



# Zoning & Planning Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Danberg, Wright, Krintzman, Leary, Baker, and Ryan

Also Present: Councilors Oliver, Greenberg, Lucas, Norton, Kelley, Malakie, Gentile, Markiewicz, Downs, Humphrey, Danberg, Bowman, Noel, Laredo, Lipof, and Kalis

City Staff: Barney Heath, Director of Planning; Jennifer Caira, Deputy Director of Planning; Zachary LeMel, Chief of Long Range Planning; and Jaclyn Norton, Committee Clerk

Planning & Development Board: Kelly Brown, Peter Doeringer, Lee Breckenridge, Kevin McCormick, Laxmi Rao, Jennifer Molinsky

For more information regarding this meeting, a video recording can be found at the following link: [Zoning & Planning Committee - June 26, 2023 \(newtv.org\)](https://www.newtv.org/Zoning-Planning-Committee-June-26-2023)

**#38-22      Request for discussion and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map regarding village center districts**

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances by adding a new Village Center Overlay District, consisting of four (4) district tiers, by establishing requirements for such District, and requesting amendments to the Zoning Map to include the Village Center Overlay District.

**Action:**      Zoning & Planning Held 8-0; Public Hearing Continued

**Note:**      The Chair outlined the procedure for the public hearing during this meeting and that the Committee will continue the public hearing at future meetings. Zachary LeMel, Chief of Long Range Planning, and Jennifer Caira, Deputy Director of Planning, presented the attached presentation which provided an overview of the proposed Village Center Overlay District (VCOD). Their approximately 20 minute presentation is a shortened version of that which was presented at the 6/20 ZAP meeting for Council. A recording of the presentation can be found [here](#).

A revised report with public testimony will be posted at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**