

October 17, 2022

# NEWNC Meeting Notes

## Attending

Joel Faller, Rory Harrington, Amy Pollutro, Kevin Fleming, Carmine Guarino, Marie Simboli, Ashley Leo, Tania Greens

## Agenda

- 1) **Welcome, call to order-Joel**
- 2) **Meeting Protocol-Rory**
- 3) **Presidents Report**

Several members attended meeting for proposed cannabis dispensary on Hanover. Joel extended an invitation to speak at a future meeting and didn't hear back. The Halloween Parade and events will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> on Hanover & Battery and "North End Nights" will be starting basketball league in November for age 3-12

- 4) **Reports from office of elected officials**

- Ciara D'Amico-BCYF Pumpkin painting on Prado, Monday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:15-5:30. She will also extend an invite to cannabis dispensary

- 5) **Committee Reports**

- Public Safety-Amy reported that 1) NEWNC and NEWRA will be having a joint meeting on Wednesday, November 2 with Chief Jemison from the BPDA. It will take place at the Pilot House 6pm. 2) The first live public safety meeting in two years, will take place on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Navarro Center
- Ruff Liaison-Ashley reported Dog Park fundraiser almost doubled goal of \$5000. New water features, gate repairs and new turf in the future. Non-related-20 girls participating in Girls Hockey League
- Public Health-Rory had no updates
- Green Committee-Tania reached out to Treeboston.org and proposed to have 20 trees added to DeFillipo Playground, Prince and Sheafe street. Garden will be expanded from 18 to 32 plots
- Harborfront Alliance-Kevin talked about sea level rising in Boston Harbor and on-going commitment

- 6) **MassDot Update on Charlestown Bridge Construction**

- Dan Fielding, Taylor Miller (outreach,) Jim Oleary, Christopher Barry (contractor) and various other project panel members
- Found deficient welds in product in fabrication facility last October and paused project. In dispute who is at fault but came up with a correctional action planned after 13 months of testing. 192 areas where cracks could apply. 52 found

- Explained why cracks on new bridge are so serious and gave background. There are no significant problems with temporary bridge
  - Repairs and East side of bridge will be ready December 2023, Traffic switched to new bridge. Fully opened to all user December 2024, including pedestrians, bikes, underpass, etc
  - Working with Boston police to help support traffic patterns during high traffic times, improved signage, and traffic signal management
- 7) Wine Bottega Application to approve transfer of liquor license
- Unanimous In-Favor vote
  - Same hours of operation, no change of use and space, wine tasting, communal goal
  - Kimberly Scott transferring to new owners Ani & Matt Ajemian
- 8) 354-356 Hanover Street - Seeks permission to change the occupancy from 2 residential units and 1 retail space to 3 residential units and 1 retail space by reclaiming the third residential unit of the premises that had previously been in use from 1876 through 1986.
- Unanimous In-Favor vote
  - Paul Rufo, Attorney represented owners
  - In 1986 the owner decided to combine top to floors. Now owned by Gina and Joe DiGangi
  - No pending enforcements, the new owners wanted to confirm the occupancy
- 9) **128-134 North Street** – Proposal to change occupancy of the to a single-family dwelling on a newly established 3,102 sf lot. Continued from September meeting.
- Unanimously In-Favor **on conditional basis** that agreed upon construction mitigation documents are in place. (NEWRA's vote was conditional as well)
  - Jeff Drago architect, Eddie Gaffney architect, Sal Lupoli owner all spoke on behave of project
  - Sarah Turner/NBSS President spoke on behave of school. Genie Thorndike & David Ambler also represented NBSS
  - Sal sent an outline of proposed construction management plan and adjust concerns with noise and clean up
  - Both parties have had a meeting since last call and on-going dialogue and will commit to do that until a document is drafted. Another meeting between parties is scheduled for tomorrow with school and owner's construction team

