



# Gedney Association

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Dear Fellow Gedney Neighbors,

The recent Meeting of the Common Council on February 1st was confusing to say the least. Many residents came to the Meeting expecting the Common Council to vote on the FASNY Special Permit and Site Plan as ordered by Judge Lefkowitz of the State Supreme Court. As you know, the Judge in her *Preliminary Decision* denied FASNY's request to overturn the super-majority vote requirement to close a portion of Hathaway Lane. The Judge also ordered the Common Council to vote on the Special Permit and Site Plan.

At the start of the Meeting on February 1st, The Mayor announced that the Common Council had decided to appeal the Judge's order to vote. He did not go into detail as to why. The Mayor did state however that the partial road closure was an integral part of the Site Plan and since a super-majority vote was not achieved to close the road on August 5, 2015 the Council decided not to vote on the Site Plan. The Mayor said that "The Site Plan is dependent on the partial closure of Hathaway Lane and without that closure it cannot be approved".

The decision to appeal the Judge's order was not unanimous.

Three key things are clear however:

1. The vote to close a portion of Hathaway Lane failed on August 5, 2015;
2. The Common Council found the road closure to be an "integral component" to the Site Plan;
3. The Judge denied FASNY's request to overturn the super-majority requirement to close the road.
4. Remember the Common Council vote last August 5th was the key decision. An "integral" element of the FASNY plan was denied. The Preliminary Decision of the Judge affirmed the super-majority vote requirement.

We owe our appreciation to the Common Council members who voted against the road closure but also to the School Board who found the FASNY plan "profoundly unsafe" for its students, the Conservation Board that found the FASNY Plan not compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan, The Planning Board's serious questions with the plan and the numerous neighborhood associations throughout the City that formally opposed the FASNY complex including the 8 associations representing people living in the immediate vicinity of the former Country Club. Lastly, let no one forget the 2,000 residents from every street in the City that signed a petition opposing the massive school. A true community effort!

Very truly yours,

John E. Sheehan, President  
The Gedney Association