

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – 7:00 PM – Rosemary Recreation Building

PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Chuck Mangine; Mark Forbes; Bill Topham; Dan Matthews, BOS

GUESTS: Ed Olsen, Parks and Forestry Supt; Patty Carey, Parks and Rec Director; Brad Mezquita, Tighe and Bond

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Gallelo at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of the meetings of July 18, August 15, and September 19, 2018 were approved subject to any necessary corrections at a future meeting. (Unanimous Vote.)

Ed Olsen and Brad Mezquita reported and answered questions about plans for replacement of the artificial turf field at Memorial Park. Tighe and Bond is the design consultant for the work.

The new design will include a shock pad, a middle layer under the turf which improves safety by reducing impact forces. The sense of the trustees' discussion was that except for changes related to improved construction and technology since the current field was installed, the design and layout should be basically the same as the current field. That includes continuing the practice of seasonally painting the lines rather than embedding colored lines in the field. The trustees were, however, interested in seeing the design include a Needham "N" at midfield.

There was discussion of a tentative request by AAU Football for possible use of the field after the NHS season. The sense of the discussion was positive about the use, but it was noted that the request for this year had been withdrawn.

Patty Carey will set up a purchase order for flags in the amount of \$750 for Bill Topham to draw on as needed.

The next meeting of the Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 7 PM, tentatively at the Rosemary Recreation Building.

At approximately 7:30, a motion was made, seconded, and Voted, Unanimously, to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Matthews