2022-2023 City of Newton



Memorandum

To: Newton City Council

From: Councilor Deborah J. Crossley

Re: Village Center Zoning Redesign Community Meetings

Date: December 9, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the Planning Department has been hosting community meetings focusing on each of the village center maps proposed for overlay zoning districts. There is one left December 14 for Newton Corner and Nonantum.

The registration link (below) brings you to a page that describes this session:

"The City of Newton is considering a set of proposed zoning changes for Newton's village center commercial districts, a set of rules that determines what can be built and where. The draft zoning changes propose three new zoning districts that are tailored to each village center to appropriately guide future development.

This session is focused on providing information about the proposed districts for ... (Name of village) and soliciting input on the initial version 1.0 draft maps. We will prioritize hearing from the property owners and businesses located within the proposed rezoning districts."

Wednesday, 12.14 @ 5:30-7pm Nonantum + Newton Corner

- Click here to register
- Click here for the session packet

Although advertised as prioritizing input from property owners and businesses within the districts who staff have been actively inviting, all in the community are welcome. Many have contributed meaningfully in the first six sessions (Waban/Upper Falls, Newton Centre/ Four Corners and Newton Centre). Links to watch these meetings are below.

I hope that you can attend at least one of these meetings, or watch the videos below:

Upper Falls and Waban – Click Here

Four Corners and Newton Highlands – Click Here

Newton Centre and Thompsonville – Click Here

Lower Falls and Auburndale – Click Here

West Newton – Click Here

Newtonville – <u>Click Here</u>

Finally, the Zoning & Planning committee will begin deliberation on the version 1 maps and metrics this coming Monday, focusing on evaluating the scale and locations of the VC1 districts. This will begin closer to 8pm, as we will first be presented with an overview of the new MA energy codes.

Enjoy the weekend,

Deb Crossley

Chair, Zoning & Planning Committee