

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 2017 – 6:00 PM – Needham Town Hall

PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Mark Forbes, Vice Chair; Jim Healy, Clerk; Chuck Mangine; Bill Topham; Matt Borrelli – BOS Representative

GUESTS: Dan Lee (NHS Athletic Director), Mark Meche and Dana Weeder (Winter Street Architects), Mike Retzky (Needham Department of Public Facilities – Construction Division)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gallelo at 6:03 pm. A quorum was declared. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2017, which motion was approved 6-0.

The Trustees welcomed and congratulated Dan Lee in his new position. Lee agreed to speak with new NHS Principal, Aaron Siccotte, and assist in managing the Park's trash issue related to NHS students.

Winter Street Architects and Public Facilities led a good and detailed discussion of the status of the renovated fieldhouse project. WSA recently presented before the Design Review Board and the PPBC. These two bodies suggested using different materials for the exterior because they didn't want the building to have a "firehouse" look and they are concerned about the overall cost of the project. WSA exhibited a picture of an exterior that used artisan "Hardie" siding, some brick, and a stone-like surface. The Trustees did not approve this new drawing, and wanted to know what had happened to the New England-style fieldhouse constructed mostly of brick that is similar to the old wing of the High School, which the Trustees had approved at their meeting on July 20.

The Trustees asked WSA to develop new "exterior" options – one with mostly red brick, with some brown stone at ground level and some limited Hardie at the ¾ mark – another option with ¾ red brick with limited Hardie near the two front towers/windows and in the back DPW area – and another with red brick all around.

A motion was made and approved 4-2 (Healy and Borrelli dissenting) to re-open the prior vote that approved the construction of a roof deck. Topham stated the deck would not be used, it was a waste of money, and it could invited trespassers and vandals. Healy re-stated the arguments in favor of the deck that had been presented at the July 20 meeting. Retzky affirmed that if there is no deck, you would need an internal stairway, which would actually be more costly than a deck. A Motion to eliminate the deck was denied 4-0-2 (Gallelo and Topham abstaining).

With respect to the building's interior design, the 1st floor remains the same, the 2nd floor will now have a gender neutral bathroom, and WCS and Retzky will look at double-swinging doors for the bathroom stalls.

The Touchdown Club submitted a Special Event Request to use the Park Building on 8/11, 8/31, 9/11, 10/2, and 11/6 for Board meetings and a Team Dinner. The Trustees wished the Club had submitted this Request before tonight's meeting (10/2), but nevertheless it retroactively approved the Request 6-0.

The Trustees again stated they would review any "parking agreement" related to the Rosemary Pool reconstruction, but no such agreement has yet been provided to them. Also, the Trustees again stated they don't understand the need for a lengthy agreement. The Memorial Park lot is a public lot, and anyone can use it, as long as it doesn't interfere with other Park uses and users. The Trustees voted 6-0 to allow the parking lot to serve as overflow parking for Rosemary Pool for those rare occasions when it might be needed.

The Trustees voted 6-0 in favor of the submission of their FY'19 Operating Budget request of \$750 – mostly for the replacement of American and POW flags.

The Trustees received a citizen's concern about the condition of the American flag on the NHS flagpole. Topham stated the High School is supposed to replace that flag, but Ed Olsen is looking into the matter and will resolve it.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and approved 6–0 at 7:01 pm.

END OF MINUTES.

The next Trustees meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk