

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

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## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Memorial Park Building

PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chairman; Jim Healy, Clerk; Mark Forbes; Chuck Mangine;  
and John Bulian, Board of Selectman Chair

ABSENT: Ron Sockol

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gallelo at 7:14 PM. A quorum was declared.

The Minutes of the 3/2/15 meeting are still being reviewed and a vote to approve same was postponed until the next meeting.

The following four (4) Special Event / Waiver Requests that were discussed at the 3/2/15 meeting are still being reviewed and will be voted on at the next meeting:

- Needham Exchange Club – to use the Park for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, from 7/2/15 to 7/5/15.
- 128 Lacrosse Club – to use the turf field for practice on eight (8) days from 6/23/15 to 7/21/15.
- Rocket Lacrosse – to use the turf field for a girls clinic on three (3) days from 6/29/15 to 7/1/15 (not in conflict with the dates and times of the above Request).
- Needham American Legion Post #14 Baseball to use the 90' baseball diamond:
  - To run tryouts on eight (8) Sundays, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, from 4/12/15 to 5/31/15;
  - For games and practices from 6/7 to 8/1/15;
  - And to operate the field lights on 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10 and 7/17/15.

**New Business:** Gallelo reported on the issue of plowing the synthetic turf field. In mid-March, NHS Athletic Director, Micah Hauben, asked that the field be plowed. As previously authorized by the Trustees at our 3/2/15 meeting, Gallelo polled the

Trustees, after which he advised all Town officials the field would not be plowed. Gallelo made this decision after consulting with other Town's field owners and in recognition of both potential damage to the field from plowing and the fact the field would be available in early April once the snow was allowed to melt naturally. Gallelo discussed the pressure that was put on him to allow the field to be plowed.

Gallelo brought up the continuing problem of the accumulation of trash in the parking lot, on the fields, and in the Memorial area. This has been an ongoing issue for five (5) years, and no progress has been made to resolve this issue. There is no NHS oversight, and the issue is getting out of control. Healy volunteered to contact Town officials.

Gallelo also advised the students were not parking within the marked stripes and were also parking in illegal spaces. This problem worsens in the spring, when more students who have just received their licenses are driving to school. The Trustees agreed to consider implementing a "Notice, Ticket and Tow" (NTT) strategy, and Healy volunteered to also contact Town officials on this matter.

Healy reminded the Trustees that Town Meeting begins Monday, 5/4/15 at Powers Hall, and there will be certain Memorial Park articles on the Warrant. Gallelo agreed to be present during Town Meeting to answer any questions that may be asked on these articles.

A Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved 5 – 0 at 7:45 pm.

Next Trustees meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm, at Memorial Park

END OF MINUTES.

Respectfully submitted,

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James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk