

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 6:00 PM – Park Fieldhouse

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

GUESTS: Mark Meche and Dana Weeder (Winter Street Architects), Mike Retzky (Needham Department of Public Facilities – Construction Division), Dave DiCicco – Park and Recreation Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gallelo at 6:08 pm. A quorum was declared.

Winter Street Architects and Public Facilities, once again, led a good and detailed discussion of the status of the renovated fieldhouse project. WSA provided an Agenda listing all of the upcoming meetings where this project will be discussed, which Agenda is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

Of particular importance, there will be a “Neighborhood Meeting” on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00, to discuss this project, accept any comments about same, and answer any questions presented. Healy asked that Town Meeting members, BOS and FinCom be invited to this meeting, and Borrelli and Retzky said this would be done. The formal Planning Board Hearing is scheduled for December 12 and the project is still slated to be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in May 2018. If the project is approved, construction would begin in mid-July 2018 and be completed in June 2019.

WSA presented additional sketches off the exterior of the building. Gallelo again stated he would like all red brick. Mangine and Forbes preferred mostly brick, but also some use of brown-colored concrete masonry units at ground level and on the back DPW garage, and some limited Hardie board near the top front windows. The Trustees also requested “zero-scape” plantings in the back that would not need regular maintenance. The Trustees voted in favor of the Mangine-Forbes drawing 5-0-1 (Topham dissenting).

Topham again wanted to discuss and negate the exterior roof deck, saying it won’t be used (like the Center at the Heights roof deck). Healy stated this issue has been fully discussed and voted at two prior meetings, and unless someone wanted to make a Motion to re-open the issue again, there would be no further discussion. No such Motion was made. Topham stated he will not be voting anymore on anything related to this project.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and approved 6–0 at 6:54 pm.

END OF MINUTES.

The next Trustees meeting is tentatively set for Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk