

Newton North High School Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 29, 2008
Meeting Notes

Mayor Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Aldermen and Committee Members Present: Alderman Steve Linsky, Alderman Susan Albright, Alderman Mitch Fischman, School Committee Member Marc Laredo, School Committee Member Reenie Murphy, Captain Matt Cummings, Laura Naylor, Vice-Principal Susan Ostrer, Jim Robertson, Steve Shufro, Beverly Spencer, Sarah Ecker, Dan Gaulin, and Nikki Shearman.

The Agenda items included:

- ***Introduction from the Mayor***
- ***Construction Updates***

Public Buildings Commissioner Nick Parnell announced blasting is completed. ACM (Asbestos Containing Material) removal in Zones 1-4 is complete. Zones 5 and 6 should be complete within 2-3 weeks. The foundations for the new high school are expected to be underway by mid-February.

Committee member Laura Naylor inquired about an uncovered pile of fill on the site. Sherlie LaPierre, Dimeo Construction, explained that it was debris from the blasting which will be put through the crusher and used for fill excavated areas on site. Mayor Cohen asked that reasonable steps be made to cover any uncovered piles as soon as possible.

Committee member Beverly Spencer inquired as to why the hoe ram was back at the construction site. Sherlie LaPierre explained that it was being used for just a few days to clean up left over debris from the blasting in excavated areas.

- ***Other Items***

Committee member Steve Shufro reported and thanked the construction management team for repairing the construction fence on Elm Street.

Vice-Principal, Susan Ostrer reported that the parking issues noted at the meeting on January 8, regarding Dexter Road, have been resolved. She also commended the DPW crew on their improved efforts to remove snow on streets and sidewalks around the high school over the last month.

Committee member Laura Naylor commented that the Blasting Damage Complaint Form she submitted to the Fire Department did not allow for a range of dates for incidents that she could not pinpoint exactly when the damage occurred. Planning Director Mike Kruse explained that this form was not meant as a claim form to submit for reimbursement of damages but was only a form that would allow the Fire Department to determine whether or not the blasting contractor violated state regulations. Mayor Cohen commented that if she or any of the abutters have a damage claim they should seek legal counsel to determine the appropriate method and forms to file the claim.

- ***The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.***