

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008

**6:30 PM – Room 222**

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO LAND USE & PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES**

- #274-07      ALD. SANGIOLO proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board relative to Special Permit and Site Plan Approval Petitions be amended to require the applicant to post on the subject property a notice that would include but not be limited to identifying the subject matter and the date and time of the public hearing.  
**LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 on 2-12-08**
- #154-08      ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4-10-08 @9:09 AM]
- #130-08      ALD JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen requiring that referral of any and all new business, communications, petitions and orders docketed before the Board of Aldermen be restricted to one or more of the standing committees of the Board of Aldermen: Land Use, Programs and Services, Public Safety and Transportation, Zoning and Planning, Finance, Real Property Reuse, Post Audit and Oversight, Public Facilities and Committee on Community Preservation. [03-24-08 @ 9:11 AM]
- #129-08      ALD. JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen stating that any new item submitted but not yet approved or accepted by the Full Board of Aldermen is prohibited from any formal or informal discussion by any formal, informal or special committee of the Board.  
[03-24-08 @ 9:11 AM]

**ITEM NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#153-08      ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4-10-08 @9:09AM]

Respectfully Submitted,

John Freedman, Chairman

**Land Use Committee Report  
February 12, 2008**

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**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** This item was discussed on October 16, 2007, when Alderman Sangiolo explained it was the result of a petition on Paul Street where it appeared that the parties in interest did not receive proper notification. Ms. Havens explained that it the amendment is the result of a joint effort of the staff, the Committee Chair, and the President to improve notification procedures. The revised procedures would distinguish between major projects, as already defined in the rules, and other standard petitions. The rules for posting sign panels are tailored to the standard projects, whereas petitions for major projects would be asked to propose with the application the specific locations and content of the notices to be posted. In all cases, the Planning Department would determine the exact location of the panels on the site consistent with the provision of the rules.

Ms. Haven showed some examples of panels that could be used, with preprinted text and spaces to fill in details about each petition. She said they would be printed on card stock, with a weather-resistant coating, similar to many political signs, Ald. Brandel suggested that the “Public Hearing” heading be in as large a font as practicable. Ald. Hess-Mahan expressed preference for a 2 ft. X 3 ft. size (larger than Ms. Havens had illustrated), and Chair Mansfield suggested that the orientation be “landscape,” rather than “portrait,” to make the sign more readable from a distance. Ald. Brandel then moved approval of the request, and the motion carried unanimously.