

MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 18, 2020 – 7:30 PM
Site Visit
Wellesley Country Club – Paddle Courts
200 Wellesley Avenue
Wellesley, MA

ZBA Present: Jonathan Tamkin, Vice-Chair, Howard S. Goldman, Peter Friedenberg

Staff Present: Daphne M. Collins, Zoning Administrative Specialist

Others Present: Barry Nectow, Needham Pool & Racquet Club (NPRC), Paddle Tennis Project; Michael Crowe, Attorney; Joe Penny, Engineer, DiPrete Engineering.

Pursuant to notice published at least 48 hours prior to this date, a meeting of the Needham Board of Appeals was held Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:30pm.

At two paddle courts located at the Wellesley Country Club, eight players were engaged in games of paddle tennis for observation.

Mr. Nectow reported that the court surfaces and fence would be similar in materials being proposed at the courts at NPRC, and that the lights would be lower in height.

Mr. Nectow demonstrated the difference in paddle tennis and pickle tennis, illustrating that paddle tennis had a muffled sound in comparison to pickle tennis that had a sharp pop sound.

Mr. Penny lead the group across the golf green, approximately 360' from the paddle courts, to the entrance to Babson College on Forest Street where the sound of the paddle game could not be heard. This distance replicated the approximate distance of the closest residence to the proposed NPRC courts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Daphne M. Collins, Zoning Administrative
Specialist
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