

August 8, 2013

Linda Finucane  
Committee Clerk  
Special Permits

Dear Committee:

Re: Ref#231-13

On August 1<sup>st</sup> I received a notice that was sent to abutters of 30 Ossipee Street in Newton Upper Falls. This notice informed us of a hearing to consider a new type of business tenant at the Ossipee address. My property at 2 & 4 Shawmut Park is directly across the street from 30 Ossipee. I am writing to express my deep concern related to this notice. I am surprised that this notice was not sent sooner, as heavy construction/renovation has already started. I was under the assumption an existing firm was renovating. The change in use from the current office setting to "My Gym" will have a significant impact on the neighborhood. The current business tenant generates very little traffic. Employees arrive in the morning and leave at the end of the day with little traffic in between. The change to My Gym will generate significant traffic all day starting at 7am and going through until 7pm. There are even "babysitting" events that go through 8:30 in the evening. The classes offered by My Gym are typically 1-2 hours long so traffic will be much heavier all day, not just first thing in the morning and at the end of the business day.

This is a very quiet neighborhood. We have neighbors who happen to be businesses, but these manufacturing and consulting businesses have not adversely affected noise and traffic for immediate abutters. This change to My Gym will significantly and adversely affect the neighborhood and I am disheartened that the City of Newton chose not to notice neighbors until after approvals and renovations have begun.

Concerns specific to my property include the fact that one unit of the building is less than 50 ft from the door to 30 Ossipee. This will absolutely affect the residents of these 2 units significantly and could affect my ability to rent in the future.

There is a meeting scheduled on Tuesday to consider approval so that neighbors can weigh in on the impact. I will attend that meeting. I am concerned that this meeting will have little impact since they have already started heavy construction. This suggests that My Gym owners have already been told that they're approved to open.

What options do abutters have?

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