

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

**Minutes of Meeting
July 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

PRESENT: Peter Pingitore – Chairman, Artie Crocker – Vice Chairman, Joe Barnes, Chris Gerstel, Laura Dorfman, Jeanne McKnight, Rick Zimbone

ABSENT: Penny Kirk, Robert Dermody

STAFF: 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 7:02 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 joint meeting scheduled for last week with the Select Board, School Committee, Finance Committee, and members of the CPC was postponed.

Mr. Pingitore updated Ms. McKnight on the status of the Emery Grover project that was reviewed in the last CPC cycle.

Mr. Pingitore introduced Ms. McKnight who will be the newest member of the CPC representing the Planning Board.

Mr. Barnes asked about funding updates for approved projects. Ms. Wright stated that she can discuss that with Ms. Simchak and prepare an update for a future meeting.

Revisions to the Needham CPC Plan

Mr. Pingitore stated that he reviewed specific notes that he has made on the existing plan with the Committee. Mr. Pingitore stated that he has reached out to the various Commissions and Committees to meet with them and discuss their priorities and goals for the next coming years.

Mr. Pingitore shared the next steps for the Committee in regards to updating the plan.

The Committee discussed representatives presenting to the various Boards and Commissions, including the Select Board, in the fall as many of them meet less frequently in the summer months.

The Committee discussed using some of the administrative funding to hire a specialist help us create the plan.

Mr. Pingitore moved to authorize Jeanne McKnight and Peter Pingitore to act as liaisons and confer with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historic Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, and Select Board and Town Manager regarding proposed amendments to the Needham Community Preservation Plan. Mr. Gerstel seconded the motion.

The Committee discussed member of the CPC discussing with their respective boards this upcoming project. Mr. Zimbone stated that a memo should be sent to the Boards and Commissions and in the meantime look into hiring a consultant to help draft the plan.

The roll call vote was as follows: Barnes: aye, Crocker: aye, Dorfman: aye, Gerstel: aye, McKnight: aye, Zimbone: aye, Pingitore: aye. Motion passes 7 – 0.

Plan for Implementing NUARI Principals

Mr. Pingitore stated that while the plan is being updated, they will include the NUARI principals to the overall plan.

Ms. Dorfman shared some ideas that she had researched in nearby communities. Ms. McKnight shared how the Planning Board was planning on applying the principals and goals of NUARI into their plan.

Emery Grover Update

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

None presented.

Adjournment

Mr. Zimbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Mr. Crocker seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Barnes: aye, Crocker: aye, Dorfman: aye, Gerstel: aye, McKnight: aye, Zimbone: aye, Pingitore: aye. Motion passes 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright
Recording Secretary