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The Reorganization meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Becker, Mr. Elvidge, Mr. Ricciardo, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Le Frois, and Town Manager, Mr. Thomas S. Russo, Jr.

Pastor Brian Sullivan, Saint Joseph RC Church, led the invocation. Mrs. Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by roll call.

Mrs. Becker made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this special meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 31, 2010."

**DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY MAYOR**

Mrs. Becker requested a motion for nomination of Temporary Mayor. Upon motion by Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and carried, the nomination of Kristen S. Becker was designated as Temporary Mayor. There being no further names to be submitted, nominations were declared closed and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mr. Elvidge	Yes
Mr. Ricciardo	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councilwomen Becker, designated Temporary Mayor, entertained a motion for nomination of Mayor for the year 2011-2012. Mrs. Becker then nominated Mrs. Helen R. Le Frois and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Ricciardo. There being no further names to be submitted, nominations were declared closed and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mr. Elvidge	Yes
Mr. Ricciardo	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mayor Le Frois	Yes	

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At this time, Assemblyman Gary Chiusano and State Senator Steve Oroho proceeded with the swearing-in ceremony of Mayor Helen R. Le Frois, while her husband Greg, held the bible. Mrs. Le Frois was also accompanied by her children, Jordan, Madelyn and Kathryn.

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Le Frois entertained a motion for nomination of Deputy Mayor for the year 2011-2012. Mr. Ricciardo then nominated Mrs. Sandra Lee Diglio and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Elvidge. There being no further names to be submitted, nominations were declared closed and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mr. Elvidge	Yes
Mr. Ricciardo	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mayor Le Frois	Yes	

Sanford L. Hollander, Esq. then proceeded with the swearing-in ceremony of Mrs. Sandra Lee Diglio, while her oldest son, Philip held the bible. Mrs. Diglio was also accompanied by her sons, Steven and Paul.

**COMMENTS BY MANAGER, COUNCIL, DEPUTY MAYOR AND MAYOR**

Mr. Russo acknowledged several dignitaries in attendance: State Senator Steve Oroho, State Assemblyman Gary Chuisano, Freeholder Parker Space, Freeholder Rich Vohden and Freeholder Phil Crabb. Also present were Newton OEM Coordinator, Ken Teets; Irv Kinney, Newton First Aid Squad; Newton Fire Chief Mike Teets and Newton Police Chief Mike Richards.

Mr. Russo thanked Councilwoman Becker for her successful tenure as Newton's Mayor this past year and wished Mayor Le Frois and Deputy Mayor Diglio the best of success in their new leadership roles. "I look forward to working with you and all of the Council in continuing the great progress we've made towards making Newton an even better place to live, work and visit. We have seen many great improvements here in the County seat over the past few years and I'm grateful to the Council and all of you for allowing me the privilege of

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working with a great staff in leading this fine organization," Mr. Russo concluded.

Councilman Ricciardo commended Councilwoman Becker for serving as Mayor this past year and congratulated Mayor Le Frois on her new appointment.

Councilwoman Becker thanked the Town staff for a great year and wished the Mayor and Deputy Mayor a fulfilling year ahead.

Deputy Mayor Diglio read from a prepared statement:

"I would like to thank all of you for attending the reorganization meeting. This past year I have spent a great deal of time learning and more importantly, listening to the concerns, issues and comments expressed by members of the Newton Community. As Mr. Russo, the Town Manager, Terri, the Administrative Assistant and Dawn, the Chief Finance Officer, are well aware, I have asked many questions and I thank them for the time they have spent in researching and providing me with answers. I want to thank the Town employees, volunteers, and business owners as well as the residents of this Town for their cooperation in making Newton a better place to live. We are all witnesses to the revitalization and growth of our Town and the many improvements. I would like to thank my fellow Council members for the foresight which has lead Newton into the economic revitalization and Kristi for all the hours she has spent on behalf of our Town. Your support and guidance during the last year is deeply appreciated and I look forward to the next year. I also want to thank you for allowing me to serve as Deputy Mayor for the 2011-2012 year.

Finally, I want to thank my family and friends who have stood by me. Many of you know I lost Phil two years ago. When we were first married back in 1974 we drove thru Newton on our way to Middletown, NY. As we passed thru Main Street and I looked down Spring Street, I expressed the desire to live in a town like Newton. Little did I know that within four years, Newton would be our home. As most of you are aware, we became involved with the Town and that is a decision which I will never regret.

As I begin my second year and assume the responsibilities of Deputy Mayor, I look forward to working with my colleagues, Mr. Russo, and the Town employees as well as the members of our community in our continued efforts to make Newton the best that it can be. I wish to congratulate Helen and wish her the best in her year as Mayor."

Mayor Le Frois also commended Councilwoman Becker for her time and accessibility during her term as Mayor. Mayor Le Frois then read from a prepared statement:

"Good Evening, as many of you know, I'm typically not one to "write-out" my speeches, but recognizing the importance of tonight's event, I thought it important to formalize my thoughts.

I would first like to say a heartfelt thank you each and every person that has attended tonight to show their support for the Town of Newton and the Newton Town Council. Especially on the Friday evening of 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, I appreciate the time you've taken this evening to be here. Quite honestly,

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though, I couldn't think of a better place to be – and not because I've just become Mayor, but rather, as we start our long weekend celebrating the birth of this great country, tonight we come together as the community of the Town of Newton to celebrate the beginning of another business year for our great Town – an all-American, culturally, socially, and economically diverse Town, settled 260 years ago in 1751, and rich with history – a history as old as the United States itself.

I'd also like to start by recognize all of the Town of Newton employees, volunteers, and professionals in attendance this evening. From the municipal offices, we have present Thomas S. Russo, Jr., our Town Manager, Debra Millikin, our Deputy Town Manager, Dawn Babcock, our CFO, Lorraine Read, our Town Clerk, Police Chief Michael Richards along with many of the men and women from the Newton Police Department, Ken Teets, from our Office of Emergency Management, Mike Teets, our Fire Chief, Irv Kenny, Newton First Aid Squad, Ken Jaekel, our DPW Supervisor, Paul Baldwin, our Water and Sewer Supervisor, and many, many other individuals here tonight that work very hard every day to run the complex operations of the great Town of Newton.... Thank you for attending tonight.

I'd also like to acknowledge the presence of Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblyman Gary Chuisano, and the Sussex County Freeholders present tonight, Freeholder Director Rich Zeoli, and Freeholders Zellman, Crabb, Vohden, and Space... your presence tonight underscores the great partnership that exists between the Town of Newton, the County of Sussex, and the State of New Jersey.

Also joining us tonight we have many members of our various professional teams including our general legal counsel, labor legal counsel, and bond counsel, and our engineers, our planners, and our audit professionals. Thank you for your presence tonight which reinforces the important relationship we value with you as we look to you throughout the year for your support and guidance.

Another special group of individuals present here tonight are the men and women of our volunteer First Aid Squad and volunteer Fire Department. Over the past two years, I've had the privilege of working closely with the Newton Fire Department on the design and acquisition of Tower 804. After countless hours around the table, multiple trips in the field, and two journeys to Wisconsin, I'm proud to report that our newest piece of fire apparatus, Tower 804 was officially put into service this morning. Congratulations! In all of my years working with volunteer groups, I can't think of a more committed and dedicated group of individuals than those members from the department I've been fortunate to have worked with. Thank you for being here tonight and for your continued support!

Most importantly, I'd also like to acknowledge my family and friends who have come tonight from as far as West Virginia and Long Island to celebrate the beginning of my Mayoral year. My mom and stepfather, my brother and sister-in-law, my dearest and closest friends, my pastor, and most importantly my husband, Greg, and our three children, Jordan, Madelyn, and Kathryn, whose unconditional love provides the support that enables me to be a true servant leader to my community..... a truly heartfelt thank you to my family and friends for attending tonight.

And finally, to my fellow council members, thank you for your confidence and your vote to appoint me as your next Mayor. I am honored by your trust and humbled by your faith in my ability. This is not a job I will take lightly, rather an awesome responsibility I undertake knowing you are right by my side.

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Together we have been entrusted by the voters of Newton and together we will continue to work hard to ensure that we remain fiscally responsible with their tax dollars and 110% vested in their well-being and quality of life.

So, over the past few weeks, people have been asking me, "What are you going to do as Mayor?" "What is going to be better?" "What are you going to do different?"

First and foremost, I fully recognize that "I" will be doing nothing alone, rather, in collaboration with everyone present tonight, a lot of great things will be happening this year in the Town of Newton!

In terms of economic revitalization, let me start out by emphatically saying, the Town of Newton is open for business!

We will continue to focus time and energy on the continued growth of downtown Spring Street. Under Mayor Becker we saw businesses continue to open on Spring Street and call Newton their home. As we continue to finalize the tax exemption program, it is our hope that we will continue to see business and building owners alike rehabilitate their buildings, maintain quality tenants, and grow their customer bases. Ultimately, it is our goal to see every vacancy filled, every business flourish, and for Newton to be THE destination in Sussex County. To assist and support the businesses in Newton, this year, you will see the hard work of the circulation plan come to fruition. By the fall we will see new bike racks, flag poles, wayfinding signs, the paving of alley ways, improved lighting, and a new parking machine for Western Plaza. In addition, the Economic Development Committee is in the process of completing a new marketing folder that will be used to attract additional businesses and services to Newton. In addition, we are committed to continue to support our businesses in town as they are also committed to helping themselves. Many business owners have been joining forces to share marketing, plan events on Spring Street, and organize promotions all in the hopes of attracting new customers. We applaud your efforts and will continue to support your events. In addition to the growth of our small businesses, this coming year will be exciting for the town of Newton as will see the opening of the much anticipated world headquarters of ThorLabs! Everyday work continues on their beautiful campus on Newton-Sparta Road and ThorLabs remains committed to its investment in the Town of Newton. Not only are they supportive of the municipality, but they are very cognizant of their role as it pertains to social responsibility and provide continued support to our schools and volunteer organizations throughout town. We are looking forward to the ThorLabs' ribbon cutting ceremony and to Newton being the Photonics Capital of the World!

Later this summer, we anticipate the re-opening of the Newton Theatre and welcome its new owners to the Town of Newton. The theatre is certainly a historic and landmark building that sits as a gateway to the center of Town and so it will be wonderful to have it back!

We are also hopeful that we will see the completion of the environmental work that needs to be done on the armory property in hopes that we will be able to move forward on the plans for that property as well.

The Council has also moved forward with plans to amend the Redevelopment Plan for Patterson Avenue in hopes that additional industry will relocate into town. Who knows? In addition to being the Photonics Capital of the World, perhaps Newton will also be the Glitter Capital of the World!

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In addition to all of the economic revitalization work I've just mentioned, we will be hard at work this year on our facilities as well. On top of regular maintenance and road paving projects that we complete on our infrastructure every year, this year we will be completing much needed work on the elevator and a structural wall here at Town Hall. We will be updating our Water & Sewer Master Plan. In addition, as some of you may have noticed, this week we started the major project of upgrading the Merriam Avenue watermain. For the first time, we have brought this project in-house, using our own manpower, expertise, and equipment and therefore saving the taxpayers of Newton hundreds of thousands of dollars. I'm also pleased to report that we are finalizing plans for a new snack stand at the Town pool. Hopefully by this time next year, our residents will be enjoying this new amenity.

Furthermore, I'm pleased to report that just this week, the Town Council approved a resolution and introduced an ordinance that will consolidate our debt and save the taxpayers of Newton over \$400,000..... and this supports our on-going plans to continue to do more with less. And after all, isn't that what we are all faced with these days? Having to do more with less? This year our focus will continue to be to provide quality services to our citizens delivered with high quality customer service, while continuing to be efficient at all levels within the municipality.

We will maintain our status as a leader in the County and in the State by continuing our strategies around shared services. Our list of shared service partnerships has continued and will continue to grow. We will share animal control with Wantage, fire prevention with the County, Construction with Hardyston, dispatch services for seven other communities, and joint projects between Newton DPW and Andover DPW.

As far as our utilities, we will be implementing the findings of our energy audit, exploring the solar PPA with the County, and continue our savings on natural gas and electricity purchases through cooperative pricing.

Increasing efficiency also means increasing our use of available technology. This year we will begin accepting online payments for taxes and utilities and we will also increase our social media presence as it is related to both increased communication for the Town and the Police Department.

In addition to updating our Water & Sewer Master Plan, we will be updating our Land Use Ordinances, implementing the findings of a consultant review of our finance department, and finalizing the codification of our ordinances.

With regards to our emergency services, trust me when I tell you that all decisions made in these departments are made with the safety and well-being of Newtonians at the forefront of each and every decision. I mentioned before the acquisition of new Tower 804 and in addition to that, we are in the process of strategically placing new security cameras along Spring Street and surrounding areas that are tied in directly to the Police Department. This will not only allow for 24/7 surveillance, but also assist our law enforcement professionals in criminal investigations. As a result, we will also have a new surveillance system in Town Hall. This year our EMS has realized success under new leadership and a positive working relationship with Atlantic Ambulance. The incredible services provided by our emergency services would not be possible without the dynamic partnerships and the respect for mutual aid they all possess with each other and surrounding communities.

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As many of you know, I am a huge advocate of volunteerism, servant leadership, and of giving back. For it is through the giving to others do we receive the greatest gifts. And so I want to pledge my commitment to continuing to foster our volunteer relationships in Town. I know first-hand that there isn't a successful non-profit or municipal government that exists without the support, dedication, and commitment of its volunteers. From our teens to our seniors, to the parents that give of their time, talent, and treasure in our various recreation programs, to the volunteers on our various boards and commissions – I thank you! We would not be able to do what we do without out you! Together we are the community of the Town of Newton, and together we are the backbone of all that we hold near and dear – a safe, vibrant community in which we choose to live, work, and play.

Having said that, one of my goals this year is to explore the viability of a Community Garden here in Town – and for that goal to be achieved, we will need volunteers. Many communities throughout the state have established successful community gardens that are mutually beneficial in terms of food production, but also in terms of creating a social environment where we can come together to share in a healthy, fruitful hobby (no pun intended).

Similarly, this year we will maintain our commitment to supporting the community spirit that is alive and thriving in the Town of Newton. And I strongly encourage you all to do the same. Together we will support and participate in the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce events, the Taste of Newton, Newton Day and the fireworks, the Fire Department 5k, the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Tour of Art, the Holiday parade, Santa's visit to Town Hall, the Miss, Little Ms., and Little Mr. Newton contests, the Battle of the Band, and the second annual Clean Communities 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' Event.

So.... That's "what's new" for the Great Town of Newton this year. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but as your Mayor, I promise you that, together, it will be rewarding, gratifying, and inspiring. I stand committed and ready to work by your side. It is my hope that each and every one of us has a lot of pride in the Town of Newton – I know I certainly do and remain faithfully committed for a better Newton. It is also my hope that in my remarks we all can all hear the motto on our website: envisioning our future.

Thank you for being here tonight to share this event with us and thank you for your continued commitment and support to the Town of Newton. May God continue to bless you."

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Le Frois read the following statement:

*"All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Town Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda."*

## **RESOLUTION #136-2011\***

### **REAFFIRM BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following policy is hereby reaffirmed pertaining to Town funds for calendar year

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2011:

- 1) The cash management and investment objectives for the Town of Newton include preservation of capital, adequate safekeeping of assets, maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs, diversification of the Town's portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments, and investment of assets in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations.
- 2) The following banks are hereby authorized to be used as depositories for Town funds:

PNC Bank  
Bank of New York Mellon (Chase)  
New Jersey Cash Management Fund  
Sussex Bank  
Lakeland Bank  
First Hope Bank  
Sovereign Bank  
TD Bank  
Highland State Bank  
Valley National Bank

The above designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer, a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of Eligibility, which is filed semi-annually with the Department of Banking each June 30th and December 31st every year. Effective September 30, 2010 the Chief Financial Officer can obtain a copy of the GUDPA on the website [www.state.nj.us/dobi/division\\_banking/depositories/gudpa.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division_banking/depositories/gudpa.htm).

The above designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer a copy of the institution's "Annual Report" each year.

- 3) All funds shall be deposited within 48 hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

The Chief Financial Officer shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that the amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or promptly swept into the investment portfolio.

The method of calculating banking fees and compensating balances shall be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

- 4) Permissible investments for the Town of Newton shall include a) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; b) government money market mutual funds; c) any Federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors; d) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part; e) any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments; f) local government investment pools; g) New Jersey State Cash Management Fund; and h) repurchase agreements of fully

collateralized securities.

- 5) The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the Town of Newton. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan and all appropriate regulatory constraints.
- 6) Securities purchased on behalf of the Town of Newton shall be delivered electronically or physically to the Town's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the Town.
- 7) The Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Town Council all purchases of investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.
- 8) The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.
- 9) The Chief Financial Officer shall escheat to the State of New Jersey checks which remain outstanding for twelve or more months after the date of issuance.

**RESOLUTION #137-2011\***

**REAFFIRM LEGAL NEWSPAPERS**

**WHEREAS**, the *New Jersey Herald* and the *New Jersey Sunday Herald* were previously designated as legal newspapers for the Town of Newton during calendar year 2011 by Resolution #219-2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that said two newspapers be reaffirmed as legal newspapers for the remainder of calendar year 2011.

**RESOLUTION #138-2011\***

**REAFFIRM SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Newton Town Council established their meeting dates for calendar year 2011 by the adoption of Resolution #225-2010 at their meeting on December 13, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey that the following schedule for 2011 indicates all public meetings of the Newton Town Council for the remainder of the calendar year which will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00pm, unless otherwise indicated, in the Council Chambers, 39 Trinity Street, Newton, New Jersey;

**Council Meetings**

7:00pm

July	11	and	25
August	8	and	22
September	14*	and	26
October	12*	and	24
November	14	and	28
December	12	and	28*

*\*Held Wednesday*

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the purposes of the Act, the official bulletin board for posting notices shall be the bulletin board in the first floor lobby of the Municipal Building at 39 Trinity Street, Newton, New Jersey, with said board being just outside the door of the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *NJ Sunday Herald*, and a copy be filed with the Municipal Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be mailed to any person requesting notices of meetings of the Town Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19 and whoever has paid the required fee for such notice.

**RESOLUTION #139-2011\***

**REAFFIRM OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Newton Town Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and/or Treasurer be authorized to sign all Town, Water and Sewer Utility, and payroll checks effective July 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION #140-2011\***

**REAFFIRM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND/OR FINANCE DIRECTOR AS THE INDIVIDUAL TO SELL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following policy is hereby reaffirmed pertaining to the sale of Bond Anticipation Notes:

- 1) The Chief Financial Officer and/or the Finance Director are hereby authorized to sell Bond Anticipation Notes and directed to determine all matters in connection with said Notes not determined by this or subsequent Resolutions.
- 2) The Chief Financial Officer and/or the Finance Director are directed to report in writing to the Governing Body at the meeting next succeeding the date when the sale or delivery of Notes pursuant to this Resolution is made. Such report is to include the amount, description, interest rate, maturity of the Notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser.
- 3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**RESOLUTION #141-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AS A CLASS I MEMBERS OF THE NEWTON PLANNING BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Mayor Helen R. Le Frois be and is hereby appointed to the Newton Planning Board as a Class I member for the one year period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

**RESOLUTION #142-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AS A CLASS III MEMBER OF THE NEWTON PLANNING BOARD**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Deputy Mayor Sandra Lee Diglio, Town Council member, be and is hereby appointed to the Newton Planning Board as a Class III member for the one-year period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

**RESOLUTION #143-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AS HEARING OFFICER IN ALL MATTERS OF DISPUTE REGARDING THE TOWN OF NEWTON**

**WHEREAS**, certain matters may arise over the course of the year which require a hearing to be conducted for the purpose of resolving issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager of the Town of Newton, is the representative of the Governing Body, as well as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Town Manager is hereby appointed as Hearing Officer in all matters of dispute regarding the Town of Newton for the remainder of calendar year 2011.

**RESOLUTION #144-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON AD HOC REDEVELOPMENT TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton acknowledges there are potential benefits to the Town of Newton to be gained through the process of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities for beneficial redevelopment should be thoroughly, expeditiously and efficiently evaluated and pursued;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby appoints the positions listed below to an ad hoc Redevelopment Team to evaluate and pursue redevelopment opportunities in the Town of Newton for a one-year period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that individuals representing the following positions shall be members of the Redevelopment Team, with said meetings to be called by the Town Manager as needed:

- Mayor;
- Town Manager;
- Deputy Town Manager;
- Town Planner;
- Town Engineer;
- Planning Board Chairperson;
- Redevelopment Counsel; and other professionals and/or staff as deemed necessary by the Town Manager; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, said Redevelopment Team is a purely advisory group working only in an analytical and advisory capacity and is: (a) not empowered to make any decisions; (b) has no effective authority; (c) is not empowered to act by vote; (d) is not governed by the Open Public Meetings Act; and (e) is not a "Redevelopment Agency" pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:12A-11.

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**RESOLUTION #145-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF MS. KRISTEN S. BECKER AS THE TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Councilwoman Kristen S. Becker be and is hereby appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Commission as the Town Council liaison member for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

**RESOLUTION #146-2011\***

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. E. KEVIN ELVIDGE AS TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Councilman E. Kevin Elvidge be and is hereby appointed to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission as the Town Council liaison member for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Mrs. Becker to approve the **COMBINED ACTION**

**RESOLUTIONS**, seconded by Mr. Ricciardo and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mr. Elvidge	Yes
Mr. Ricciardo	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mayor Le Frois	Yes	

**APPOINTMENT**

At this time, Mayor Le Frois made the Mayor’s Appointment to appoint the Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., as a Class II representative to the Planning Board.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Le Frois opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Carl Wilson, brother of Helen Le Frois, congratulated the new Mayor on her appointment.

**COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no further comments to be heard.

**BENEDICTION**

At this time, Rev. Brian Sullivan of Saint Joseph’s R.C. Church led all in the benediction.

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There being no further business to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Becker and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC  
Municipal Clerk