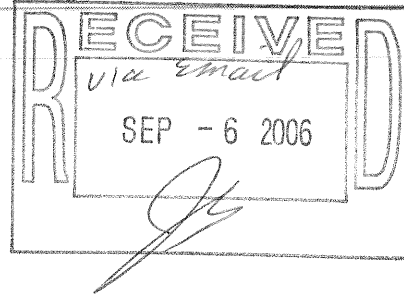


**Szklut, Jay**

**From:** Missal, Gerry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2006 1:20 PM  
**To:** Szklut, Jay  
**Cc:** Holland, Peter; Younger, Thomas; William Chin  
**Subject:** RE: Uplands 40B Project,



Jay,

I have always assumed that we would have to provide busing to any students from Acorn Park, since there is no direct walking route without using Route 2. In my financial impact statement, I had included the cost of busing.

Questions which I had felt were outstanding were:

- which elementary school the children would attend, since once on a bus, it is equally easy to transport them to either the Winn Brook, Wellington or Burbank? The Uplands would technically be in the Winn Brook district.
- whether the bus would be provided at the school district's expense, or if we would offer the service at the same fee that we charge other students who do not qualify for free busing? I would see this as a School Committee decision.

The issue of sending the bus down a private road is not one that I had considered. I would suggest that something be written into whatever legal agreement with O'Neill Properties allowing us to do so and obligating O'Neill to maintain a clear roadway under all weather conditions. I would not expect the Town's DPW to plow that private roadway in winter.

Thank you for thinking of us,

Gerry

*Gerry Missal*  
*Director of Finance*

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**From:** Szklut, Jay [mailto:jszklut@town.belmont.ma.us]  
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Gerry,

A potential concern has been raised regarding bus transportation/pick-up of school children at the proposed Uplands Development. Acorn Park Drive is a private road (owned by O'Neill Properties the developer) from Frontage Road to the Cambridge line. If school children residing at the proposed development were picked up within or in front of the development, the bus would be traveling along the private road for some distance as well as on private property. The concern obviously revolves around potential liabilities, the "willingness" of the school department to send a bus down a private roadway, and if not, how children would get to the nearest school bus stop.

9/11/2006

I'm not sure that this is a 'real' issue but would appreciate some comment from the school department. Additionally, recognize that buses currently travel along private roads in other parts of the Town and therefore any concerns might have broader implications.

Thanks,

Jay Szklut  
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