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Dear Chairman Hurd and Members of the Select Board,  
and Chair Zsembery and Members of the Arlington Redevelopment Board

With respect to my previous letter of last week bringing your attention to the dangerous, icy uncleared sidewalk at the Toraya block construction (or destruction) site at 882-92 Massachusetts Avenue it is important that the situation after yesterday's storm (see below) is also dangerous and neglected requiring your urgent attention.

Perhaps the Select Board could request an explanation from the Town Manager's appointees on the ARB as to why they are permitting such negligence at this important site. Particularly relevant might be discovery of whether any negotiations regarding site conditions, safety etc. were discussed during the *ex parte* meetings between Kin Lau (on behalf of the ARB whether legal or not) and the developer or his attorney. Apparently during these *ex parte* discussions, violations of zoning bylaws for the convenience of the developer – the sort of ignoring the zoning bylaw that caused the ARB to be sued in another recent case - were negotiated and so it would not be surprising if the current negligence at the site is a result of these *ex parte* meetings.

In any event please be advised that this is a dangerous situation and your influence with the ARB and other relevant parties is necessary to correct it.

Sincerely,

Patricia  
Patricia Barron Worden  
Former Chair, Arlington School Committee

Friday pm, still no clearing of sidewalks. Just a beaten path by people using bus stop.

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