

WABAN AREA COUNCIL AGENDA

Thurs., June 16, 2016, 7:30pm

Waban Library Center - www.wabanareacouncil.com

WABAN AREA COUNCIL MEETING: 7:30PM (FIRM TIME) **FOLLOWING 7PM ZERVAS COMMUNITY AND CONSTRUCTION TEAM MEETING**

I. APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES JC (4 min)

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT RG (2 min)

III. BURNING ISSUES: Community comments for future agenda or immediate resolution. (5 min)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING WABAN HISTORIC DIST. RG (5 min)

V. PUBLIC PROCESS OF STREET DESIGN APPROVAL FOR ZERVAS AD (30min)

A. June 23, at WLC at 6:30pm – JOINT ZSBC-DRC Meeting- Waban Community Input

B. Public Facilities and Traffic Council – additional community input (?)

C. WAC Letter to ZSBC-ZRC: **ACTION: VOTE ON LETTER**

VI. WAC VISIONING COMMUNITY SURVEY – SURVEY QUESTIONS AND SURVEY COST:
ACTION: VOTE ON SURVEY QUESTIONS AND COST CP (20 min)

VII. CHARTER COMMISSION – WAC ARTICLE 9 STUDY GROUP FOR SEPTEMBER
PRESENTATION TO CHARTER COMMISSION SHL (5 min)

VIII. UPDATES: (15min)

A. St. Philip Neri/1521 Beacon St.: Continuation of ZBA Public Hearing. KW (5 min)

B. Staples-Craft House at 1615 Beacon Street. KW (5 min)

C. “Waban Common” (Island Across from Angier). MRM and SHL (5 min)

IX. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: WAC Website Review. JC, MRM, CP (10min)

Process for evaluating website content including addition of new content and removal of existing content.

X. NEW BUSINESS: New items that may lawfully arise for discussion.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NO WABAN AREA COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY!

ZBA Public Hearing on St. Philip Neri – (Postponed from May) – To be Continued to July 14.

XII. ADJOURN. Next regularly scheduled Waban Area Council Meeting: August 11 at 7:30pm, immediately following the Zervas Construction Team/Community Meeting at 7PM.

We encourage you to contribute to the Newton Food Pantry, housed in the basement of the Waban Library Center, by bringing non-perishable food items when you attend our monthly meetings! The Food Pantries especially need your donations year round!

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a special accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711.

AGENDA ATTACHMENT: DRAFT LETTER re ZERVAS STREET DESIGN

DRAFT

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Zervas Building Committee
Design Review Committee
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Street and Traffic Designs for the New Zervas School

Dear xxx:

We are writing to request that your committees take into account the discussions the Waban Area Council held about the new Zervas and both past and future traffic and safety around school arrival, departure, and in general along Beethoven, Allen and Evelyn.

Attached are minutes from two meetings we hosted for neighbors, abutters, and city officials.

Common concerns were the amount of traffic currently generated by the school, as well as the consequences of widening Beethoven further. The safety of children walking to school and the safety and neighborliness of both Beethoven and Allen in the off hours were a significant concern.

Waban Area Council heard several suggestions that could both save the city in construction funds (by not widening Beethoven or adding a right-turn lane), and improve the congestion on Beethoven and Beacon during peak traffic times. We hope you will consider these.

We also hope that you will take into account the current City planning efforts around transportation, the application of which in this neighborhood would further support neighborhood quality of life, student health and safety, while also alleviating congestion in front of schools.

Sincerely,

Waban Area Council

By: Sallee Lipshutz, President

cc: Hon. Mayor Setti Warren
City Councilor Deb Crossley
City Councilor John Rice
City Councilor Brian Yates