

13 August 2013

Land Use Committee  
Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Committee Meeting August 13, 2013 – Item #218-13(2), Fallon Development Inc. Petition

Dear Members of the Committee:

We own and reside at 123 Otis Street in Newtonville, which abuts the property that is the subject of the above-captioned petition. Peter Fallon of Fallon Development Inc. has kindly shared with us his plans for the layout of the proposed houses, driveways, and accompanying landscaping. Because we are unable to attend tonight's meeting, we are writing to state that we have no objections to any of the proposed layout/landscaping in the plans dated August 5, 2013.

That said, we have previously discussed with Mr. Fallon our concerns with enduring a lengthy period of construction and blasting should the petition be granted. As the Committee may be aware, this particular property went through a lengthy round of demolition and site preparation prior to its purchase by Fallon Development Inc., including a dozen or more controlled explosions and the extremely noisy removal of a great deal of underlying ledge. Much of this work was ultimately for naught since the earlier construction was never completed, and the proposed new houses will be sited differently. We are naturally not looking forward to another round of such work just a few steps away.

We understand, of course, that a certain amount of noise is inevitable, and we do look forward to seeing the property change from its current state – it has not been much more than a hole in the ground for a great many months. But we also ask that the Committee consider the imposition of reasonable restrictions on the times during which the noisiest parts of the construction can occur, particularly on weekends and during some of the fall and winter holidays. We leave it to the Committee to strike the appropriate balance between such restrictions and the timely completion of this project.

Sincerely,

 

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