

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006

Present: Ald. Lipof (Chairman), Ald. Salvucci, Weisbuch, and Danberg; absent: Ald. Baker, Gentile, Johnson, and Samuelson

City staff: Michael Kruse, Director of Planning & Development, Eileen McGettigan, Assistant City Solicitor; and Linda Finucane (Chief Committee Clerk)

#346-06      COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS declaring surplus a parcel of land containing approximately 1,065 sf of land known as Section 63, Block 33, Lot 21, located in Chestnut Hill, that contains a city-owned footpath that connects Middlesex Road with the Chestnut Hill MBTA Green Line Station. Brimmer & May School proposes conveying to the city an in-kind portion of land and improving it with a new sidewalk.

**ACTION: FORMATION OF JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP WAIVED 4-0**

**NOTE:** The purpose of this meeting was to determine under the reuse process set out in section 2-7 whether or not to recommend waiving the formation of a Joint Advisory Planning Group (JAPG) for the reuse of surplus city-owned property that does not contain a building.

Planning Director Michael Kruse explained that the Brimmer & May School is proposing a land swap that would include relocating an existing city-owned footpath, approximately 6 ft wide x 170 ft long, west onto an adjacent portion of land the school would be acquiring from Longwood Covered Courts. The existing footpath accesses the Chestnut Hill MBTA station; the new footpath will continue to do so, but upgraded with new lighting and signage to identify access to the MBTA and will be ADA compliant.

Members of the committee after a brief discussion agreed 4-0 upon a motion from the Chairman that this proposal does not warrant formation of a Joint Advisory Planning Group. A public hearing will be assigned for November 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Lipof, Chairman