



Public Facilities Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

7:00 PM

Room 204

The Public Facilities Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/87406067854> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 874 0606 7854.

Items Scheduled for Discussion

- 253-26 Reappointment of David Gillespie to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT OLIVER reappointing David Gillespie, 41 Woodlawn Drive, Chestnut Hill, to the Design Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 (60 Days: 10/09/2026)
- 254-26 Reappointment of Peter J. Barrer to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT OLIVER reappointing Peter J. Barrer, 60 Endicott Street, Newton, to the Design Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 (60 Days: 10/09/2026)
- 255-26 Reappointment of Carol S. Schein to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT OLIVER reappointing Carol S. Schein, 82 Garland Road, Newton, to the Design Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 (60 Days: 10/09/2026)
- 256-26 Appointment of Stacy Roman to the Design Review Committee**
PRESIDENT OLIVER appointing Stacy Roman, 32 Arapahoe Road, Newton, to the Design Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 (60 Days: 10/09/2026)
- 123-26 Chair's Note: *The petitioner has requested to withdraw the following petition without prejudice***
[Public Hearing 08-19-2026](#)
Request for relocation of drain easement in Rowe Street
ROBERT BINNALL, 129 Rowe St, Auburndale, petitioning to relocate the existing City drain easement located on the right side of the dwelling on 129 Rowe Street to the left side of the property to allow for a new dwelling to be constructed on the property (WARD 4). PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST.
<https://newtonma.portal.opengov.com/records/910703>
Public Facilities Held 8-0 on 05/06/2026
- 251-26 [Public Hearing 08-19-2026](#)**
National Grid petition for a grant of location on Commonwealth Avenue @ Washington Street
NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install a new prefabricated regulator station with all equipment contained within a single concrete vault on Commonwealth Avenue @ Washington Street replacing an existing regulator station at Commonwealth Avenue @ Washington Street Newton.

Referred to Public Facilities & Finance Committees

- 250-26 CPC recommendation to appropriate \$1,900,000 for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) in Community Preservation Act funding with five hundred five thousand nine hundred thirty nine dollars and thirty five cents (\$505,939.35) from Community Housing FY24 Reserve Account (Acct# 58R10498-57900C) and one million three hundred ninety four thousand sixty dollars and sixty five cents (\$1,394,060.65) from Unrestricted Prior Year Reserves (Acct# 5800-3599) to the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing trust for their FY27 funding.

Referred to Public Facilities & Finance Committees

- 264-26 Authorization to transfer \$623,130.15 in excess debt exclusion bond proceeds**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer six hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred thirty dollars and fifteen cents (\$623,130.15) in excess debt exclusion bond proceeds from Capital Project - Cabot Construction (Fund 7373) to Capital Project - Franklin Construction (Fund 7391) and to reduce the Franklin project's bond authorization by six hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred thirty dollars and fifteen cents (\$623,130.15).

**Respectfully submitted,
David Kalis, Chair**

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Profile

David

First Name

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Middle
Initial

Gillespie

Last Name

Email Address

41 Woodlawn Drive

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Chestnut Hill

City

MA

State

02467

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

☒ Ward 7

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

Employer

Vice President- Development

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Design Review Committee: Submitted

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I would like to lend my expertise in design, real estate and construction logistics to this council and represent my neighborhood. I have practical knowledge on how projects and events can impact a neighborhood and ways to mitigate those impacts.

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David O. Gillespie

41 Woodlawn Drive
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467



Objective	Seeking opportunity to volunteer in the City of Newton for the Boston College Neighborhood Council
Skills & Abilities	10 year resident of Newton and real estate executive who understands design, engineering, construction and logistics. Practical knowledge on how projects and events can impact a neighborhood and ways to mitigate those impacts.
Experience	AvalonBay Communities, Inc. – Boston, MA –2007 to present Real Estate Developer ▪ Day to day lead on real estate development projects from conception to completion. Expertise includes site selection, design, engineering, permitting, finance, construction, logistics and leasing. ▪ Projects delivered total \$1 billion in invested capital and over 2,500 units. ▪ Representative projects include Avalon North Station, Avalon Exeter, AVA Theater District, Avalon Sudbury, Avalon Framingham, Avalon at the Hingham Shipyard and Avalon Northborough. Tarragon Development – New York, NY – 2006-2007 Real Estate Developer Pulte Homes – Jersey City, NJ – 2004-2006 Real Estate Developer Turner Construction – Washington, DC and Boston, MA – 1998-2002 Construction Engineer
Volunteer	Coaching- 2014-present: Newton Girls Soccer (3 seasons), Newton Girls Softball (3 seasons), Brookline Youth Hockey (1 season) West End Museum- Advisory Board- 2015-2018
Education	Columbia Business School – MBA – 2004 Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Dean's List Integrity Board (Student Judiciary)- Chairman, Real Estate Association Tufts University – BS Civil Engineering – 1998 Cum Laude Sigma Nu Fraternity, Varsity Football (2 seasons)

Application Form

Profile

Peter J Barrer
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[REDACTED]
Email Address

60 Endicott St. Suite or Apt
Home Address
Newton MA 02461
City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

☒ Ward 5

[REDACTED]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired from DMI President
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Design Review Committee: Submitted

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Want to contribute my professional experience to the City by continuing to serve on the DRC.

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Peter J. Barrer**60 Endicott St.****Newton, MA 02461****Community Service*****City of Newton***

Member, Design Review Committee, 2005 to present, including Co-chair 2016 to 2022
 Member, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Renewable Resources, 2012 to 2015. Led
 initial process for Solar on Newton Schools

Newton Conservators Board member 2018 to present

Friends of Ethiopian Jews Board member 2019 to present

Newton Community Farm

Served on the Board since the organization's incorporation in 2005 through 2015,
 including Board President. Led strategic planning process and Board Affairs Committee.
 Led Barn renovation project; first phase of Barn stabilization included raising \$230,000
 and overseeing construction completion in 2009.

Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Jewish Community Relations Council

Shared Society and Ethiopian Jewry Committee member from 2000 to 2019, Committee
 Chair 2005 through 2012. Led Boston area volunteer partnership in successful project to
 integrate Ethiopian Jews into community life in Haifa, Israel. Led annual mission/trips to
 Haifa to further the objectives of the project.

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries

Served on the Board of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, an organization of 60
 Boston area religious congregations engaging in Social Action, from 2000 to 2007
 including two years as Board President.

Shir Hadash religious congregation

Various leadership positions including two years as President.

Professional Experience

President, Demand Management Institute, Inc. 1989 to 2005

Peter J. Barrer founded DMI, which became a New England leader in engineering-based energy efficiency analysis and implementation of complex energy conservation programs. The firm consulted to facility owners, utility energy efficiency programs, and energy service companies regarding improvements to large and complex institutional, industrial, and commercial facilities. In 2005 Mr. Barrer sold the company to in-house staff he had mentored.

Areas of Expertise

Energy analyses of planned and installed efficiency measures

Led energy analyses of measures in over 300 facilities.

Led energy study for private utility with over 100 water treatment plants.

Implementation and commissioning

Designed energy-efficient mechanical systems for process and HVAC.

Commissioned over 50 installations of energy efficiency measures.

Evaluated the savings impact of installed efficiency measures.

Selected Accomplishments

Led chilled water system studies in high rise buildings totaling 7 million square feet.

Led four comprehensive studies of CFC chiller replacement including HVAC, lighting and process measures to reduce cooling load.

Water supply plant: Performed energy analysis and design for 24% energy cost reduction.

Led detailed "impact evaluation" of energy savings from variable speed drive installations.

Rescued troubled ice storage project through commissioning service.

Wastewater treatment plant: Performed energy analysis and design for 550,000 kWh annual reduction.

Plastics molding facility: Performed energy analysis and implementation follow-up for \$200,000 annual energy, water, and sewer cost reduction.

Prior Professional Positions

Vice President, Engineering, HEC Energy Corporation 1985-1989

Developed and managed the company's projects; recruited and trained the technical staff. Oversaw the cumulative investment of \$18 million in energy efficiency measures in institutional and commercial facilities, specializing in Hospitals. Areas of personnel management included engineering, project management, project financing, consultant and contractor management, client training, and facility monitoring. Energy efficiency technologies included HVAC optimization, lighting, energy management systems, electrical load management, incineration, boiler and chiller plants, water cost management, energy supply contracts, and cogeneration.

Designed and administered a system for measuring monthly energy savings at all clients.

Project Manager, R. G. Vanderweil Engineers, Inc. 1979-1985

Designed HVAC, plumbing, and electrical for new construction and renovation. Interpreted client needs to design staff, reviewed design, coordinated architecture, drawing and specification, supervised construction services, design contract, and design budget.

Responsible for approximately 40 HVAC design and energy study projects, totaling approximately 3,000,000 sq. ft. in a wide variety of facilities, including hospital, office, industrial, school, and laboratory. Selected Projects are listed below:

Cambridge Hospital	Energy study
Rutland Hospital	Engineering master plan, energy study
Whitehead Institute	100,000 s.f. new laboratory
Biogen	55,000 s.f. new laboratory and pilot plant
Arbour Hospital	80,000 s.f. new building
Harvard Medical School	10,000 s.f. new laboratory
Harvard Medical School	Energy study and retrofit
ADL Laboratories	80,000 s.f. renovation
Cabot Corporation	100,000 s.f. laboratory renovation
U. Alabama	Central chilled water plant study
BAT Bus Maintenance facility	40,000 s.f. new building
Natick High School	Energy study and retrofit
Bank of Boston	New 70,000 s.f. office building
Princeton Molecular Biology	New 110,000 s.f. laboratory
Dartmouth Medical School	80,000 s.f. laboratory renovation
United Illuminating	75,000 s.f. office and maintenance facility
Providence Court House	Energy Study

President, South Face Energy Conservation Inc. 1977-1978. Led firm that performed residential and light commercial audits and retrofits.

Project Engineer, The Energy Bank 1976. Responsible for early development of

computer-based system for residential energy audits and retrofit work orders.

Work prior to 1976 included development of an experimental solar-heated methane digester, a staff analyst position with the federal EPA-predecessor agency concerning air pollution, water pollution, and solid waste programs, an assignment with a major oil company as a petroleum engineer, and summer positions assisting a structural engineer on a wastewater treatment project and building an experimental laser in a physics laboratory.

Professional Background

Education and Registration

B.S. with Distinction, Engineering Physics, Cornell University

M.S., Environmental Systems Engineering, Cornell University

Studies at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Massachusetts Professional Engineer Registration Number 30184 (retired)

Presentations and Papers

“Efficiency parameters for variable frequency drives on pumps in open systems,” ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Industry, Saratoga Springs, NY, June 15-18, 1999.

“Energy Savings from Floating Head Pressure in Ammonia Refrigeration Systems,” National Industrial Energy Technology Conference, Houston, TX, April 22, 1998

“Compressed Air Efficiency Services in Medium Sized Manufacturers,” 1997 ACEEE Summer Study of Energy Efficiency in Industry, Saratoga Springs, NY, July 10, 1997

“Energy Savings Opportunities: A Study of the American Water System,” Annual Conference for the American Water Works Association, Toronto, June 24, 1996.

“Cost Reduction at a Wastewater Treatment Plant Through Energy Efficiency Retrofit,” The New England Water Environment Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, January 22, 1995.

“How Demand-Side Management Saves Water Systems Money,” National Drinking Water Clearinghouse, On Tap Newsletter, Volume 2, Issue 3, Summer 1993.

Instructor for Association for Energy Services Professionals course, ONTECH: Fundamentals of DSM Technologies, 1995, various locations.

"Benefits and Costs of Commissioning Complex Measures in Utility-Sponsored DSM Programs," National Conference on Building Commissioning, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, May 9, 1994.

"Demand-Side Management Electric Audits" Conference of the New England Water Works Association, Milford, MA, May 5, 1994.

"Reduce Costs by Understanding Your Electric Bill; Cost Saving Strategies for Water/Wastewater Plants," EPRI booklet, 1993.

"Before and After Monitoring of Industrial Motor and VSD Retrofits: Solutions to Measurement and Data Problems," Electric and End-Use Data Symposium, St. Louis, MO, October 27-29, 1993.

"DSM Case Studies in Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment." Duke Power Clear Water Solutions Conference, Charlotte, NC, March 10, 1993.

"Conservation Opportunities in Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment," EPRI Municipal Water & Wastewater Project Meeting, San Diego, CA, October 26, 1992.

"Electrical Conservation Opportunities in Jewelry and Plastics Industries," Energy Opportunities '91 NESEA conference, Boxborough, MA, September 24, 1991.

"Energy Efficiency Retrofit in Industry," National Association of Energy Service Companies conference, Washington, DC, November 2, 1990.

"Demand Side Management Techniques and Technologies," Power Technology Conference, Chicago, IL, November 1, 1989.

"Load Management and Chilled Water Storage," Electric Council of New England seminar for sales and marketing representatives, June 19, 1987.

"The Economics of Sizing Thermal Energy Storage Systems," Government Institutes, Inc., seminar with paper presentation, March 20, 1986.

"Energy Conservation: Out of the Drafting Room, Into the Machine Room." Heating/Piping/Air Conditioning (November 1986).

"Engineering Parameters for Safety and Energy Optimization in the Laboratory," LABCON New England 84, October 18, 1984.

"Thermal Energy Storage: Past Experience and Future Possibilities," Pennsylvania Power and Light Company 1984 Industrial and Commercial Energy Conference and Exposition, October 11, 1984.

"Crucial Factors for Design of a Pilot Plant," Bio/Technology (October 1983).
"Thermal Energy Storage and Its Applications to Industrial Facilities," Plant and Maintenance Conference, Chicago, IL, March 30, 1983.

"Inhalation Chamber System Control," Heating/Piping/Air Conditioning (May 1982).

"Chilled Water Storage Design and Experience in Two Buildings," Region V ASHRAE

Peter J. Barrer

Conference Proceedings, August 19-21, 1982.

Application Form

Profile

Carol S Schein
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City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

☒ Ward 6

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired Former Parks and Recreation Employee
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Design Review Committee: Appointed

Ethnicity

☒ Prefer not to Answer

Gender

☒ Prefer not to say

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

As a former employee of the Parks and Recreation Department, I bring professional landscape design experience and expertise to the planning and design of future city projects. I have been working in the public realm for 30 years reviewing design and construction documents for large and small projects. I am familiar with the city's facilities, parks, playgrounds and schools and municipal process.

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*PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***City of Newton Parks and Recreation Department, Newton, MA***April 2001- January 2018***Open Space Coordinator/Project Manager**

- Coordinated and managed publicly bid park master plans and park improvement projects through the planning, design and construction phases:
 - Newton City Hall and War Memorial Historic Landscape Preservation Plan
 - Newton Centre Playground Accessibility Plan
 - Newton Centre Playground Universal Playground, design and construction
 - Newton Upper Falls Playground Master Plan and Entrance Improvements, construction
 - Cabot Park Off-Leash Area, design and construction
 - Emerson Playground Improvements, design and construction
 - Waban Hill Reservoir Master Plan and Phase I final design
 - Newton Highlands Playground Master Plan, final design and construction
 - Newton South High School Tennis Courts, final design and construction
 - Crescent Street/Reverend Ford Playground Expansion, design.
- Issued RFQs/RFPs for design and construction services; reviewed proposals and assessed bidder qualifications; negotiated contracts; tracked project progress; reviewed designs; attended project meetings; approved and paid invoices;
- Prepared applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA), Community Development Block (CDBG) and State grant funding; presented at committee and community meetings.
- Administered the City's Adopt-a-Space program: enabled volunteers with design and landscape maintenance on City-owned land; coordinated with City departments.

Brown, Richardson & Rowe, Inc.*September 1992-April 1999;**and***Landscape Architects and Planners, Boston, MA***January 1985-January 1989***Project Manager/Landscape Designer**

- Managed small and large-scale public park projects and interim and final multi-disciplinary Central Artery Tunnel (CAT) projects;
- Managed and organized project staff, tasks, schedule and budget to meet deadlines; monitored work of consultants and contractors.
- Interfaced with public agencies, landscape architects, engineers, architects, and planners.
- Issued RFPs/RFQs and fee proposals. Developed detailed construction cost estimates. Reviewed construction package drawings, specifications and costs. Attended community meetings.

Projects:

- **Rehabilitation of Constitution Beach**, East Boston, for the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC): project manager of design phase of \$3.8 million 28-acre park.
- **Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel, C07D Logan Airport Interchange/I-93** for Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) and Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA): project manager for the landscape architectural component of the new airport arrivals and departures roadways; project staff for C08A Bremen Street and Memorial Parks, East Boston; and C09A Spectacle Island for MHD.

*EDUCATION***Certificate in Landscape Design**

Radcliffe College

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Design

Syracuse University

Application Form

Profile

Stacy _____ Roman _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

32 Arapahoe Road _____
Home Address Suite or Apt
Newton _____ MA _____ 02465
City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

☒ Ward 4

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Chapman Construction _____ Project Executive
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Designer Selection Committee: Submitted

Ethnicity

None Selected

Gender

None Selected

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I've resided in the city for 10 years and have a vested interest in the evolution of the city. With 20 years of construction experience, I feel I can add value to the board with my understanding of the construction process and knowing a lot of the OPM and design firms around the state.

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STACY B. ROMAN, LEED AP, CM-LEAN

32 Arapahoe Road
 Newton, Massachusetts 02465

**EDUCATION**

Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA

Bachelors Architectural Engineering Technology, August 2003
 Associates in Applied Science, Architectural Technology, April 2001

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bowdoin Construction | Needham, Massachusetts

Senior Project Manager (2019-Present)

- Reviewed and executed the project budget to meet the client's standards. This included heavy involvement in the interview process, Preconstruction meetings and GMP presentation to the client.
- Managed team members who maintained project costs, material procurement, schedules and contractor submittals. Involved with the everyday details as it relates to construction and financials.
- Interacted and maintained client relations with Clients, Property Managers, OPMs, Architects and Engineers.
- Worked with the estimating team in establishing budgets and estimates

Commodore Builders | Waltham, Massachusetts

Senior Project Manager (2010-2019)

- Reviewed and executed the project budget to meet the client's standards. This included heavy involvement in the interview process, Preconstruction meetings and GMP presentation to the client.
- Managed team members who maintained project costs, material procurement, schedules and contractor submittals. Involved with the everyday details as it relates to construction and financials.
- Interacted and maintained client relations with Clients, Property Managers, OPMs, Architects and Engineers.
- Review of Owner contracts and responsible for understanding all terms and conditions.

Shawmut Design and Construction | Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Project Manager (2007-2009)

- Accountable for setting the project budget to meet the client's standards and target range.
- Built the construction schedules from start to finish and collaborated with the Superintendent. This also included the management of weekly client and subcontractor schedule updates and project logistical plans.
- Responsible for project document management in terms of RFIs, submittals, coordination and complete financial management.

Skanska USA Building, Inc | Tampa, Florida

Assistant Project Manager (2003-2007)

- Organized, interpreted and delegated RFIs and contractor submittals, as well as following through with the close out process and documentation.
- Ensured that the construction work is being done in accordance with schedule, plans and specifications and recommended solutions to complex construction problems.
- Monitored aspects of the project including cost control (payment of subcontractors, vendors, Subguard and Owner Direct Purchase and tax exemption), quality control and supervision of subcontractors to ensure quality construction was performed.
- Governed the coordination and direct communication between owner, architect, engineer and all subcontractors. Ensured all parties had a clear understanding of any problem solving situations that arose.

ACHIEVEMENTS / PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Profession Women in Construction (PWC), Marketing Committee Member 2021-Present
- Wellness for Women in Real Estate (WWIRE), Wonder Woman, 2020-Present
- Boston Children's Hospital Miles for Miracles Boston Marathon Team Member, 2019 & 2020
- White House STEM Strategic Plan Summit Participant, 2018
- Massachusetts Board of Registration of Landscape Architects, 2018-Present
- AGC MA Board of Directors, 2017-2019
- AGC MA Building Women in Construction (BWIC) Committee Chair, 2016-2018
- Completion of 30-hour OSHA Construction Safety and Health program, 2016