



## Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee

### Site / Project Progress Notes:

The following observations were noted during weekly walks of the site and meetings/conversations with JPI Representatives.

### General/ Work Progress

Site remains orderly with construction fencing in tact. As the major portions of the building were razed, the number of vehicles on site dropped to approximately 15-20 vehicles each day. By months end, NASDI has reduced its equipment and work force considerably, again due to the building being completely raised.

- Demolition work remaining consists largely of segregating materials and removing them from site. Foundations are also approximately 90 percent removed and some limited site leveling/grading has taken place.
- The general contractor has scrapped down and cleaned the parking lot and access areas.
- The general contractor received a demolition permit for the removal of the Nurses Building. Asbestos and hazardous material abatement is complete in the building. Several architectural pieces were removed from the building in accordance with the NPP and are stored on site.
- Blasting and site work phase public informational meeting was held at the Senior Center where JPI introduced its site and blasting contractors. Both have work experience in Arlington.

### Site Inspections

Rodent Control No new activity has been reported. Waltham Chemical continues to monitor traps and report to the ISD/Health Department.

Dust/Air Monitoring: Blackstone Engineering is on site and monitoring air quality during exterior building demolition activities. Reports due.

Vibration Monitoring: McPhail Associate, Inc. has been monitoring seismographs for any excessive vibrations. Reports due.

Noise Monitoring: Acentech has been monitoring the site for any excessive noise problems. Report due.

### Look Ahead

- The nurses building demolition is scheduled to begin the first week of March and take approximately two weeks to drop and remove the building.
- Site work, consisting of removing retaining walls and site elements, stripping of asphalt and concrete, removal of soils (Overburden) to expose ledge and general site prep is scheduled to Late March into the first week of April. Blasting could begin shortly thereafter if all surveys and permits are complete.
- Blasting contractor will begin probing/drilling the site for more detailed and accurate accounting of ledge.

### Issues

- The blasting contractor and survey company has been replaced by JPI. The new contractor is Maine Drilling and Blasting. SNAC Chair was notified and assisted in writing letter of explanation to owners of properties to be surveyed.
- Early start-up. At the blasting phase kick-off meeting, it was reported that vehicles were starting early. Issue was discussed with on site Supervisors and NPP Contact from JPI. No further incidents have been reported.

Permanent Fence: Residents have expressed a concern with routing of permanent fence. JPI to provide a plan showing route of fence for input from those concerned.



**Complaints/Inquiries:** The following questions have been submitted to JPI/DTR for follow up.

- I would like to see the vibration monitoring report for the month of January and to understand the schedule for monitoring as the excavation commences. [Reports should be available at next SNAC meeting. Monitoring will continue daily throughout blasting activities and per NPP.](#)
- We have previously requested information about the location of the rock crusher, when is the site work specifically blasting scheduled to commence? [Mid April. Location to be discussed at SNAC.](#) We have not been notified of our date for the pre-blast survey which we understand is a different consultant than the pre-demo survey consultant. If it is also Wolsey, they have been to our house for the pre demo and we are all set. [Blasting contractor and surveyor have been replaced. Notice has been sent to those requiring survey.](#)
- According to the NPP (p.10), SRA is to retain Acentech to "provide noise monitoring and consultation monthly during Phase 1 which includes demolition, sitework,blasting, rock processing, grading etc. Do you have any reports from this consultant? [SNAC meeting](#)
- Although dust has not been an issue to date, with rock processing and excavation looking like it will be during the summer months, do you have a plan from them for reporting. [Dust control is required for this operation and will be monitored consist with the demo operation and modified as needed. Typically, water is sprayed and directly connected to the rock crushing machine.](#)
- What is the status of the sidewalks on Woodside Lane [Town to advise.](#)
- What is the status of the RFP and follow-up on the consultant for the Conservation area vegetation survey? [No report of progress.](#)
- There is a lot of debris (it is under the snow now) at the Woodside Gate, next time we have a thaw, please ask JPI to send someone out to clean up this area. [Reported directly to site personnel and addressed.](#)



**Typical Drill Rig. (Currently on site)**