



Zoning & Planning Committee Report

Part 1

City of Newton **In City Council**

Monday, April 26, 2021

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

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

City Staff: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer; Andrew Lee, Assistant City Solicitor; Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator; Jen Caira, Deputy Planning Director, Zachery LeMel, Chief of Long Range Planning, Barney Heath, Director; Cat Kemmett, Planning Associate, Nevena Pilipovic-Wengler, Community Planning/Engagement Specialist; Planning & Development Department; Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor; Alyssa Giuliani, City Solicitor and Maura O'Keefe, Assistant City Solicitor

Planning Board: Peter Doeringer (Chair), Chris Steele, Jennifer Molinsky, Kevin McCormick, Sonia Parisca and Barney Heath

Others Present: Treff LaFleche, NewTV, WBZ-TV

Utile Consultants: Tim Love and Lisa Hollywood

#132-21 **Appointment of Treff LaFleche as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing TREFF LAFLECHE, 1603 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term of office shall expire on April 30, 2022. (60 days 06/19/21)

Action: **Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0**

Note: Mr. LaFleche joined the Committee for discussion of his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The Chair invited Mr. LaFleche to join the Committee to discuss his interest in serving as a full member after serving as an associate member on the ZBA for several years. Mr. LaFleche stated that he is a practicing architect in the City, familiar with Newton and its Zoning regulations. He said that he feels that he can continue bringing a balanced approach to the ZBA and looks forward to continuing to serve.

Committee members questions and answers.

Questions and Answers:

How does Mr. LaFleche view the role as a full member opposed to an associate member? Mr. LaFleche answered that being a full member will allow him to apply his knowledge of Zoning regulations in a consistent way on requests for variances and 40B applications.

Committee members thanked Mr. LaFleche for his willingness to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilor Danberg moved approval and the Committee voted in favor 8-0.

#133-21 Reappointment of William McLaughlin as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN, 117 Hammond Street, Newton as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term of office shall expire on April 30, 2022. (60 days 06/19/21)

Action: Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0

#134-21 Reappointment of Brooke Lipsitt as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing BROOKE LIPSITT, 54 Kirkstall Road, Newtonville as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Her term of office shall expire on April 30, 2024. (60 days 06/19/21)

Action: Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0

#135-21 Reappointment of Michael Rossi as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing MICHAEL ROSSI, 20 Rose Drive, Newton, as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term of office shall expire on April 30, 2023. (60 days 06/19/2021)

Action: Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0

#136-21 Reappointment of Stuart Snyder as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing STUART SNYDER, 30 Erie Avenue, Newton Highlands, as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term of office shall expire on April 30, 2023. (60 days 06/19/2021)

Action: Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0

Note: The Committee discussed docket items #133,21, #134-21, #135-21 and #136-21 together.

Without discussion, Councilor Wright made a motion to approve these reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Committee members agreed 8-0.

#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 & Planning Held on 01/27/20, 02/10/2020, 02/24/2020, 03/09/2020, 03/23/2020, 04/13/2020, 04/27/2020, 05/19//2020, 06/01/2020, 06/15/2020, 06/29/2020, 07/09/2020, 07/16/2020, 08/13/2020, 09/14/2020, 10/01/2020, 10/15/2020, 11/05/2020, 11/09/2020, 12/14/20, 02/22/21, 03/08/21

Action: **Zoning & Planning Held 8-0**

Note: The Zoning & Planning Committee held item #88-20. An amended report reflecting the discussion on item #88-20 will be available on May 7, 2021. The presentation for the meeting can be found at the end of this report.

#145-21 Request for Chapter 30 Amendment to establish regulations for gun establishments

HER HONOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, KRINTZMAN, LEARY, OLIVER, GREENBERG, NORTON, LUCAS, KELLEY, WRIGHT, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, GENTILE, DOWNS, CROSSLEY, HUMPHREY, DANBERG, NOEL, BOWMAN, LAREDO, GROSSMAN, BAKER, LIPOF, KALIS AND RYAN requesting amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, including, but not limited to, the addition of definitions of “Firearm” and “Firearm Businesses”, and amendments to Section 4.4.1 Allowed Uses and Section 6.10 Restricted Uses to regulate the use of land, structures and buildings for the siting and operation of gun ranges or the retail or wholesale operation involving gunsmithing, the purchase or sale of firearms, the sale of ammunition, or firearms accessories, and to restrict such uses to the Business 4, Mixed Use 1, Manufacturing, and Light Manufacturing Districts only and only upon the granting of a special permit, and to establish minimum standards and criteria for the granting of such special permits.

Action: **Zoning & Planning Held 8-0**

Note: The Zoning & Planning Committee held item #145-21. An amended report reflecting the discussion will be available on May 7, 2021. Presentations given at the meeting can be found at the end of this report. The full video for the meeting can be found on NewTV’s website at the following link <https://newtv.org/recent-video/107-committee-meetings-and-public-hearings/6769-zoning-and-planning-committee-april-26-2021>.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah J. Crossley, Chair