

Newton North High School Liaison Committee
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, Newton North High School Library
Meeting Notes

Aldermen and Committee Members Present: Mayor Setti Warren, Bob Rooney - Chief Operating Office, David Turocy – Deputy Commissioner of DPW, Art Cabral – Interim Commissioner of Public Buildings, Jeanne White, Laura Naylor, Steve Shufro, Sarah Ecker, Jim Robertson, School Committee Member Reenie Murphy, Captain Howard Mintz, NNHS Principal Jennifer Price, Arnie Bauchner, Beverly Spencer, Alderman Susan Albright, Alderman Stephen Linsky.

Bob Rooney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Agenda items included:

- ***Introduction/Comments from Mayor***
- ***Construction Updates:***
Jennifer Price updated the Committee on the naming process for the ceremonial drive. A committee was designated and input received from the students and staff. The selected name is “Tiger Drive”. This name will need to be approved by the School Committee and the Board of Aldermen before becoming official.

Tripp Elmore, Turner Construction, provided highlights on the project as follows. The overall building is 85% complete. The exterior skin of the building is in the high 90% complete. The bedding surface for the turf field is complete. The turf surface will be laid on the bedding in the spring of 2010. Classrooms on the 3rd and 4th floors of the main building are complete and they are working on punch lists.

In the next two weeks they will begin finishing the tennis court area, removing the construction fence and necessary trees. Committee member Laura Naylor asked for a site visit to be scheduled to discuss the options for this area. Bob Rooney agreed it would be scheduled.

Main construction access off Walnut St. will be closed in March/April 2010 to install the landscaping for soccer field. As part of this, the trailers will be removed and the contractors will be working out of the new building in March. They will be looking at creating a new construction opening access on Elm St. The Police detail would be moved to the new entrance.

Committee member Beverly Spencer asked when the landscaping along Hull St. is scheduled to be planted. Tripp Elmore commented that it is anticipated while some of the eastern section will be planted this year, the majority will be done in 2011. Beverly asked that a site visit be planned to further discuss the plantings in that area with abutters. Bob Rooney agreed that this would be scheduled.

Abutter, Kimball Terrace, asked when Elm Road would be open to the public. Tripp Elmore stated July 2010. The abutter commented that he had concerns about safety and asked that solutions to the traffic patterns be discussed prior to the opening. He also commented that he felt there were traffic design issues regarding the bus drop-off and loading dock that should be considered. It was suggested that Clint Schuckel, City Traffic Engineer, be present at the next Committee meeting to

discuss traffic flow on Elm Road, as well as issues with potential parking restrictions on Walnut Street and the Tiger Permit Parking Plan for the upcoming school year.

Bob Rooney presented a rough timeline for completion of the construction of the new building, moving furniture/equipment/supplies, and the follow-on demolition of the existing Newton North High School.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m. Next Meeting – March 2

- ***Action Items:***

- ✓ Site visit to tennis court area – Review landscaping options with abutters
- ✓ Site visit to Hull St. – Review landscaping options with abutters
- ✓ Elm St construction entrance
- ✓ Abutters of Kimball Terrace – Discuss traffic solutions prior to the opening of Elm Road
- ✓ Abutters of Kimball Terrace – Bus drop-off area – potential traffic design issues
- ✓ Abutter, John Joyce, parking issues on Walnut St. from Hull St. to Elm Rd.
- ✓ Student/School Staff parking for transition to new building and future – Clint Schuckel