

Unscheduled Items: Zoning & Planning

Updated 2/06/2020

From January 6, 2020 Docket:

- #29-20** **Review and possible amendment of Demolition Delay and Landmark Ordinances**
COUNCILORS KELLEY, ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS, CROSSLEY, GREENBERG, KALIS, KRINTZMAN, LEARY, LIPOF, MARKIEWICZ, BOWMAN, HUMPHREY, RYAN AND NORTON requesting a review and, if appropriate, an update of Chapter 22, Sections 22-50 to 22-76 that relate to demolition delays, historic designation, and landmarking.

- #30-20** **Ordinance amendment to repeal Zoning Ordinance 3.4.4 Garages**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting amendment to Chapter 30 of Newton’s Zoning Ordinance, section 3.4.4 on garages (delayed implementation until July 1). This ordinance has been delayed five times.

- #32-20** **Zoning amendment to require solar system installation**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, CROSSLEY, KRINTZMAN, NORTON, DOWNS, DANBERG, LIPOF, NOEL, LEARY, MARKIEWICZ AND KELLEY requesting an amendment to Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance, to require solar system installation in certain new construction projects greater than 10,000 square feet.

- #33-20** **Ordinance amendment to extend the jurisdiction of the Historic District Comm**
RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance amendment to Chapter 22, Section 40 to extend the jurisdiction of the historic districts to include reflective glazes on storm windows.

- #34-20** **Ordinance amendment to extend the jurisdiction of the Historic District Comm**
RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance amendment to Chapter 22, Section 40 to extend the jurisdiction of the historic districts to include terraces, walks, and public sidewalks.

- #35-20** **Requesting amendments to clarify inclusionary zoning fund application process**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting discussion of amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, Section 5.11.10 *Public Funding Limitations*, to clarify the application process including notice to applicants, the review process, and the selection criteria for the award of inclusionary zoning funds to affordable housing projects.

- #36-20** **Review and discussion of potential Zoning Recodification revisions**
COUNCILOR BAKER requesting review and discussion of potential substantive revisions in Newton Zoning considered during the Phase One recodification not already acted upon, but which were deferred to Phase Two. The objective would be to consider which of them might be appropriate for interim Council action while a longer-term rewrite of the Newton Zoning Ordinances is underway.

- #38-20** **Request for discussion relative to single-family attached dwellings**
COUNCILOR LAREDO requesting a review of the zoning requirements for single-family attached dwelling units.
- #39-20** **Request for discussion relative to existing small businesses and new development**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND KELLEY requesting the Planning Department, along with the Economic Development Commission, research and develop tools including an ordinance or some other means, to ensure that existing small commercial/retail/independent and/or locally-owned businesses can remain in Newton when new development occurs.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs & Services Committees

- #40-20** **Discussion with Department Heads regarding supportive services**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, CROSSLEY, DOWNS, KELLEY, LEARY, GREENBERG AND HUMPHREY requesting a discussion with the Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Senior Services, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation and the Director of Planning and Development regarding what Newton is doing to support economically disadvantaged persons in Newton, including; immigrants, seniors, disabled individuals and families with adult disabled children.

Budget Items:

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #8-20** **Submittal of the FY 2021 to FY 2025 Capital Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.
- #380-19** **Review/Acceptance of the FY 2021 – FY 2025 5-year Financial Forecast**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025 5-Year Financial Forecast for City Council review/acceptance.

From the January 21, 2020 Docket:

- #72-20** **Request for discussion relative to increasing the number of inclusionary units**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, WRIGHT, NORTON, MARKIEWICZ, LIPOF, MALAKIE, BAKER, KRINTZMAN & KALIS requesting a discussion of what specific measures the City can take to meet the 40B threshold (the state's requirement for number of affordable units), including raising the requirements for the number of affordable units in large developments.

From the February 3, 2020 Docket

- #92-20** **Appointment of Martin Smargiasi to the Auburndale Historic Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Martin Smargiasi, 20 Fern Street, Auburndale, as an alternate member of the AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire on February 28, 2023. (60 days 04/03/20)
scheduled for February 10
- #93-20** **Appointment of Scott Aquilina to the Upper Falls Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Scott Aquilina, 1253 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, as a member of the NEWTON UPPER FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 8, 2021. (60 days: 04/03/20)
scheduled for February 10
- #94-20** **Appointment of Daphne Romanoff to the Upper Falls Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Daphne Romanoff, 36 Canterbury Road, Newton, as a member of the NEWTON UPPER FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire on December 24, 2022. (60 days: 04/03/20)
scheduled for February 10
- #95-20** **Reappointment of Chris Steele to the Planning and Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Chris Steele, 254 Elliot Street, Apt. 1, Newton Upper Falls, as a member of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire on February 1, 2025. (60 days: 04/03/20)
scheduled for February 10
- #96-20** **Reappointment of Dan Brody to the Community Preservation Committee**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Dan Brody, 15 Brewster Road, Newton Highlands, as a member of the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE for a term to expire on February 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/03/20)
scheduled for February 10
- #97-20** **Request for discussion with ISD regarding special permit compliance**
COUNCILORS BAKER, LAREDO, AND LIPOF requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services about the existing and potential resources

and practices involved in assuring compliance with zoning special permits once issued by the Council.

#98-20 **Request for a discussion with ISD regarding noise ordinance Compliance**
COUNCILORS BAKER, RYAN, AND WRIGHT requesting discussion with Inspectional Services about possible ways of enhancing compliance with the provisions of Newton's noise ordinance which limits construction activity to certain times of day and on Sundays and legal holidays, including possible additional measures to advise contractors and subcontractors of applicable rules to minimize the need for complaint driven enforcement by city staff or police.

#99-20 **Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs & Services**
Committees

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the City of Newton Ordinances, Chapters 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 30 to rename the Department of Parks & Recreation to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Needs public hearing

For a future Docket:

Item on bird zoning guidelines (backup material is collected, awaiting docket form)

Public Hearing Assigned

#31-20 **Amend zoning ordinance special permit criteria related to energy conservation**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND ALBRIGHT seeking a review and possible amendments to Section 7.3.3.C.5 of Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance, to:
a) further inform the objectives of reducing energy consumption and limiting use of natural resources, and b) consider reducing the threshold for compliance to apply the requirement to buildings 10,000 sq. ft. and larger.
Zoning and Planning Held 1/27/20-Public Hearing to be set for 02/24/20*
***Public Hearing will only cover part A**

Approved by Committee-Awaiting Council Order:

Postponed until March 2

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee**#37-20**

Amend ordinances by creating a temporary suspension on landmark designation COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS, CROSSLEY, DOWNS, KELLEY, LIPOF, GREENBERG, KRINTZMAN, NOEL, LEARY, AND DANBERG proposing an amendment to Chapter 22 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton, 2017 to temporarily suspend nominations made by the Historical Commission and the City Council for landmark designations of any land, buildings and structures in the City of Newton in order to allow the City adequate time to review the landmark ordinance and consider what revisions are appropriate. The temporary suspension will prevent and suspend the processing, and approval of any property currently under consideration for landmark designation and will temporarily suspend future landmark designations made by the Historical Commission and the City Council. Landmark nominations made by the Mayor, Director of Planning of Development and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services shall not be affected. This temporary suspension shall end no later than December 31, 2020.

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 01/13/2020

Zoning & Planning Approved 5-2 (Councilors Baker and Wright opposed) on 01/27/20

Recurring Agenda Item until further notice:**Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee****#88-20**

Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting review, discussion, and direction relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning and Planning Held 01/27/20

Scheduled 02/10/20

Awaiting NFAT: