

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Lita Young – Chair, Gary Crossen - Vice Chair, Robert Boder, Reg Foster, Mark Gluesing, Peter Oehlkers, Mike Retzky, Sam Bass Warner

STAFF: Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Katy Dirks, Community Center of Needham
Jo-Anne Ochalla, Community Center of Needham

Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Highland Room at Town Hall.

Discussion and Vote:

FY2015-1 Rosemary Pool: Mr. Retzky stated that the initial request was for \$1,000,000 for design and after the meeting with the Finance Committee the Park and Recreation Commission voted to amend the request to \$450,000. Mr. Crossen asked if Mr. Retzky thought that the Finance Committee would approve the amended amount, and Mr. Retzky answered that he believed they would. *Mr. Crossen made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-1: Rosemary Pool, in the amount of \$450,000 with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gluesing. The Committee voted on the motion, with seven members voting in favor of the amended motion, and one in opposition. The amended motion passed.*

FY2015-2 Newman Athletic Fields: Mr. Gluesing stated that the school is interested in the timing to ensure that it is ready by for the 2015/2016 school year. Ms. Young stated that the CPC supported the design phase. *Mr. Gluesing made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-2: Newman Athletic Fields, in the amount of \$1,527,000 for construction with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oehlkers. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

FY2015-3 Eastman Conservation Area: *Mr. Oehlkers made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-3: Eastman Conservation Area, in the amount of \$800,000 for design with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Retzky. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

FY2015-4 Mills Fields Improvements: *Mr. Foster made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-4: Mills Fields Improvements, in the amount of \$510,000 with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boder. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

FY2015-5 Ridge Hill – Student Conservation Association: *Mr. Warner made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-5: Ridge Hill – Student Conservation Association, in the amount of \$10,000 with funding to be drawn from the Open Space Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Retzky. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

FY2015-6 Canoe Launch Improvement: *Mr. Warner made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-6: Canoe Launch Improvements, in the amount of \$30,000 with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gluesing. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

FY2015-7 Rail Trail Improvements: *Mr. Warner made a motion to recommend authorization to Town Meeting of FY2015-7: Rail Trail Improvements, in the amount of \$100,000 with funding to be drawn from the General Reserve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crossen. The Committee voted on the motion, and it was passed unanimously.*

Preparation for Town Meeting: *Ms. Young reviewed the presenters for the individual articles: Mr. Crossen will speak on behalf of the Rosemary Pool project; Mr. Oehlkers will speak on behalf of the Newman Athletic Fields project; Mr. Gluesing will speak on behalf of the Eastman Conservation Area project; Mr. Foster will speak on behalf of the Mills Field Improvements project; Mr. Boder will speak on behalf of the Ridge Hill – Student Conservation Association project; Mr. Boder will speak on behalf of the Canoe Launch Improvements project.*

Ms. Young thanked everyone for their hard work. Ms. Young also thanked Mr. Warner for his service on the Community Preservation Committee for the last 3 years.

Adjournment: *Mr. Crossen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Mr. Retzky seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright,
Recording Secretary