



## Q&A #7 – SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On May 10, 2013, the Newtown Board of Education, as members of the Sandy Hook School Task Force, endorsed the decision to remove Sandy Hook Elementary School and build a new school on a modified version of the current site.

We will be issuing a series of Q&A documents to ensure the community is informed throughout the rebuilding process. The following Q&A document provides an update on the Sandy Hook Elementary School building project and will highlight some of the major next steps.

QUESTION	ANSWER
When will demolition be complete?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demolition and abatement are complete. The site has been graded and stabilized for the winter.</li> </ul>
How much did remediation and demolition cost?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abatement: approximately \$1.3 million</li> <li>Demolition: approximately \$850,000</li> </ul>
Is site security still in place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>
Has the access road to the new Sandy Hook School been determined?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No decisions have been made regarding the access road. Land acquisition efforts have been unsuccessful to date. Town government will make a final decision about the access road on January 8, 2014.</li> </ul>
Who determines the educational specifications and is that work complete?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools lead the development of the educational specifications. A final determination on those specifications was made in December.</li> </ul>
Does the community have a voice in the design of the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Svigals + Partners architects have conducted four (4) community based meetings to receive input.</li> </ul>
What are the next steps?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next steps are to finalize the architectural and engineering drawings, complete the state review, and secure approvals needed by state agencies.</li> </ul>
When will construction begin?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on an access road will begin this spring. Actual “shovel in the ground” for the building is likely to begin in late summer/early fall.</li> </ul>