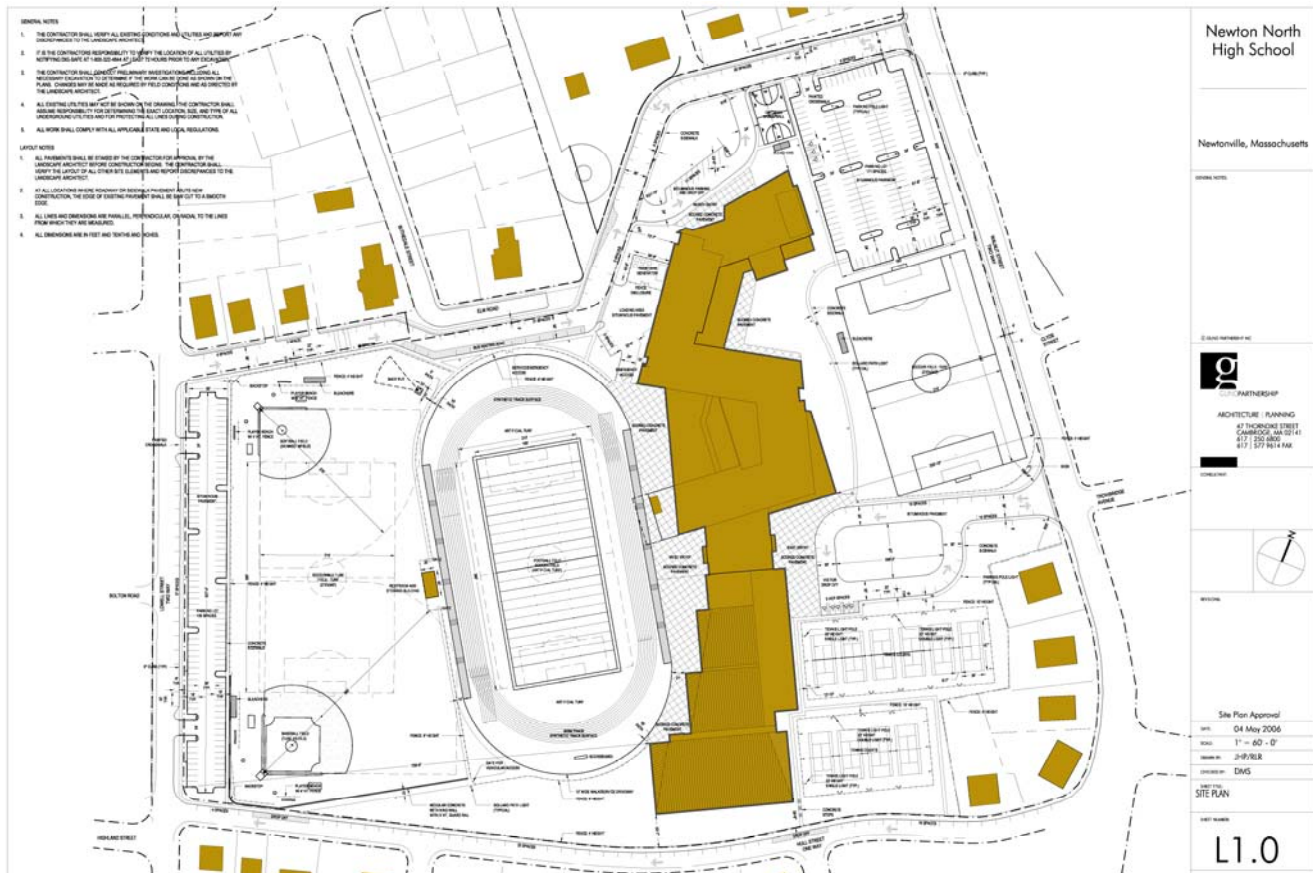


# Welcome to the Public Hearing or Working Session of the Newton Board of Aldermen's Public Facilities Committee

## Newton North High School Site Plan Approval

**Hearing:** Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 7:45 pm  
Continued, if necessary, on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 8:15 pm

**Working Session:** Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7:45 pm  
Continued, if necessary, to Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:45 pm.



### Background

Chapter 5, section 58, of the City of Newton's Ordinances lays out the process for site plan approval for construction or modification of municipal buildings and facilities. The ordinance requires that the City's Design Review Committee (DRC) approve an initial design concept for the new facility and file those plans with the Board of Aldermen before proceeding to detailed design and construction drawings. The Design Review Committee has approved an initial design concept for a New Newton North High School and has forwarded the schematic site plans to the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen, acting through the Public Facilities Committee, is now holding public hearings as required by the ordinance. As stated in the ordinance, "The committee shall deliberate and negotiate such changes to the site plan and affix such restrictions and conditions as are in the public interest, and it shall make its report to the Board of Aldermen within forty-five (45) days following the public hearing." The full text of the ordinance can be found on the Aldermen's website at:  
[www.ci.newton.ma.us/Legal/Ordinance/chapter\\_05.htm#art4](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Legal/Ordinance/chapter_05.htm#art4).

### **The Hearing**

The Public Facilities Committee is composed of eight aldermen, one from each of Newton's eight wards. The Committee is chaired by Alderman Sydra Schnipper - who will be presiding at the Public Hearing and Working Sessions. The vice-chair is Alderman Salvucci. Members of the Committee include: Aldermen Weisbuch, Albright, Gentile, Yates, Mansfield, and Lappin.

The Agenda for the Public Hearing for Site Plan Approval will begin with presentations by the Design Review Committee, the Architects, and the Traffic Engineers. Once the presentations have been completed, the Aldermen will be allowed time to ask questions. After the Aldermen have asked their questions, the Chair will allow comments from the public. Each Newton resident who would like to be heard will be allowed three minutes to present their thoughts or opinions.

Newton residents who wish to speak at the public hearing must sign up on the sign-up sheet provided in the Aldermanic Chambers. Speakers will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. Once recognized by the chair, speakers must move to the podium, state their name and address, and provide their thoughts or opinions in three minutes or less - the chair will cut you off if you go over the 3-minute time limit. If there are more residents wishing to be heard then can be reasonably accommodated on the night of June 6, the hearing will be continued on June 8 and those who were not heard will be invited to return on that evening. If those wishing to speak can not return on June 8, they may communicate with the Committee by submitting written remarks which will be reviewed as part of the working session. To submit written remarks via E-mail, please send them to David Olson, Clerk of the Board, at [dolson@newtonma.gov](mailto:dolson@newtonma.gov).

### **The Working Session**

At the working session, the Public Facilities Committee, and any other Aldermen who wish to attend, will review the information that they have gathered during the hearing process. At that time, City staff will also provide technical information and guidance. The Committee will deliberate and negotiate such changes to the site plan and affix such restrictions and conditions as are in the public interest. The Committee will make findings and vote on a recommendation to the full board.

These meetings are open meetings and the public is welcome to attend and listen, but the public will not have the opportunity to speak unless the Chairman consents or the Committee specifically asks for more information.

For further information on the process and to keep abreast of the schedule, please feel free to contact David A. Olson, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen at 617-796-1210, or check the Aldermen's webpages at: [www.ci.newton.ma.us/aldermen](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/aldermen).

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