

Newton North High School Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Meeting Notes

Aldermen and Committee Members Present: Mayor David B. Cohen, Alderman Steve Linsky, Alderman Susan Albright, School Committee Member Reenie Murphy, Police Chief Matt Cummings, NNHS Principal Jennifer Price, and neighbors Dan Gaulin, Steve Shufro, Beverly Spencer, and Jim Robinson.

The Agenda items included:

- ***Introduction/Comments from the Mayor***

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

- ***Construction Updates/Progress on Floor Pouring, Progress of Exterior Walls***

Public Buildings Commissioner Nick Parnell gave a construction update saying that work is continuing vigorously. The building has been temporarily enclosed, to allow electrical, mechanical and masonry work to continue inside the building. Exterior masonry work is expected to begin soon. Exterior bricks have begun to arrive on-site.

Concrete pours are continuing, and work has not been extending too far beyond 7:00 PM noise limit. The contractor has sought noise waivers as a precaution should work extend beyond 7:00 PM. The City has been receiving fewer complaints related to noise and lights. The temporary roof is being installed. The permanent roof will be white in color. Mr. Parnell said that updated photographs get uploaded almost every Friday on the City website, after weekly construction meetings.

Committee member Steve Shufro stated that some homes lost water for a third time, which is understandable, but he would like a single phone number to call for project information. Mr. Parnell said that neighbors should call the Public Buildings Department for any questions or information relating to the construction 617-796-1600. This number will be publicized on the website. Mayor Cohen noted that whenever the City knows in advance that something will happen, information would be placed on the City website.

Committee member Beverly Spencer asked when the temporary heaters would be no longer be used. It was mentioned that the mason needs a temperature of 40 degrees or above to do their work. Mr. Parnell responded that the heaters would probably be turned off in early April.

On behalf of a neighbor, who was interested in a specific update, Committee member Jim Robinson asked a question relating to the landscape plan. Mr. Parnell said there are many layers of information on a plan and any interested neighbor should call the Public Building Department to get the further information.

Principal Jen Price thanked the City for the great effort on the part of the Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department, as well as the City's snow plow contractors during this challenging snow season.

Mayor Cohen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.