

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

**Minutes of Meeting
June 30, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

PRESENT: Peter Pingitore – Chairman, Robert Dermody, Joe Barnes, Rick Zimbone, Paul Alpert, Penny Kirk

ABSENT: Artie Crocker – Vice Chairman, Chris Gerstel, Laura Dorfman

STAFF: Cecilia Simchak, Kristen Wright

Mr. Pingitore completed a roll call for all members of the Committee and members of staff and the results of the roll call are noted above. Mr. Pingitore called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM via a Zoom Meeting. Mr. Pingitore reviewed the rules of the meeting that was being conducted remotely and online inline with Governor Baker’s order regarding Public Meetings. Mr. Pingitore covered meeting ground rules for the meeting.

Chairman’s Updates

Mr. Pingitore stated that there are a few items that will be discussed throughout the summer. Mr. Pingitore stated that the first is the Emery Grover project and that there is a working group to review the Emery Grover project as well as other school buildings. Mr. Pingitore shared that there will be another presentation from the School Committee in October.

Revisions to the Needham CPC Plan

Mr. Pingitore stated that he reviewed the plan and that overall, the plan needs some revisions, primarily in the four identified needs of the CPC Plan. Mr. Pingitore stated that many of the goals and needs are outdated. Mr. Pingitore believes that the goals and needs should be more specific to guide the process.

Mr. Pingitore stated that the most recent study was completed in Manchester in March 2021 and was completed by a hired consultant. Mr. Pingitore stated that the consultant would create the draft and the CPC members would review and adjust as necessary.

Plan for Implementing NUARI Principals

Mr. Pingitore reviewed the discussion about the adopting the NUARI principals. The Committee reviewed the NUARI principals. Mr. Alpert stated that the Committee should identify and implement ways to have more appointments from diverse backgrounds.

Ms. Kirk made a motion to adopt the NUARI principals as presented. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: **Alpert:** aye, **Barnes:** aye, **Dermody:** aye, **Kirk:** aye, **Zimbone:** aye, **Pingitore:** aye. Motion passes 6 – 0.

Emery Grover Update

Mr. Pingitore asked Mr. Zimbone to share an update from the Capital Project Committee that they were invited to. Mr. Zimbone reviewed what happened at the meeting and the School Committee’s plan as it intersects with the Town’s Capital Plan. Mr. Zimbone stated that they went over many

financial details and a place holder of \$6M was placed next to Emery Grover. Mr. Zimbone stated that the School Committee will not be coming to CPC for design funding, just construction funding. Mr. Barnes asked about other school projects that may be down the road. Mr. Dermody discussed the presumption that we would fund \$6M and if there was an ability to change that amount. Mr. Alpert stated that the original sense of the Committee it would fund 25% of the project.

Confirm Summer Meeting Schedule

The Committee decided to meet via Zoom for the next two summer sessions and reviewed the next meetings of the Committee.

Any other issues not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours

Mr. Pingitore and other members of the Committee thanked Mr. Alpert for his service on the CPC for the past 6 years.

Adjournment

Mr. Zimbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Mr. Dermody seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: **Alpert:** aye, **Barnes:** aye, **Dermody:** aye, **Zimbone:** aye, **Pingitore:** aye. Motion passes 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright
Recording Secretary