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From: A Robbart [REDACTED]
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Thank you again for the meeting on January 8th. Below are follow up questions regarding the site for the architects and planners, and a comment/reaction to one of the newer plans.

Question:

1.) What is the amount of "Open Space", in sq ft, acres and percentage of OS, the architects and planners now assign to the current Callanan and Tobin School sites?

Note: The amount currently zoned as Open Space (which includes an area now used as a parking lot) is about 6.5 acres. The current school is almost all in what is zoned Res B, with about 15% of the building in the part zoned "Open Space". You may or may not be using the current zoning designation, but it would help us to know what you are using.

2.) How do you count "Open Space" when you present new designs? Is it anything that is not occupied by the building itself, or something else?

Please also give us the categories/ definitions you use: Public Open Space/ Private Open Space, Green Open Space, Permeable Open Space?

And, in addition to the current numbers you use, as the lots are now, please include the projected ones with any drawings you present (Sq Ft, acres, percentages of OS). I know this will be more clear as the plan becomes more specific, but it would help us judge plans.

Comment/Reaction to Newer Plan:

After thinking about the revised drawings shown on 1/8/2020, while the "A" design is an improvement, I realized we may not have articulated something important: that extending the building out toward Concord Av (the so-called "stem") and bisecting the fields is a significant problem in terms of taking park land, also in terms of hazardous waste disturbed. If you must take "OS", please use more of the space where there is now parking (the triangle towards the commercial part of Fresh Pond Parkway and the Armory boundary) even if you have to build higher, rather than bisecting the park/fields.

If possible, please reply before the meeting this Thursday via email.

Thank you,
Ann Robbart
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