



City Council Docket

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Monday, April 3, 2023
7:45 p.m., Hybrid
To be reported on
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:45 pm. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing to be Assigned for April 25, 2023

#111-23 Request to allow four single-family attached dwellings in two buildings, to waive certain dimensional requirements and one parking stall at 77 Hartford Street
ADELINE ELMEUS petition for **SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL** to allow an additional unit within the existing dwelling, to allow attached single-family dwellings; to reduce the required lot area per unit; to reduce the minimum front setback; to reduce the minimum side setback; to reduce the minimum rear setback; to exceed 36 feet in height; to allow three stories; to waive one parking stall and to allow a driveway within 10 feet of the side lot line and parking within 20 feet of the side lot line at 77 Hartford Street, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 52 Block 43 Lot 5A, containing approximately 15,950 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 3.4.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 6.2.3.B.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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Public Hearing to be Assigned for April 25, 2023

#112-23 Request to further increase nonconforming FAR, to allow an accessory building with a footprint exceeding 700 square feet, and for a dormer within three feet of the intersecting wall at 20 Norwood Avenue

PAUL WONG petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL requesting to further extend nonconforming FAR; to allow an oversized detached accessory apartment and to allow a dormer within three feet of the intersection of the roof and main building wall at 20 Norwood Avenue, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 62 Block 10 Lot 06, containing approximately 11,689 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 7.8.2.C.2, 6.7.1.E.2, 1.5.4.G.2.c of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for April 25, 2023

#113-23 Request to add 40 patio seats and to remove six parking stalls, and to amend Special Permit #501-94(2) at 344-346 Elliot Street

SEANA GAHERIN AND ROBERT DUNN, TRUSTEES OF D&G REALTY TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend the prior Special Permit with site plan modifications to remove six parking stalls to be used for outdoor dining seats and to waive 20 parking stalls at 344-346 Elliot Street, Ward 5, Newton Upper Falls, on land known as Section 51 Block 41 Lot 10, containing approximately 9,676 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.1.4, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#114-23 Reappointment of Julie Winsett to Urban Tree Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Julie Winsett, 33 Alexander Road, Newton Highlands as a member of the Urban Tree Commission for a term of office to expire on March 1, 2026. (60 days: 06/02/2022)

#115-23 Reappointment of James Harper to the Farm Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing James Harper, 59 Westminster Road, Newton Centre as a member of the Farm Commission for a term of office to expire on March 31, 2026. (60 days: 06/02/2022)

#116-23 Reappointment of Gary C. du Moulin to the Biosafety Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing Gary C. du Moulin, 24 Myerson Lane, Newton Centre, as a member of the Biosafety Committee for a term of office to expire on May 4, 2026. (60 days: 06/02/2022)

#117-23 Recommendation to approve 2023 Preliminary Election date

THE NEWTON ELECTION COMMISSIONERS recommending the City Council approve the date of Tuesday, September 12, 2023 as the date for the 2023 Preliminary Election, if needed.

- #123-23 Request for postponement of further financial commitments on future artificial turf projects.**
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, DOWNS, NORTON, WRIGHT AND KELLEY requesting a postponement of any further financial commitments or contracts to replace or add new artificial turf, not already approved by the City Council as of March 27, 2023, until the completion, and review by the City Council, of a comparative analysis by independent researchers of the total costs of natural grass field vs. artificial turf, including: acquisition, preparation & installation, maintenance & repair, potential liability for hazardous material contamination, and disposal under alternate future regulatory scenarios for hazardous vs non-hazardous materials.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #118-23 Discussion on the Transportation Network Improvement Plan**
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting to provide an update on the Transportation Network Improvement Plan
- #119-23 Discussion on the Sustainable Materials Management Division**
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting to provide an update to the Public Facilities Committee on the Sustainable Materials Management Division.
- #120-23 Appointment of David R. Gane to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing David R. Gane, 83 Oakdale Road, Newton Center as a community representative of the Design Review Committee for the Countryside School Project for a term set to expire upon completion of the building project.
- #121-23 Approval on roadway infrastructure improvements for the Ablemarle Traffic Calming Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the approval to make improvements to the roadway infrastructure as part of the Albemarle Traffic Calming Project, which includes vertical elements placed on or in the roadway such as speed humps and speed cushions
- #122-23 Discussion on the Countryside School Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting for the Public Buildings Department to update the Public Facilities Committee on the Countryside School Project.

Public Hearing to be assigned for April 12th, 2023

- #128-23 Request for a grant of location in Valentine Street**
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Valentine Street as follows:
- 1905' ± of 8" plastic main in Valentine Street from #85 Valentine Street to #240 Valentine Street to replace 1180' ± of 8" cast iron and 25' ± of 8" plastic main
 - 40' ± of 6" plastic main in the intersection of Howland Road and Valentine Street to replace 40' ± of 6" cast iron main
 - 40' ± of 6" plastic main in the intersection of Bonad Road and Valentine Street to

- replace 40' \pm of 6" cast iron main
- 50' \pm 6" plastic main in the intersection of Wauwinet Rd to replace 40' \pm 6" cast iron and 10' \pm 6" plastic main
 - 80' \pm 8" plastic main in the intersection of Bigelow Road and Valentine Street to replace 80' \pm of 6" cast iron main
 - 435' \pm 6" plastic main in Ellis Road from Valentine Street to the existing 8", plastic main at #38 Ellis Road to replace 420' of 6" Cast Iron and 15' \pm 6" plastic gas main
 - 80' \pm 8" plastic main in the intersection of Valentine Street and Oak Cliff Road to replace 40' of 8" Cast Iron and 40' \pm 6" cast iron main

Referred to Finance Committee

- #124-23 Reappointment of Carl F. Valente to the Financial Audit Advisory Committee**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing Carl F. Valente, 84 Sumner Street, Newton as a member of the Financial Audit Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on April 21, 2026. (60 days: 06/02/2022)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #126-23 Appropriate \$1.15 million for Franklin Elementary School**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$1,150,000) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the feasibility study at the Franklin Elementary School and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Council, items which are within the jurisdiction of the six standing committees which are referred to a Committee of the Whole, must be placed on second call and the decision of the referral shall be subject to a majority vote of the Council.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole

- #125-23 Appropriate \$1,400,000 from FY22 Free Cash**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) from FY22 Free Cash to provide a "bridge grant" to Newton Public Schools for the expected significant increase in student out-of-district cost in FY24
- #127-23 Appropriate \$10,000,000 from FY22 Free Cash**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in FY22 Free Cash for the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School construction project

Referred to a Committee of the Whole

#129-23

Discussion on the percentage growth rate to fully fund the Pension Trust and impact on the City Budget

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, LIPOF, GROSSMAN, AND MARKIEWICZ requesting a meeting with the City Council's Committee of the Whole to discuss our study (with School Committee Member Chris Brezski) of the Newton Retirement Board's plan that increases funding to the pension trust annually by 9.6%, its request for Cost of Living (COLA) increase, and its impact on our city and school services annually until full funding is achieved.