

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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October 24, 2016

7:00 p.m. A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Park & Recreation Commission was convened by Park & Recreation Chairman Matt Toolan and Board of Selectmen Chairman Matthew Borrelli at the Needham Town Hall. Present were Ms. Marianne Cooley, Mr. Daniel Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Maurice Handel, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

Present for the Park and Recreation Commission were Chris Gerstel, Cindy Chaston, Michelle Geddes, and Dave DiCicco.

Mr. Toolan and Mr. Borrelli welcomed members of the community. Mr. Toolan gave an overview of the Rosemary Recreation Complex highlighting the 2016 key decisions and inputs, proposed timelines, pool layout, building overview, and programming ideas. The floor was then opened for questions.

*What will be the view from the building? What will the exterior look like in terms of trees? Why doesn't the multipurpose room have divider doors?* The plan is to keep as many trees as possible at the site. The project will have a 1:1 or possibly a 2:1 tree replacement. Divider doors will not work with the layout due to fire code.

*What happens to the pool in the winter?* The pool will be covered during the off seasons.

*Between Hillside and Nehoiden Streets there is access to the Rosemary Trail through a drainage area. What are the Town's rights to enter the trail?* The trail is currently used throughout the year, and Park and Recreation is working on plans for improvements to the trail and adjacent camp property.

*The access road to the facility needs to have clear visibility for safety reasons. The bushes near the entrance make it hard to see around the corner.*

*What type of roof line will the buildings have?* Part will have a shed roof and part will have a sloped roof.

*In the past, the lake has been drained every year for pool set-up. What will the impact be if the lake is no longer drained? What about invasive species?* The lake will be monitored for impacts from not draining. The project is under review by the Conservation Commission who will determine what needs to be done with invasive species within the project scope of work.

*When will the dredging take place?* The DPW is overseeing the sediment removal project. DPW is in early stages of permitting, but hopes to be able to start the work in late summer 2017.

*Is the building all new or will part of the building be the old building?* The two backside walls will remain part of the building. Everything else will be new construction.

*Please remember the seniors when planning programs!*

*Could the bottom of the pool be painted a darker color to help heat the pool?* It is not likely to meet pool code, for safety, but Park and Recreation will confirm whether it is an option or not.

*I would like to suggest fitness stations along the Rosemary Trail be added. Will the building have solar panels?* The building will be solar ready.

*The facility should be named something that is all encompassing, rather than just Rosemary Pool.*

*Sailing would be a great addition to Rosemary. The Needham High School Sailing team likes the idea and hopes it can draw in people at a younger age to help grow their program. They also like that practices could be closer to the high school.*

*Are there enough bathrooms for the upper floor? Seems like a lot for downstairs but not upstairs.* State code determines the number of bathrooms or showers. Both the upstairs and downstairs meet the required codes.

*Can basketball and volleyball be played in the multi-purpose room?* The multi-purpose room will not be a gym. The Commission will explore some form of basketball outdoors.

*Are there any plans to fix-up Chambers Cove for the model yacht group?* The trucks used for the dredging project will work out of Chambers Cove. At the conclusion of the project, the area will be restored.

*The fence around the pool should only enclose the pool and not the open space on the property.*

*Would residents be able to rent space in the building?* Yes rentals would be available when the room is not in use by Park and Recreation.

*What happens if the construction funding doesn't pass?* The Town would not have a public outdoor pool. The site would need to be decommissioned.

*Will there be any opportunity for sponsorships?* At this point in time, the Town is not considering that for this project but might look at it for equipment and extras.

*Right now the pool is very affordable for families. Please keep in mind that not everyone can afford high fees for a membership, which is why they join Rosemary and not a private pool. It is the intention of the Commission to keep prices at an affordable rate.*

*How will kayaking and canoeing be different at Rosemary versus Charles River Canoe and Kayak? It would be more program-based as opposed to rentals. It is also located in Needham.*

*Moving forward as we get closer to Town Meeting there should be a designated staff person for the facility, the Health Department should work with Park and Recreation to promote the project, and program options should be looked at quarterly.*

Mr. Toolan asked if any members of the two boards had comments or questions. Mr. Borrelli thanked the Commission for offering the joint session, and everyone for coming and giving their input on the project.

**8:30 p.m. Motion: Mr. Bulian moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Handel seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.**