

Dear Colleagues,

In the Friday packet ahead of our first January ZAP committee meeting, there is (now archived) a two page list of all ZAP related projects, docket items filed and under consideration, organized by substantive category. It was attached to our Agenda for that evening, pertaining to our calendar discussion, which was the second item. **I updated (1.26.22) and attach below.**

Please note a few things (This is **NOT** everything):

Enforcement items: The committee decided that requests for discussion having to do with enforcement issues, **do not need to come before ZAP unless it becomes clear an ordinance amendment is needed.** So enforcement items are faded, and will be removed.

Permitting software, when ready to present for interim Council review, will be before a Committee of the Whole.

Village Center District zoning remains a primary focus; the next conversation with our consultant, Utile, is scheduled for Feb. 28.

MBTA Communities: We plan to continue limited analyses and discussion, mindful of the state calendar, and subject to needed state clarifications and final guidance.

Climate Action Items: We had a first meeting with Sustainability, Law and Planning staff, to think through how to best structure and prioritize the work needed to move ahead on several larger, more complex efforts outlined in the CAP. Such efforts may require cross departmental and stakeholder involvement, community meetings etc., which are efforts that a working group outside of ZAP could help define a clearer path toward an ordinance. We plan a more detailed look at the range of CAP items at our Feb 14 meeting.

Reducing Tear Downs/ Managing Scale:

Despite the broad and full agenda, many wish to address the matter of razing replacing existing homes. There will be a discussion on Feb. 14 so councilors can docketers can propose their ideas.

The one page **Gantt chart** in the packet (1.7.22) looks at the whole term, also organized by substantive category and attached below.

Both of these are “Living” documents, and will be updated periodically as we go.

Onward!

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2022 Docket and circulating items by substantive category

D R A F T 1/2

NOTE: items without docket numbers not yet accepted onto the docket.

1/26/22

Zoning ReDesign: Village Centers

- #38-22 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers (see detail in Draft calendar, more to come)
- #42-22 Citizens petition to amend the village center district (Hearing Feb. 28)

Housing Choice – MBTA Communities

- #39-22 Requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing Housing Choice Bill**
***** Brief City Council, submit comments (by March 31)
***** Create Action Plan (by end of 2022)

Housing Discussion & Amendments

- ***** Periodic Updates on establishing the Municipal Housing Trust
- #44-22 Requesting discussion regarding city plans for housing
- #45-22 Requesting discussion relative to increasing the number of inclusionary units
- #46-22 Requesting discussion relative to single-family attached dwellings
- #47-22 Request for annual update on Newton's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)
- #43-22 Review and amend definition of Two-Family, detached

Sustainability/ Environmental Amendments – Climate Action Plan

- #48-22 Requesting updates on implementing the Climate Action Plan**
(ZAP and Public Facilities committees)

Energy Performance standards

- #85-22 Ordinance to include renovations and reduce compliance threshold re SP#5
- #50-22 Commercial energy use reporting & reduction ordinance (BERDO) ***
- ***** Residential energy use reporting Ordinance (Green Newton pilot underway) ***
- #84-22 Ordinance tying 1&2 DU size to building energy performance & electrification ***
- ***** 5.13.4 D. Reserved. Ordinance to regulate embodied carbon in new construction**
- #51-22 Request for energy efficiency analysis for new construction
(ZAP and Public Facilities committees)

Clean Energy Standards

- #49-22 Zoning amendment to require % rooftop solar systems (like Watertown ord.)
- #52-22 Ordinance amendment re EV charging stations on private property/ ads
- #83-22 Ordinance amendment re SP criteria to increase % EV stations required

Stormwater management (also see development standards)

- ***** Update placeholder, align with proposed engineering ordinance (NPDES)
(ZAP and Public Facilities)

Landscaping

- #54-22 Request for discussion on zoning to support native plants and pollinators

ZAP Calendar

	2022												2023											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Zoning Redesign - Village Centers																								
Existing zoning analysis (existing conditions, development potential, and economic analysis)																								
Alternative development scenarios for small and large village centers (graphic and economic analysis)																								
Draft zoning amendments for alternative development scenarios (ex. use table, parking, dimensional standards)																								
Refine preferred development scenarios for small and large village centers																								
Refine and vote on zoning amendments to achieve preferred development scenarios (will be split up)																								
Citizens petition to amend the village center district																								
Housing Choice - MBTA Communities*																								
Planning staff to brief ZAP/City Council																								
Public comment period on State guidelines																								
Creation of an action plan (planning and analysis required for compliance)																								
Implementation of the action plan (drafting and adoption of zoning amendments)																								
Masterplanning Projects																								
Newton Wellesley Hospital (enabling legislation)																								
Newton Wellesley Hospital (masterplan and regulatory framework - zoning)																								
California Street Manufacturing Zoning District (study)																								
Sustainability/Environmental Zoning Amendments																								
Stormwater Ordinance updates																								
Criterion 5 (reduced size threshold and add substantial renovations)																								
Limiting embodied carbon in new construction																								
Requiring solar panels in new construction																								
Existing commercial buildings: BERDO for Newton: "Building Energy Reporting & Reduction Ordinance"																								
New residential buildings: tie performance standards to building size																								
Economic Development Zoning Amendments																								
Update parking requirements (commercial uses, specific zones, size thresholds, etc.)																								
Regulate last mile delivery services																								
Modernize commercial, mixed-use, and industrial use tables																								
Provide small business incentives/protections																								
Historic Preservation Zoning Amendments																								
Periodic updates on the MACRIS survey																								
Process to protect landmarked buildings																								
Reuse incentives to preserve and restore historic buildings																								
Housing Zoning Amendments (non-Village Centers and Housing Choice)																								
Updated to the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance																								
Updates on the establishment of the Municipal Housing Trust																								
Updates on housing production																								
Other Zoning Items/Development Standards																								
Clean-up items (yearly)																								
Updates to the Sign Ordinance																								
Updates to the Fence Ordinance																								
Managing topography: Retaining walls, natural grade, measuring rules																								
Discussion with ISD regarding ordinance compliance update																								

*Timeline derived from DHCD guidance and deadlines

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Economic Development ZO Amendments (*work with EDC*)

#40-22 Request for discussion relative to existing small businesses and new development
***** Requesting an ordinance to regulate “last mile” delivery services

Historic Preservation Ordinances

#53-22 Requesting an ordinance to require documenting existing conditions of
landmarked buildings prior to permitting
#57-22 Request for discussion relative to demolition of existing homes in Newton

Master Planning Projects

***** Ordinance to create a mechanism for a hospital zone, requiring a master plan
***** California Street manufacturing/ mixed use district study

Development Standards/ Other

Stormwater related/ landforms/ site measuring rules

#55-22 Request discussion w/ Planning to revise grading, retaining wall ordinances
#56-22 Request for Ordinance requiring topographic data prior to ISD permitting
***** Updates to the sign ordinance (w/ UDC, Land Use)
***** Updates to the Fence Ordinance (w/ PF, DPW)
***** Updates to the lighting Ordinance (w/ UDC, Land Use)

Enforcement Issues: *Will be eliminated from future lists unless ordinance amendments needed*

#58-22 Request for a discussion with ISD regarding noise ordinance Compliance
(voted NAN – moved to P&S)
#59-22 Request for discussion with ISD regarding special permit compliance
#72-22 Discussion w/ Police, DPW and ISD on sidewalk obstructions
ZAP, PF and Public Safety/ Transportation committees
#60-22 Community Preservation Committee Annual Update to City Council

*** For the February 14 committee meeting, the Sustainability Directors and Planning join us to present the wide array of climate actions items pertaining to building energy use and clean energy policy. We will discuss strategies for moving these many items forward, some of which will require working groups to further scope and inform the item before it comes back to committee.**
