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Whole Foods in Jamaica Plain's Hyde Square to open Nov. 2

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Whole Foods will open its Jamaica Plain store next week, company officials said today.

The store is scheduled to open Nov. 2, a company spokeswoman said in an e-mail.

Whole Foods' arrival and its predecessor's closure, [first announced in January](#), have been a topic of continued, [intense debate](#) in the neighborhood.

Earlier this spring, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council [passed by a one-vote margin](#) a measure to voice publicly that "Based on what we know now, we are concerned that Whole Foods is not a good fit for Hyde Square."

The council went on to form an ad-hoc committee over the summer that issued a [69-page report](#) on the supermarket chain's planned arrival.

Recently, five members of the 20-member council [met with Whole Foods](#) officials to present a "good neighbor" agreement, based in part on that earlier report, and hoped to negotiate a formal deal with the company.

But, council members said they were told by company officials that Whole Foods was [unwilling](#) to enter into any formal agreement. The [company has specifically rejected](#) the notion of establishing a special fund for the community, an idea [demanded](#) of the company publicly in recent months by some in the neighborhood.

The company has said it feels its stores already offer much of what was being asked of the JP store.

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