## CITY OF NEWTON LAW DEPARTMENT INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 16, 2016

TO:

City Council

FROM:

Ouida C.M. Young, Deputy City Solicitor

RE:

135 Wells Avenue, LLC v. Housing Appeals Committee, Newton Zoning Board of

Appeals et al

Land Court Permit Session No. 16 PS 000034 (RBF)

Last month we advised you that the Massachusetts Land Court had upheld the ZBA's denial of a Chapter 40B project proposed by Cabot Cabot and Forbes for property located at 135 Wells Avenue. Our memorandum noted that Cabot Cabot and Forbes could, and probably would, appeal the Land Court's decision to the Appeals Court. Unfortunately, the expected appeal has been filed.

Based on our past experience, the Appeals Court could well take a year or longer to issue a decision. Assistant City Solicitor Suzanne Egan will be the lead attorney handling the appeal. Please call Suzanne or me if you have any questions regarding this litigation. Thank you.

cc:

Setti D. Warren, Mayor

Dori Zaleznik, CAO

Barney Heath, Director, Planning and Development Dept.