



## **Zoning & Planning Committee** **Agenda**

### **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

The Zoning and Planning Committee will meet jointly with the Finance Committee on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. To view this joint meeting using Zoom, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87596723100> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 875 9672 3100

#### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

**Chair's Note:** The Zoning & Planning Committee will join the Finance Committee to discuss the following two items.

#### **Referred to Finance Committee**

**#25-21** **Appropriate \$1,137,285 from Free Cash for Permitting Management System**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million one hundred thirty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars from June 30, 2020 Certified Free Cash to fund the implementation of the City's municipal information and permitting management system.

#### **Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees**

**#458-20** **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$1,433,000 in CPA funding for Grace Church**  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of one million four hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars (\$1,433,000) in Community Preservation Act historic resource funding to the Grace Episcopal Church Tower Restoration project for the stabilization and preservation of the historically significant ca. 1872 conical stone spire, tower and belfry.

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**At the conclusion of the joint meeting (approximately 8:30 pm), the Zoning & Planning Committee will open a separate virtual meeting. To view this Zoom meeting use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84996642404> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 849 9664 2404**

**#485-20      Economic Development Commission requesting City Ordinance amendments**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION requesting an amendment of Sections 4.4.1 (Business, Mixed Use & Manufacturing Districts), 6.4.28 (Research and Development), and 6.5.9 (Laboratory and Research Facility) in order to clarify inconsistencies in the way Research and Development is treated in the use tables and definitions. Providing clarity in where Research and Development uses are allowed is necessary to diversity Newton's Economy, make Newton competitive with surrounding communities in attracting 21<sup>st</sup> century industries and jobs, and raise Newton's commercial tax revenue and implement recommendation from the 2019 Newton Strategic Plan (Camoin study).

**Chair's Note:** The Zoning & Planning Committee will discuss and consider a schedule with respect to Zoning Redesign elements that may be taken up as part of docket item #88-20 over the next several months. A more detailed discussion of community engagement events and Zoning Reform topics is planned for the January 25 Zoning & Planning Committee meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**