

# Memorial Park Fieldhouse

Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 \* Trustees of Memorial Park

The Trustees of Memorial Park are requesting \$500,000 towards construction costs of new fieldhouse.



# History

- Parkland was purchased in **1920** to commemorate those who had served in the “Great War” – World War I.
- In **1921**, 2,000 volunteers from both sides of Town came together to create the park.
- In **1955**, a one story brick garage was constructed.
- In **1985**, a group of volunteers added the wood-framed 2<sup>nd</sup> floor structure. No major renovations have occurred since that time.
- Volunteers have created and/or funded the Memorials, the gazebo, and the Field of Dreams field renovations.



# Exterior Views

Proposed Building is  
11,767 square feet

Current Building is  
8,400 square feet



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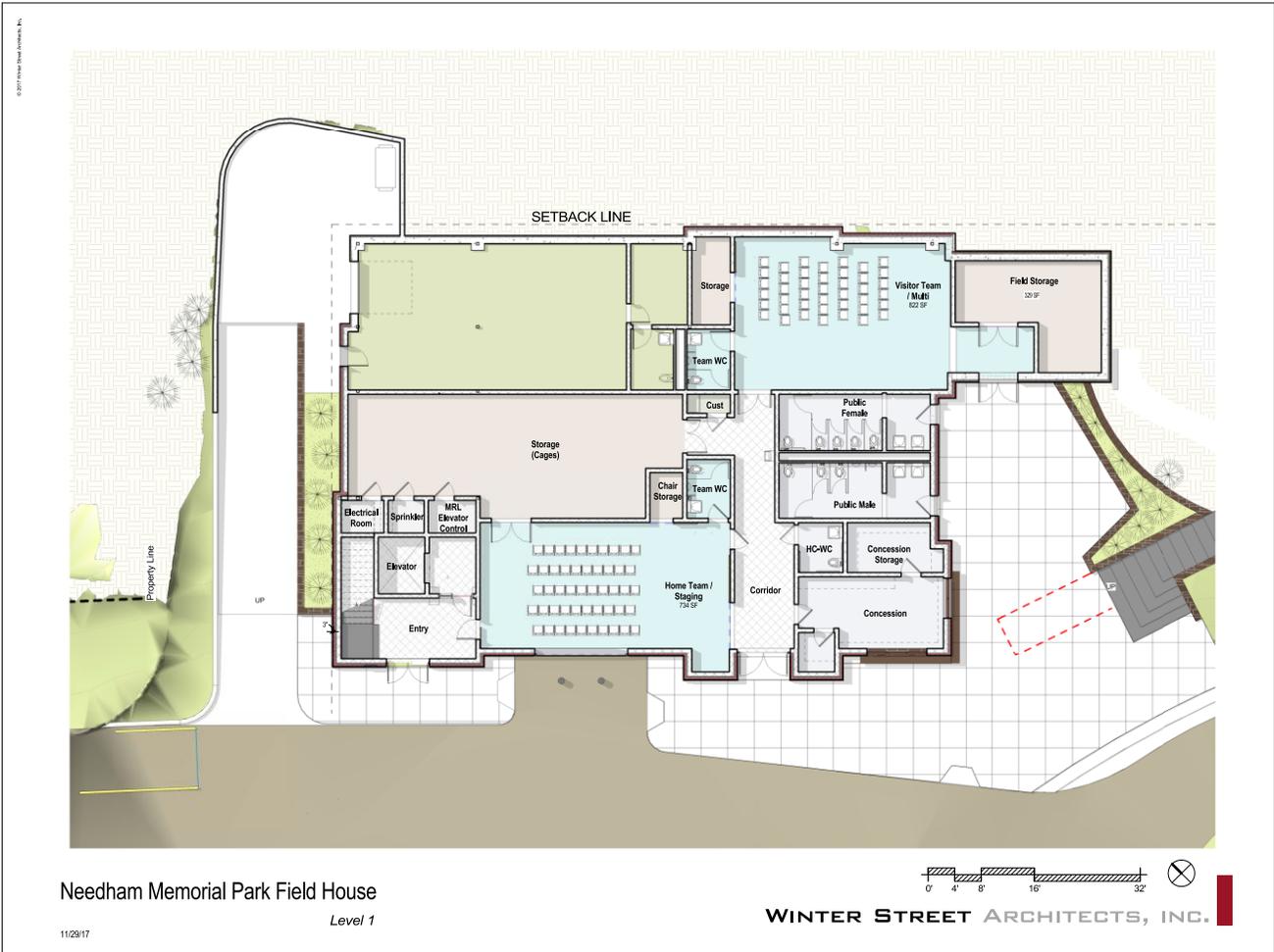
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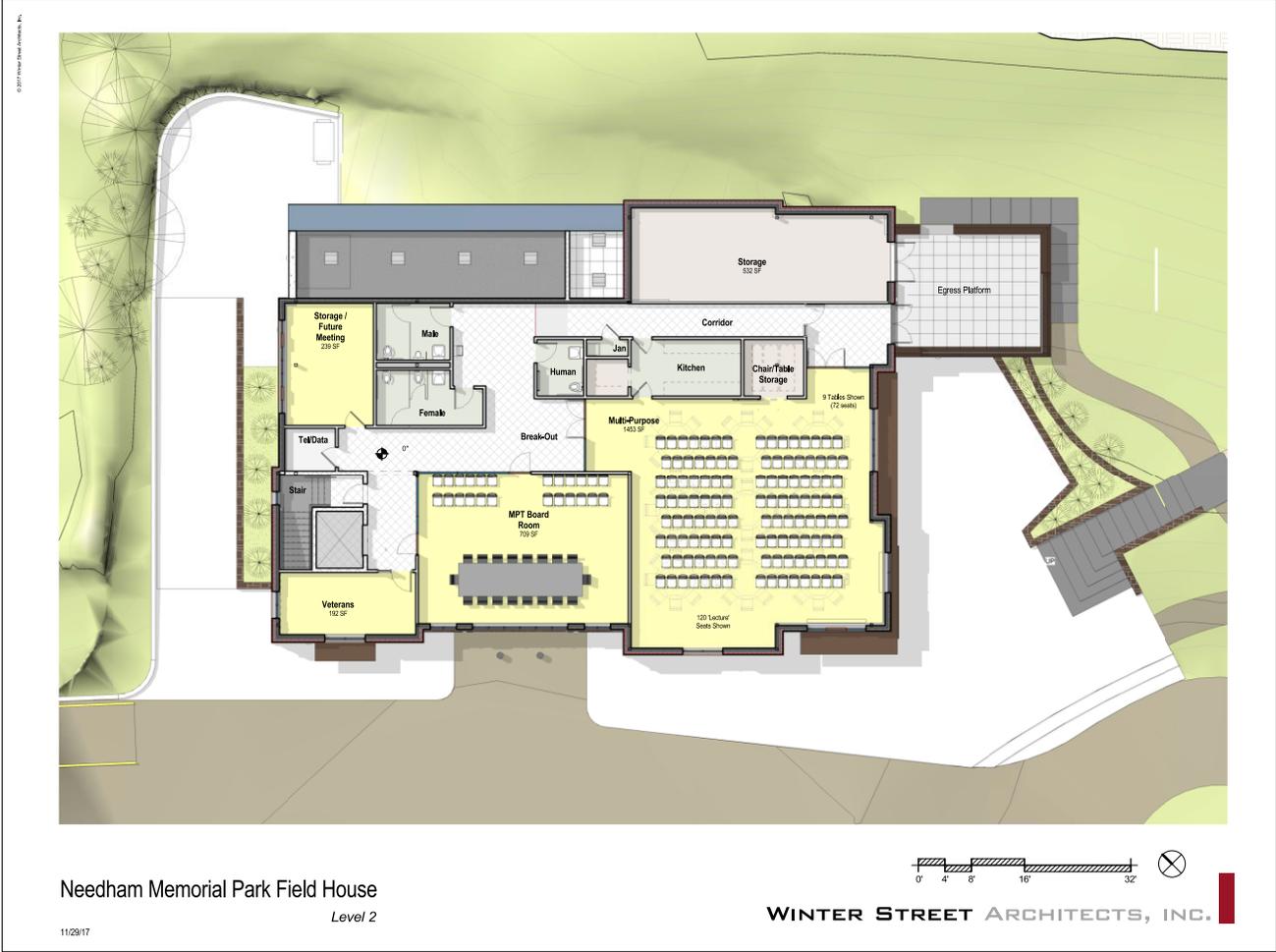
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# First Floor



# Second Floor



Current  
Building

1<sup>st</sup> floor  
garages



Garage area, storage,  
Home Team



Back storage;  
Visiting Team

# Current Building

1<sup>st</sup> floor  
maintenance  
and  
concession



DPW Parks Storage  
and work bay



Concession

# Current Building

## 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting spaces



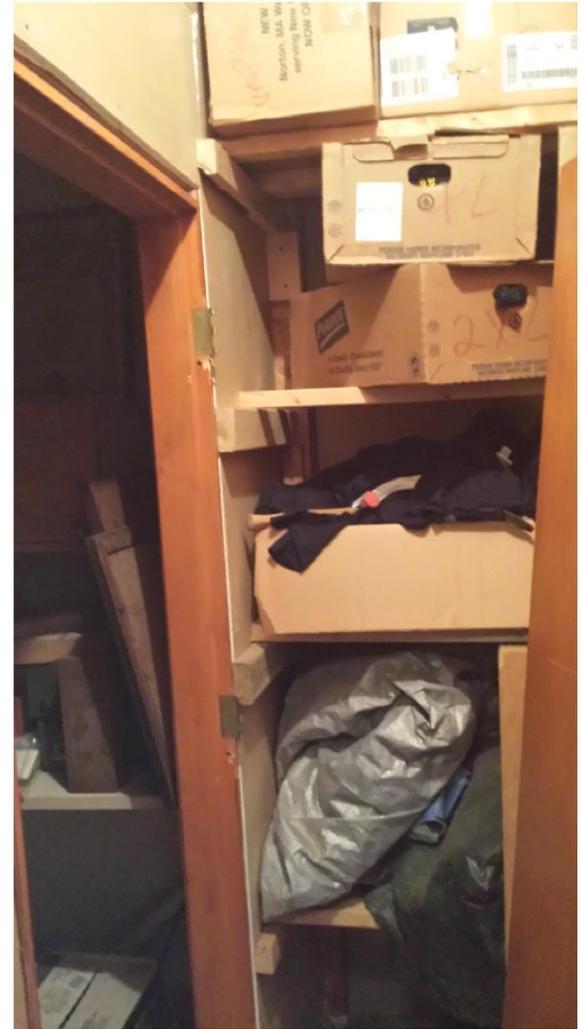
2<sup>nd</sup> floor large meeting space



2<sup>nd</sup> floor Trustee meeting room

Current  
Building

Storage areas



# User Groups

- **Meetings**
- **Home/Away Team Space**
- **Field Maintenance Storage**
- **Equipment Exchange**
- **Events in Building: board meetings, team dinners, coaches training, fundraising**
- **Events at Park: concession, restrooms, table/chair storage**
- **Storage**
- Trustees of Memorial Park
- American Legion
- Veteran Ceremonies: Memorial Day, Veterans' Day
- Needham High School Athletics
- Needham High School Physical Education
- Needham High School Graduation
- Needham High Touchdown Club
- Needham Exchange Club
- American Legion Baseball
- Needham Park and Recreation
- Needham Junior Football and Cheer
- Needham Soccer Club
- Needham Baseball and Softball
- Needham Girls Lacrosse
- Needham Boys Lacrosse
- Needham Flag Football League
- Parent Talk "Flicks on the Field"

# Timeline

- Construction would begin **July 2018**, after conclusion of 4<sup>th</sup> of July events; anticipated finish **June 2019**
- Memorials, athletic fields, gazebo, and walking path available during construction
- Majority of parking lot closed off during summer months, with small amount of spaces left for park users; most spaces open up in September for school season
- Portable restrooms available for park users during construction
- Trustees currently working on policy, regulations, and fee schedule for use of the building

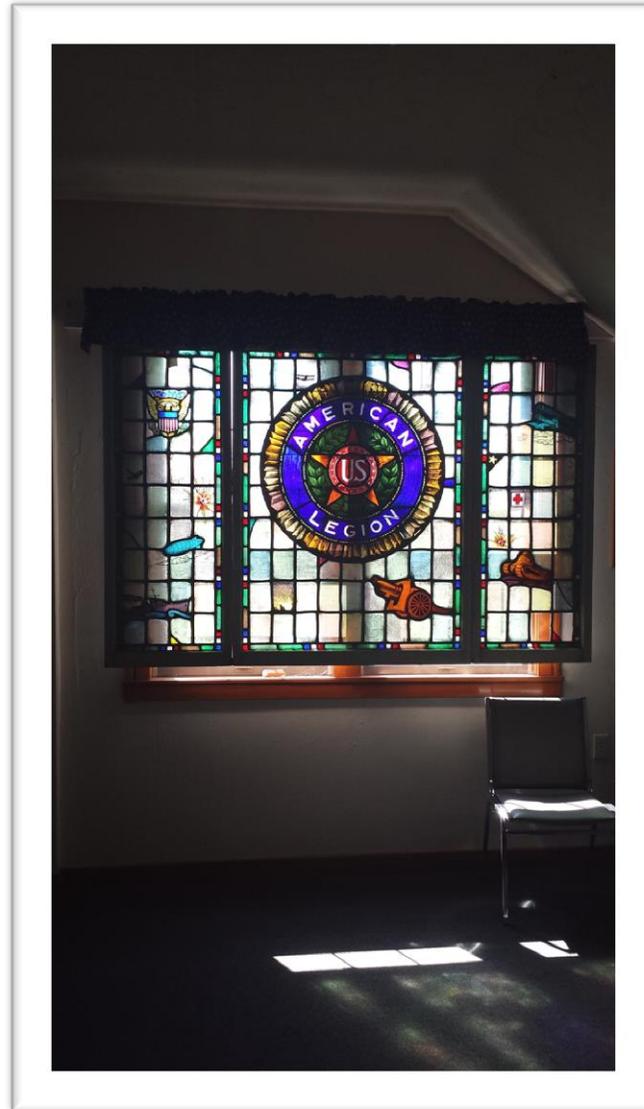
# Financing

- The current construction *estimate* is \$5.9 million. Estimates are still being finalized.
- To date, Town Meeting has approved \$50,000 for feasibility and \$375,000 for design.
- The Athletic Facilities Fund has some funds put aside for the construction of the field house. The majority of the Fund is intended for the replacement of synthetic turf at Memorial Park and DeFazio Park.
- The remaining funds will come from Town cash and debt paid for within the Town's regular operating budget.
- It is estimated that about \$3.7 million would be eligible for CPA funding, but only \$500,000 is being requested.

# Community Preservation Act

- MGL Chapter 44 B Community Preservation Act
- Recreation is allowable use of funds under Open Space, but not for gyms and stadiums
- Department of Revenue has stated that structures “reasonably necessary to directly support the use of the outdoor recreational facility” are allowable.
- The \$500,000 would go towards field storage, park restrooms, concession

Thank you



- Memorial Park honors Needham's veterans and those who have lost their lives in service;
- Volunteers are the backbone of the Park and community, and this building provides them a place to provide services to Needham.