

## Zoning & Planning Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

Monday, July 11, 2022

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

City Staff: Jaclyn Norton, Committee Clerk

#298-22 Appointment of Fred Brustman to the Auburndale Historic District

Commission

<u>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</u> appointing Fred Brustman, 85A Seminary Avenue, Auburndale as an Alternate member of the Auburndale Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on June 6, 2024. (60 days: 07/15/22)

Action: Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Councilor Albright not voting)

**Note:** Fred Brustman joined the Committee to discuss his interest in the subject matter of the Commission. He has long been interested in the history of the city, has observed meetings of the Auburndale Historic District Commission, and expressed confidence in his ability to contribute. The Committee thanked Mr. Brustman for his willingness to serve and multiple Councilors commented on Mr. Brustman's many years of valuable community service on numerous commissions and committees. Councilor Krintzman motioned to approve Mr. Brustman's appointment and the motion carried unanimously.

#348-22 Appointment of Scott Aquilina to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission

<u>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</u> appointing Scott Aquilina, 1253 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton as a regular member of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on July 1, 2023. (60 days: 08/05/22)

Action: Zoning & Planning Approved 7-1 (Councilor Ryan opposed)

**Note:** Scott Aquilina joined the Committee to discuss his appointment to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission. Mr. Aquilina noted his work as an Architect on various historical projects, including his key role in facilitating restoration of the Grace church tower, and his service as a member of the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission. Mr. Aquilina stated that by serving on multiple HDCs, he seeks to bring consistency across the Historic District Commissions in Newton. The Committee thanked Mr. Aquilina for his dedication to the City of Newton. One councilor, who had previously objected to using public funds to restore the Grace Church tower, objected to the appointment due to Mr. Aquilina's affiliation with that project. Councilor Wright motioned to approve Mr. Aquilina's appointment and was approved 7-1 (Councilor Ryan opposed).

The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair