

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

City of Newton  
Massachusetts

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Aldermen

From: President Baker

Re: Preparation for the Meeting on 2/15 regarding Newton North; Clarification of February 10th memo and attachments on the Newton North High School Project

Date: February 13, 2006

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After the printing of the Correspondence on the Newton North High School Project on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, I realized that the sources of the attachments were not clearly listed. Please find below the list of attachments and the source of the information, followed by some further notes on what to anticipate on the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### List of Attachments

1. Text of Sec 5-58. Site plan approval for construction or modification of municipal buildings and facilities – *from the City's Ordinances, 2001.*
2. Aerial views of Options 1, 2, 3, and 3a for Newton North construction – *from the architect's NNHS Conceptual Design Presentation on 02/09/2006.*
3. Matrix of Site Planning Considerations – *excerpted from the architect's NNHS Conceptual Design Presentation 02/09/2006.*
4. Site Plan Approval Process Flow Chart (with thanks to Alderman Johnson) – *prepared by Aldermen Johnson with the assistance of Sandy Pooler.*
5. Answers to Questions posed by Aldermen – *answers provided by Nick Parnell and Sandy Pooler, with the authors of the questions omitted though they remain on the original memorandum for reference if need be.*
6. Matrix comparing high school options – *prepared by Sandy Pooler and Nick Parnell in response to requests from me in consultation with and Ald. Vance and Sangiolo.*
7. Memo from David Wilkinson regarding the Mayor's Multi-Year Financing Plan.

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My expectation would be for the 2/15 meeting to focus first on the various high school options, using the option comparison (item 6) as a starting point. We would then move to a discussion of the various new school options (principally using items 2 and 3), followed by further responses to aldermanic questions not yet clear from the responses (item 5) including construction manager at risk, and other matters of process (including flow chart and ordinance), except for those relating specifically to financing.

We would then move to a discussion of financing whatever options seem most appropriate then to consider, relying on Mr. Pooler and Mr. Wilkinson's materials provide on Friday or earlier.

Thus in summary, the process is to focus on the design choices and then financing implications that flow from those choices.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we have an unusual opportunity to have the design and finance professionals in attendance and we need to take advantage of their expertise while we have them. Again, I recognize that all this discussion may indeed carry over until March first, but we will do the best we can.

Finally, as in the past meetings, I have invited the members of the School Committee to join us, and will ask suspension of the Rules to allow them to sit with us inside the rail.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to offer any advice, which I always welcome.

cc: Mayor Cohen, Mr. Pooler, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Olson, School Committee and Mr. Young.