



Finance Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

#96-19 Mayor's appointment of Suzanne Offit to the Taxation Aid Committee

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SUZANNE OFFIT, 1429 Commonwealth Avenue, West Newton as a member of the Newton Taxation Aid Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2021. (60 days: 05/03/19)

Action: Finance Approved 7-0

Note: Suzanne Offit joined the Committee to discuss her appointment to the Taxation Aid Committee. Ms. Offit's resume was provided and attached to the agenda. She is a resident of West Newton and is a Rabbi and a board-certified Chaplain. She serves as the palliative care chaplain at Hebrew Senior Life in Boston. She is interested in serving on the Newton Taxation Aid Committee as the mission of the Committee offers an opportunity to help seniors and others who really need the support.

The Taxation Aid Committee is comprised of the Chair of the Board of Assessors, the Collector-Treasurer and three residents of the City. They meet to determine how to disburse funds that taxpayers voluntarily donated to provide tax aid to the elderly and disabled residents of Newton. The Committee's first order of business this year is to fundraise as the fund is at a very low level. Once the fund is at a healthy level, the Committee will do outreach to raise awareness of the program.

Committee members thanked Ms. Offit for her willingness to serve on the Taxation Aid Committee. A Committee member moved approval of the appointment, which carried unanimously.

All other items before the Committee will be held without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chair