

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

**Minutes of Meeting
August 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

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

ABSENT: Robert Dermody

STAFF: Cecilia Simchak, Kristen Wright

GUEST: Ross Donald

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 7:00 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 Penny Kirk has resigned from the CPC and Reginald Foster was appointed and will be sworn in by the Town Clerk by the next meeting.

Schedule Future Meetings

The Committee discussed meeting in-person or virtually for the next meetings and determined that virtual meetings would be best. The Committee will meet monthly until December when the application review begins. The next September 15, October 20, and November 17 will be the next meeting dates.

Revisions to the Needham CPC Plan Update

Mr. Pingitore reviewed the steps that have been taken on the plan. The next steps include discussing with each Board or Committee to discuss updating the goals and factors for consideration for each funding source. Mr. Pingitore stated that after talking with representatives from the CPA, many communities handle updating the plan without a consultant.

Mr. Pingitore stated that he will be reaching out to Lee Newman to see if they have the resources to help update the plan.

Ms. Dorfman asked if there was a deadline for the feedback from the other Committees. Mr. Pingitore stated that

Mr. Zimbone stated that we should meet with the Select Board and Finance Committee to get their input.

Plan for Implementing NUARI Principals

Mr. Pingitore stated that the NUARI principals will be address when the plan is being updated.

Emery Grover Update

Mr. Zimbone shared with the Committee that the working group addressed which school and other Town projects were the priority. Mr. Zimbone stated that an additional study for available temporary

space, 3 – 5 years, for the Emery Grover staff to work out of. Mr. Zimbone stated in conclusion the School Committee will not be seeking CPC funding for the design portion of the project.

Ms. Dorfman asked about MSBA funding. Mr. Barnes stated that it is a funding source for school buildings from this funding source.

The Committee discussed the overall support of Emery Grover. Mr. Pingitore stated that the School Committee is still advocating for this project as a priority.

First Baptist Church Update

Ms. Simchak stated that the project manager is still moving forward with the project and it should not be a problem to continue to receive funding as it was provided to preserve the historic building.

Approve Meeting Minutes

None presented.

Adjournment

Mr. Zimbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. Mr. Gerstel 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