THE BOARD’S RULES WAS APPROVED

- #271-11 NEWTON COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to waive 19 parking spaces in order to convert its current use to office space in anticipation of the sale of its building at 429 CHERRY STREET, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as SBL 33, 12, 12, containing approximately 13,398 sq. ft. of land in district zoned Business 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-19(d)(11), 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord.

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE FOLLOWING LATE FILED ITEM TO THE DOCKET WAS APPROVED

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- #281-11 DAY MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO applying for a license pursuant to GL chapter 10 §38 to play bingo and award prizes (in lieu of money) for an F.A. Day Middle School “Bingo & Board Games” social and fundraiser on Saturday, October 22 from 8PM to 11PM at The New Art Center in Newtonville. [09-30-11 @2:52PM]

PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE ASSIGNED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Public Hearing assigned for November 15, 2011

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