QUESTION Does SPS have plans to auction items salvaged from the buildings? I would think there would be opportunities for the School Committee or PTO to monetize as well as upcycle some of these items rather than have these items end up in a landfill.

ANSWER The Historical Commission has toured the school and has targeted a few items of historical significance to be salvaged. We are anticipating receiving a letter from the Historical Commission on this matter. We are reviewing the potential to salvage other items from the building. The project is working toward LEED SILVER Certification and will be required to do recycling of materials as part of the demolition of the existing building. In addition we are looking into opportunities to send some building contents overseas to underprivileged regions.

QUESTION Regarding demolition activities, any idea of the number of trees that would be removed? How many would be saved? Any idea of the number of trees that would be replanted upon completion of the construction? I know residents are going to ask so I think we should know.

ANSWER The current plan is to remove most trees in the middle of the school site with the hope of saving some trees of the perimeter. We will be having a Tree Hearing soon with the Tree Warden where we will be identifying all trees over 6' caliper to be removed. We are also working closely with the Conservation Commission regarding any trees that need to be removed in the buffer zones. The current landscape plan calls for more than 90 new trees to be planted on the site. In addition, we are calling for more than 250 shrubs, perennials, grasses and ground cover in the areas which will not be hardscaped or lawns.

QUESTION Truck Routing and Temp Traffic Control: I know with the quarry permit there is a requirement to street sweep weekly. Is that contemplated here as well? If not, I think it should be to provide certainty to neighbors. There will be many, many trips to and from the site and I think it's important to keep streets passable and clean of dust and debris, as I am sure you do also. Additionally, will trucks only be allowed to turn right out of Orchard Circle onto Humphrey St?

ANSWER We feel as though it is in the Town's best interest for street sweeping to remain a performance based standard and for the contractor to be required to keep the streets clean; we intend to strictly enforce this contract condition. There will be an effort to keep as much dust and debris onsite as possible so that the streets remain clear, but we will also have a requirement for street sweeping as needed. The contractor will have this responsibility, but also under the watchful eye of the OPM and the town and we will be able to require additional sweeping as needed.

The current traffic plan calls for trucks to turn off of Orchard Circle and be directed towards Vinnin Square.

QUESTION Dust Control: Will we have dust monitoring, sampling and testing similar to what we do with the quarry when they blast? I appreciate all reasonable efforts to minimize dust on the street, but it does seem a bit loose and could be more specific.

ANSWER We will be requiring dust control measures consistent with a construction project of this size. All dust creating activities will be closely monitored and controlled. There will be a full time on-site OPM to assure dust control is adequate as well as continuing participation by representatives of the Town. Extensive use of water is the best tool available for dust control. There is a hydrant on site that will provide a constant water source for dust control.

QUESTION Regarding contaminated soil, are there safety measures above and beyond spraying and wetting the dust/particulates and covering the trucks that we can employ? Notifications to neighbors to keep windows closed before/during/after blasting and removal of this "contaminated" material? In our packet there is mention of 5,800 CY of potentially contaminated material, however upon closer inspection the quantity is expected to decrease. Any idea by how much?

ANSWER In regards to the safety measures in addition to the contractor having a subcontractor or team certified in handling the contaminated soils, the town will also have the OPM site manager onsite as well as a "Licensed Site Professional" from the design team providing oversite and ensuring proper procedures are done and also verifying the disposal of any soils removed is completed at a properly approved site. There are special dust control measures for contaminated soils found in the Soil Management Plan. Total volume of contaminated soil is estimated at 3,374 CY the majority of which is only classified as Class B-1 or Class B-2 soil.

QUESTION Rock Crushing: Definitely will be disruptive to neighbors, but will reduce the number of trips to and from the site bringing in and removing materials. Any concept of the 13,500 CY of rock ledge that will be processed on site and how the processing on site will reduce the number of trips to/from site?

ANSWER Uncrushed ledge is estimated to require up to 1300 truck loads of removal from the site. The total reduction of truck loads due to crushing will depend on exactly how much crushed material can be reused on site. The trucking reduction due to crushing will be significant.

QUESTION What will the trips to/from the site do to our roadways? Per my estimates, total export could be 2500 trips (10CY trucks) and imports could be 4200 trips using 10CY trucks.

ANSWER Any trucking on the roads will be required to meet all federal and state guidelines for weights and measures. These guidelines are designed to protect the roads from excessive damage.

QUESTION Drilling and blasting: How far in advance would be notify the neighbors of blasting and how would we do such? Certified mailing with a schedule? Phone call? Text message? Knock on the door? Would just the neighbors within the blast radius be notified, or would the entire town be notified? This might help us collect emails and phone numbers that we can use for other informational purposes as well. Additional details here would be helpful.

ANSWER Typically we would notify all abutters by mail. In addition we plan to notify anyone within 300' of the property line and request a pre-blast survey of their property. This is done with 3 mailings, the 3rd being certified. In addition we will continue to host public forums with the general public and also more intimate meetings with the abutters and neighbors on the pre-blast list. We will continue to keep the neighbors updated about the project.

QUESTION Will the contractor(s) bidding on this job be able to work within the confines spelled out by this permit? Will the blast vibrations no greater than 1.0' per second be able to do this work within the allotted time frame of three months? Will the ground vibration levels remain under 130 dB(L)? Will our blast consultant be on with us tomorrow to address and explain?

ANSWER If we are limited to 1.0'/second we will not be able to meet the 3 months planned. In fact the blaster may need to have 2 crews at 2.0'/second to be able to meet that time duration. Currently if we assume 13,500 cy and assume that we can have a typical blast ranging from 75-150 cy (average at 125 cy) that would require a total of 108 shots. (this is assuming 2.0'/second). If we have a crew doing 2 shots/day that would be 54 working days or 11 weeks. That duration is about 2.5 months but does not allow for the earthwork before and after, nor the time for crushing, etc... If we were to lower that limit to 1.0'/second we expect that duration to more than double. The ground vibration level of 130 dB(L) is reasonable.

The blasting consultant will not be available at the meeting but has provided a letter of recommendation for the project.