

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
December 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Gary Crossen - Chair, Mark Gluesing – Vice Chair, Peter Pingitore, Paul Alpert, Artie Crocker, Chris Gerstel, Robert Boder

ABSENT: Ron Furman

STAFF: Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Andrea Carter, School Committee Representative
Alice Ingerson, Newton Community Preservation Program

Mr. Crossen called the meeting to order at 7:30PM in the Highland Room at Town Hall.

Chairman's Updates:

Mr. Crossen reviewed the discussion about changing the start time of the Community Preservation Committee from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. The Committee determined that the start time should remain at 7:30pm.

Determination of Eligibility:

Mr. Crossen asked the CPC to review each project under the rules of the legislation to determine whether it is eligible to be considered for funding. Those that are eligible will have a liaison appointed to work with the proponents and gather information to help the CPC determine later in the winter whether to recommend for funding to Town Meeting.

FY2017-6 Echo Bridge Railings

This request is for \$250,000 for the reconstruction of the railings on Echo Bridge, requested under Historic Preservation. Mr. Crossen invited Alice Ingerson to share on behalf of the Newton Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Ingerson stated that at their last meeting the Newton CPC voted 8-0 to accept a full proposal regarding this project in Fall 2017 and shared the potential schedule. Mr. Boder stated that the Needham Historic Preservation Committee met with the proponents and voted its support as an historic project, but did not discuss how it can be funded. **Mr. Gluesing made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.**

FY2017-1 Rosemary Recreation Complex

This request is for \$12,000,000 for the Rosemary Recreation Complex construction, requested under Recreation. **Mr. Alpert made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.**

FY2017-2 Rosemary Lake Sediment Removal

This request is for \$2,100,000 in funds to remove sediment that has been building up in Rosemary Lake from Rosemary Brook and Sportsman's Pond, requested under Open Space. **Mr. Alpert made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.**

FY2017-3 Cricket Field Renovations

This request is for \$285,000 in funds for Cricket Field renovations, requested under Open Space and Recreation. Ms. Carey stated that the renovations would be similar to the ones that were previously done at Walker-Gordon, Newman, and Greene's Field. **Mr. Gluesing made a motion that this**

proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.

FY2017-4 Hillside School Walking Trails

This request is for \$210,000 in funds to construct a trail walk behind the new Hillside School, requested under Open Space and Recreation. Mr. Boder asked how much the trails were currently used. Ms. Carey stated that there is not an actual count, but most shown sign of use. Mr. Gluesing stated the new site would be similar to the Newman project with trails near the school playing fields. **Mr. Alpert made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.**

FY2017-5 Needham Accessible Reservoir Trail

This request is for \$860,000 in funds to construct a fully accessible perimeter trail around the Needham Reservoir, requested under Open Space and Recreation. **Mr. Alpert made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstel and was approved 7-0.**

FY2017-7 Preservation of Open Space – Purchase of Land

There is no current parcel under consideration, so this is a placeholder request.

Appointment of Liaisons:

FY2017-1	<i>Rosemary Recreation Complex</i> – Mark Gluesing and Gary Crossen
FY2017-2	<i>Rosemary Lake Sediment Removal</i> – Paul Alpert
FY2017-3	<i>Cricket Field Renovation</i> – Artie Crocker and Mark Gluesing
FY2017-4	<i>Hillside School Walking Trail</i> – Peter Pingitore
FY2017-5	<i>Needham Accessible Reservoir Trail</i> – Robert Boder and Ron Furman
FY2017-6	<i>Echo Bridge Railings</i> – Chris Gerstel
FY2017-7	<i>Preservation of Open Space – Purchase of Land</i> – None Appointed

Next Steps: Mr. Crossen stated that the next steps would be for liaisons to reach out to the proponents by January 11th to gain a better understanding of their proposal. Questions about each project will be submitted to Ms. Carey so she can forward to the proponents. Each proposal will then be scheduled for discussion at a January or February meeting.

Minutes: October 26, 2016:

Mr. Gerstel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Gluesing. The minutes were approved, with a vote of 5-0-2.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gluesing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Mr. Alpert seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright,
Recording Secretary

ECHO BRIDGE RAILING Potential Newton/Needham CPA Schedule

updated 8 December 2016 based on email from Patricia Carey, Needham Park & Recreation Director/CPC staff liaison, further updated based on correction offered at 8 December 2016 Newton CPC mtg by Lee Fisher, Echo Bridge Railing Committee

CPC decisions on whether to invite a full submission

(please note that these decisions are procedural, they are NOT funding recommendations):

Newton: 8 December 2016, 8-0 vote to consider a full proposal in next regular funding round, fall 2017

Needham: 14 December 2016 At this meeting, the CPC votes on what applications are "eligible" to continue in the process, but nothing beyond that. Each [eligible] project will have a CPC member liaison appointed. The liaison meets separately with the proponents to start putting together relevant information.

Consideration process, if a full submission is invited

(same form and attachments for both -- the two CPCs will try to agree on a single, final list of attachments):

Newton regular-round funding process:

- 2 October 2017 full proposal due
- November 2017 – CPC public hearing and potential funding vote (please note that the CPC may request additional information and hold additional working sessions on a proposal, after the public hearing, before voting on whether to recommend funding)

Needham CPC meets twice a month in January, February, March – typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays:

- 11 January 2017 – CPC liaisons give overviews of the projects and collect questions from other members to give to the proponents
- 25 January and 8 February 2017 – proponents' presentations to CPC
- 22 February 2017 – CPC follow-up
- February/March 2017 – CPC consults with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee before its March 22 votes below
- 8 March 2017 – CPC public hearing on all current proposals
- 22 March 2017 – CPC vote on which proposals to recommend for funding by Town Meeting

Appropriations process

Newton:

- December 2017/January 2018 – CPC recommendation discussed by City Council committees
- January/February 2018 – City Council appropriations vote

Needham:

- Town Meeting starts on the first Monday in May [2017] and continues on the following Wednesdays and Mondays until business is complete.
- It is hard to predict when CPC articles will come up, but often it happens during the 2nd week of Town Meeting.



The Needham Historical Commission
Needham Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

10 December 2016

Ms Marianne Connolly
Sr. Program Manager, MWRA
100 First Avenue, Bldg. 39-2
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Ms Connolly,

Thank you for attending the Needham Historical Commission meeting on November 17, to discuss the Echo Bridge Railing Reconstruction project.

At the meeting, the Commission voted in favor of the following motions in support of the proposed reconstruction:

- **MOVED** (Greis, seconded Doherty) that the Needham Historical Commission agrees that the railing reconstruction approved by the MWRA, the Upper Falls Historic District Commission, and the Echo Bridge Reconstruction Committee is a faithful and accurate reconstruction of the original railings on Echo Bridge, which is a designated historic asset to Needham. **Voted, 4 in favor, 0 against; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.**
- **MOVED** (Hardy, seconded Doherty) that the Needham Historical Commission vote to support the efforts of the MWRA, the Upper Falls Historic District Commission, and the Echo Bridge Reconstruction Committee to seek funding from the Needham Community Preservation Committee for this project. **Voted, 4 in favor, 0 against; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.**

This letter will be copied to Kate Fitzpatrick, Needham Town Manager, and to other interested parties.

All best wishes for the holidays!

Sincerely.

Richard Hardy
Chair, Needham Historical Commission

cc: Kate Fitzpatrick, Needham Town Manager
Patricia Carey, Needham CPC administrator
Lee Fisher, Echo Bridge Reconstruction Committee

The Needham Historical Commission

Richard Hardy, Chair . Gloria Polizzotti Greis, Secretary
Robert Boder . Rose A. Doherty . Miles Shore, MD . Jeffrey Heller

FY2017-2 Rosemary Lake Sediment Removal (Liaison: Paul)

- How has this been funded in the past?
It has not been funded in the past and should not be needed to be funded in the foreseeable future once it is done.
- If CPC does not fund this project, will the Town still go forward with the project using other sources of funds?
Other sources of funds are not available so the Town would not be able to go forward with the project until funding becomes available.
- Is there a state mandate that the project go forward?
There is a Federal mandate under the NPDES MS4 regulations that requires the Town to address water quality issues by constructing BMPs. The Rosemary sediment removal project qualifies as a significant improvement to water quality.
- Please detail the community input that resulted in this proposal.
The community input was favorable during the design phase of the project. It is anticipated to be favorable during the construction phase.
- What is the timetable for removal related to potential Rec Complex schedule
Permits required to proceed with the project are not expected to be granted until September 2017. This project would proceed as soon as permits are granted.
- Is all the sediment required to be disposed of at the out of state facility or is there a mix. What is the cost difference between the types of materials being disposed of and is there an estimate of the amount of the moderate and severe types of material in the 30k c.y.
Some of the sediment (roughly 1,200 cy at about \$70 - \$75/cy for disposal) will have to be disposed at out of state facilities and some in state. It was hoped that most of it could be used as farmland soil, but only a small portion (less than 8,000 cy at \$0/cy for disposal) may be useable at farms. The remaining amount (roughly 21,000 cy at around \$7/cy for disposal) is expected to be able to be disposed of in state. The cost for trucking/transportation is about \$9/cy for up to 100 miles plus \$8,000/day for loading. The total sediment related removal cost is roughly about \$1.5M
- Is there any financial support available from the state DEP or any federal agency
No
- How specialized is this work ie: are there likely to be very limited number of bidders?
It is fairly specialized. We hope to attract about 6 bidders.
- Please explain the information used in establishing the estimated cost.
BETA Group has recent experience with this type of work and has contacted vendors to corroborate their estimates.