Foster Street Abutters' Recommendations on Conditions in Draft Board Order for Proposed Washington Place Project – May 24, 2017

Where possible, we have noted the Condition number in the most recent draft:

- 1. The developer will mitigate the impact on abutters of the ramp and ramp entrance to the underground parking and the loading dock entrance to include fencing and plantings to be approved by those neighbors.
- 2. Fencing along the northern boundary including #14 to #40 Foster Street and #227 Walnut Street will be of a consistent height and materials approved by those neighbors.
- 3. There will be plantings of trees and bushes for maximum screening along the northern boundary (same addresses as above) to be approved by those neighbors (*Condition 30*).
- 4. Limitations on times for deliveries to the loading dock and for removal of trash will be agreed upon by neighbors (*Condition 31*). Wording also should be added to this Condition to minimize any impact on abutters.
- 5. Snow removal will not impede or damage the rear berm, trees, plantings and fence.
- 6. Lighting will not be intrusive to neighbors' properties and will respond to the Planning Department's memo description of the project as "over-lit".
- 7. Plantings and other measures will be taken to address the "heat island effect" noted by the Newton Planning Department.
- 8. Indemnification of neighbors for any construction-related damages will be provided by the developer.
- 9. The purpose and scope of any "pre-construction survey" as specified in *Condition 23h*. are unclear and require clarification.
- 10. Construction hours on Saturdays will be limited to 8 am 1:00 pm (Condition 20).
- 11. "Construction liaison committee" should be renamed the "Project Liaison Committee", with its duration extended to at least twelve (12) months after occupancy, with monthly meetings throughout (unless there is consensus that no meeting is necessary) and a provision that it review (and not just monitor implementation of) the final Construction Management Plan. (*Condition 22*). Related to this, the words "as appropriate" should be struck from *Condition 21*.
- 12. The "post occupancy traffic study" should include an assessment of traffic volumes on Page Road, Foster Street and Lowell Ave. (*Condition 35*)