



Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, February 14, 2022

6:30 PM NOTE EARLY START TIME

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM. To view this meeting using Zoom, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84315253969> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 843 1525 3969

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: Sustainability Directors will join the committee to present the array of action items pertaining to reducing emissions and fostering clean energy sources in Newton buildings. With Sustainability and Planning staff we will discuss options for advancing the work using working groups, other committees, commission, etc. and outside resources.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Public Facilities Committees

#48-22 **Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan**
PUBLIC FACILITIES and ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEES requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows:
Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns. (formerly #324-21)

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

#129-22 Appointment of Judy Weber to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Judy Weber, 21 Belmont Street, Newton 02458 to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust Fund as a member for a term of office to expire March 21, 2024. (60 days: 04/08/22)

#130-22 Appointment of Harvey Schorr to the Newton Historical Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Harvey Schorr, 106 Bellevue Street, Newton 02458 to the Newton Historical Commission as an alternate member for a term of office to expire March 30, 2025. (60 days: 04/08/22)

#131-22 Appointment of Josh Markette to the Auburndale Historic District Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Josh Markette, 60 Grove Street, Auburndale 02466 to the Auburndale Historic District Commission as an alternate member for a term of office to expire March 14, 2023. (60 days: 04/08/22)

#132-22 Appointment of Joel Shames to the Auburndale Historic District Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Joel Shames, 348 Central Street, Auburndale 02466 to the Auburndale Historic District Commission as an alternate member for a term of office to expire March 14, 2023. (60 days: 04/08/22)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#150-22 CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$94,600 in CPA funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of ninety-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$94,600) in Community Preservation Act fund, with \$74,978.29 to come from the FY22 Unrestricted Funds (Account #58R10498-57900) and the remaining \$19,621.71 to come from the FY22 Historic Resource Fund (Account #58B10498-57900B) to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the New Art Center to complete the plans and studies necessary to move forward with the restoration of the former Church of the Open Word located at 19 Highland Avenue.

#126-22 Requesting technical amendments to Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting technical amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30 to address missing or incorrectly transcribed ordinance provisions, fix inconsistencies, and clarify ambiguous language.

#57-22 Request for discussion relative to demolition of existing homes in Newton
COUNCILORS WRIGHT, MALAKIE, BAKER, HUMPHREY, MARKIEWICZ, KALIS AND RYAN requesting discussion of appropriate adjustments to Newton's zoning to discourage the demolition of smaller homes which are being replaced by larger and much more expensive structures. (formerly #75-21)

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**