

BUILDING SAFETY

The Building Department will continue the quality of service that our residents expect.

Samuel Zannini, Jr. is the Deputy Assistant Building Inspector. Sam is a Master Plumber by trade and his direct duties are plumbing inspector, gas inspector, mechanical inspector and the energy compliance inspector.

Dan Reilly is our Assistant Building Inspector, with direct duties as the electrical and foundation systems inspector. Dan is a Master Electrician by trade.

Tina Cardoso is our Code Enforcement Officer and is tasked with enforcing zoning and building violations.

Barbara White is our Permit Clerk.

The Department of Building safety is dedicated to procuring a safe community through communication and education.

A total of 501 permits were issued during 2014

Building permits	144
Plumbing	53
Electrical	103
Mechanical	96
Gas	103
Well	3
Code enforcement cases	15

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald LeMere
Chief Building Official
Department of Building Safety

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Appeals held six reviews and three public hearings in 2014. Variances were granted for each hearing.

The Board of Appeals meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall, starting at 7:30 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas R. McElroy, Chairman
Board of Appeals

CABLE COMMITTEE

2014 proved to be an important transitional year for the Cable Committee. Hiring Cable Consultant Chris Liquori provided valuable advice on how to best proceed with upgrading the cable equipment. First an evaluation of the current equipment took place and we took small steps to improve the quality of our programs such as purchasing wireless microphones. This small step helped achieve a better sound quality which was greatly needed when broadcasting town meetings.

In 2015 the committee with the help of Consultant Liquori, will present to the Board of Selectmen a recommendation to update and improve the quality of the local access channel 20 for the town. This upgrade will be paid from the Cable Revolving Fund therefore there is no tax impact to the residents. Upgrades to the equipment will allow for the ability to live stream any meeting held in the Town Hall. For those who do not have Comcast, they would be able to view the meeting from a computer, smart phone or other internet device. Slide presentations would be incorporated into the live broadcast for it to be viewed in a TV broadcast quality versus point a camera at a screen which no one at home can read. This will be even more important as the Board of Selectmen plan on going paperless therefore viewing documents versus having a paper copy will become more of the norm.

The committee continues to work on airing important meetings and historical presentations; send any suggestions or recommendations to cable@newtonnh.net. We continue to look for additional volunteers to join our committee; meetings are held once a month on Wednesday nights at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary B. Winglass, Chairman Diane Morin, Station Manager
Marilyn Landry, Vice Chairman, Sally Woodman, Secretary

ROAD AGENT

This year, following along with the 2014 updated roadway condition evaluation the following improvements were completed:

- Heath Street had 1800 feet of roadway reconstructed with a 2 inch binder. A 1.5 inch of topcoat will be completed in 2015. Two culvert upgrades were completed as a function of reconstructing the road: (1) 30 linear feet of 18 inch diameter (2) 30 linear feet of 24 inch diameter ADS pipe
- Crane Crossing Road had 575 feet of roadway reconstructed with 40 linear feet of 12 inch diameter ADS culvert
- Steep Hill Road had a new catch basin installed with 30 linear feet of 8 inch diameter ADS pipe to relieve flooding in the roadway

Additionally in 2014, planning and permitting started for work to upgrade a 60 inch diameter culvert on Country Pond Road; work is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Pivero
Road Agent

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Created for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Rhonda Freppier	Two Lots	\$ 650.00
Edward Jenkins	One Lot	325.00
Phyllis Glidden	Two Lots	650.00
Randolph Hanson	Four Lots	1,300.00
Robert Donovan Sr.	One Lot	325.00
Arthur Statezni	Two Lots	650.00
TOTAL		\$3,900.00

Mary M. Allen Respectfully Submitted,
 Lynne Camp Joseph A. Simone, Jr.
 Trustees of Trust Funds

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

We continue to give extra care to the Willow Grove Cemetery to protect and enhance the lawn that was planted in 2012. Each spring fertilizer is added and in the fall the lawn is treated with weed killer, aerated and top seeded. It is getting stronger and more attractive every year.

The three Cemetery Trustees attended the annual Cemetery Trustee training session sponsored by the NH Attorney General's Office and the NH Local Government Center.

The lot maps for both Highland and Willow Grove were professionally updated. These maps are used to located grave sites for sale and for interments.

Veteran Flags were replaced at Highland, Willow Grove and the Town Hall cemeteries. As has been the case for many years, the flags at the Willow Grove Cemetery were placed by the 6th grade class from the Newton Memorial School. New pole flags were put up at Highland and Willow Grove. For the first time in many years, due to budget constraints, we did not provide Veteran Flags for the private Union Cemetery.

For the first time that the current Trustees can remember, we experienced an act of vandalism at the Willow Grove Cemetery. The 4' X 6' pole flag was stolen. The unlawful removal of anything from a municipal cemetery is considered a felony and the Trustees will aggressively seek to identify and prosecute the perpetrators of any act of vandalism.

2014 GRAVE SITE SALES
Highland Cemetery - 12

2014 INTERMENTS
Highland Cemetery - 10
Willow Grove - 4

2014 TOTAL INCOME FROM LOT SALES - \$3900.00

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Hughes (Chairman) William G. Landry Ronald N. Saunders
 Cemetery Trustees

PLANNING BOARD

In 2014, the Planning Board held 18 regular meetings.

Over the course of the year, the following applications were approved:

Date	Name	Location	Application Type	Map/Block/Lot
01/14/14	Brenda Blaisdell	44 Bear Hill Road	Accessory Apartment	Map 17, Block 4, Lot 5
05/13/14	Charles and Kathleen Marden	Heath Street	4-lot Subdivision	Map 4, Block 6, Lot 3
06/24/14	Phyllis Anderson	51 Pond Street	Minor Site Plan	Map 5, Block 6, Lot 6
07/08/14	Patricia Comeau and Thomas Cloutier	2 and 8 New Boston Road	Lot Line Adjustment	Map 10, Block 1, Lot 3 and Map 9, Block 2, Lot 1
07/08/14	125 Development NH Corp	Puzzle Lane Lot 27-4 Phase II	Site Plan	Map 14, Block 1, Lot 27-4
09/23/14	Valerie Sutton	51 Highland Street	Minor Site Plan	Map 5, Block 4, Lot 17
09/23/14	Wesley Gundersen	17 and 19 Gale Village Road	Voluntary Lot Merger	Map 9, Block 3, Lot 13 and Map 9, Block 3, Lot 14
11/18/14	William & Victoria Higgins and Andrew & Deborah Bobola	7 and 11 Williamine Drive	Lot Line Adjustment	Map 7, Block 3, Lot 40 and Map 7, Block 3, Lot 41
12/09/14	P & J Realty Trust	191 South Main Street	Amended Site Plan	Map 14, Block 1, Lot 26

In addition to the above approved projects, the following planning activities occurred during 2014:

- a. The Planning Board approved new zoning ordinance language for the Aquifer and Watershed Protection Districts in order to provide an easier to understand mapping reference for the districts. The Board also approved new language for the Personal Wireless Service Facilities zoning ordinance to comply with changes to federal and state laws regarding modifications to existing cell towers and co-location of cell tower facilities on an existing building or structure.
- b. The Planning Board emphasized improved communication and coordination efforts with several Town of Newton Departments and neighboring communities to foster cooperation in accomplishing planning and code enforcement responsibilities and efficiently aiding development opportunities.

The Planning Board encourages all residents to participate in its proceedings and provide input to the Board. To contact the Planning Board office, call (603) 382-3419 ext.15 or e-mail planningboard@newtonnh.net.

The Planning Board Members are: Chairman Barbara White, Vice Chairman and Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio James Doggett, Roger Hamel, Sandra Estabrook, Fred Gabriel, Robert Miller, and Michael Blanchette; Alternates: Mary M. Allen, James Holland, Bill Smith, and Rick Milner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. White, Chairman
Planning Board

RSA 674:39-aa – Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Lots involuntarily merged by a municipality (for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes) prior to September 18, 2010 shall be restored to their pre-merger status at the request of the owner **provided:**

- Request is made prior to December 31, 2016; and
- No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged the lots; all subsequent owners estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.
- ✧ Requests for "un-merger" to be made to the local governing body, whose decisions may be appealed pursuant to RSA 676.
- ✧ The restoration of the lots to their pre-merger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.
- ✧ This notice must be continuously posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station employee`s have continued on making improvements at the facility. New trees were planted along Dugway Road to compliment the new fence for 2014. Our first priority to the town residents is saving money. Recycling is the best way to help lower your taxes.

Remember.... plastic, (NOT BAGS) glass, cans, cardboard, and paper are all recyclable items and when disposed of properly will save the town money. Your money! Please, we work by the motto "a place for everything and everything in its place" and we ask for your cooperation. The commingled can is FREE to the town unless we pollute it with bags, trash and cardboard! We also have another compactor to recycle all our cardboard, newspapers, and magazines.

And remember... The local Boy Scouts can always use your Aluminum Cans.

I have submitted Warrant Article #13 for another Hazardous Waste Day in 2015 for \$35,000 with no tax impact to the residents. Please Note: This program will be one day only, for Newton Residents only. Please be sure to vote for this. Contamination of our environment is a very real threat through the improper disposal of household hazardous wastes and most treatment plants and leach fields are incapable of processing these chemicals. Landfill disposal poses the same risks and the result is the eventual contamination of our ground water, upon which everyone is dependent. Take the responsible action to protect your family's health and the health of your community. Taking these steps can reduce the risk of toxic substances getting into our ground and surface waters.

Safety is another concern at all Transfer Stations. Please slow down and obey the Stop Sign on the premises. Your Blue Newton Resident Sticker must be visible on the lower driver's side windshield of your vehicle. Please... it is very helpful to tell us what you have when you arrive, especially if it is something other than your regular trash. All wood, brush, oil, tires, bulky trash, and electronics must be checked at the guard building entrance in order to be disposed of properly. All children under the age of twelve years old must stay in the vehicle. That is a NH State Law.

Please concern yourself with what you throw away in your trash bags! Suspicious bags will be put to the side and cut open if need be! We must prevent the potential cause of fire, explosion, and contamination. These are serious violations and violators will be dealt with accordingly. Again, your cooperation is appreciated. We have a zero tolerance policy for irresponsible dumping!!

When you use your voucher, please bring your picture ID with you. You cannot give your voucher to another resident as it has your name on it and remember your voucher allows for only one 8 foot pickup truck size bed. If your vehicle is OVER the 8 foot maximum, there is a charge and it will be priced accordingly. Please be prepared to unload your trailer, truck or vehicle and separating wood items from other items is always helpful. NO propane tanks, refrigerators, and AC units will be accepted until spring. The swap pile will also continue on in the spring.

With large loads, we ask you to please give us at least a 15 minute courtesy before closing time as we have many residents who arrive at off hours. Also remember we are open...TUESDAY & THURSDAY 11:45 am - 6:45 pm, SATURDAY 7:45 am - 4:45 pm and SUNDAY 8:45 am -3:45 pm.

Please Note: When the gates are locked, the Transfer Station is closed!

QUESTIONS? The staff is always willing to answer questions and help you. You can reach us at (603) 382-7250. Also see Newton's Website at: <http://www.newton-nh.gov>.

Again... We take pride in keeping this facility clean, cost worthy and organized for the Town of Newton. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom DiFalco
Transfer Station Manager