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INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN - NRTZ REPRESENTS YOU

With the election in the rear-view mirror, we remain committed to fulfilling our promises:

- **To keep residents informed;**
- **To bring transparency to local decisions; and**
- **To ensure our elected leaders listen to and thoughtfully consider viewpoints from all residents.**

We will remain active and participate, especially as critical projects including **Envision, 100 West/Carter Building, the Muzi site**, and ongoing **zoning changes** move forward.

Let's stay active. Let's stay informed. Above all, **let's stay vigilant, Needham.**

**Downtown Road Redesign (Lane Diet - Called Envision) [CLICK HERE](#)**

**For example:**

Project called 'Envision' which focuses on bike lanes, wide sidewalks, which will result in reducing vehicle travel lanes and eliminate the parking on Great Plain Ave, in the downtown.

**Come share your voice:** We encourage all Town Meeting members, candidates who were on the ballot in April and all residents, to attend the Select board meeting Tuesday, April 22nd, 6PM. Should you decide to speak at this public meeting: email [otm@needhamma.gov](mailto:otm@needhamma.gov)

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## Why do business owners scream?



**Lane Reduction Envisioned for  
Downtown—Is a Traffic  
Bottleneck Coming?**

### JOIN US — NEEDHAM RESIDENTS FOR THOUGHTFUL ZONING

We're your neighbors—people who believe Needham should be the best it can possibly be for all of us.

We invite you to be part of our growing group of thoughtful, caring, and engaged residents from every corner of town—from Hersey to the Junction, from the Center to the Heights. We all call Needham home, and we all want to preserve what makes it special.

We believe the future of our town should be shaped together—by all of us. Needham is full of talented, smart people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs. We should be able to engage in honest conversations without fear of personal attacks or vitriol.

We don't have to agree on everything. But when there's open, respectful dialogue, the solutions we find together are far better than what comes from a top-down approach.

Let's build a better Needham - together.

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**NRTZ is a non-partisan**, group. We are your neighbors, friends and family. We've been **public and transparent** from the beginning—knocking on doors, collecting

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Our members include **Democrats, Republicans, and Un-Enrolled voters**. We are united by our concern for **thoughtful zoning and fiscal responsibility**, not by party politics.

The claim that a political affiliation defines our organization is **inaccurate and misleading** and **violates the long-standing non-partisan tradition of local Needham elections**. The attempt to inject partisanship where there is none does **all of us a disservice**.

May-2025-Annual-Town-Meeting Warrant

Town Meeting May 5th, 2025 - All residents should attend and hold your Town Meeting Members and Politicians accountable:

Do we want 🗳️ Needham or Cambridge? On January 14th, Needham voters turned out in historic numbers (almost 12,000). We were falsely told if we voted NO, the town would be *sued* and *lose millions in funding*.

But just hours before polls closed, the State quietly announced: 👉 **Needham will not be sued.** 👉 **Needham will not lose funding.**

Then, at the Feb. 13 public hearing, Planning Board member and attorney confirmed that a Catch-22 is buried in the housing language: 🏡 **Developers get permits— Towns get the bill.** 🚫 **Infrastructure isn't funded.**

One week later, **State Auditor** Diana DiZoglio declared that the controversial **“housing law is an unfunded mandate... [it] does not provide a funding mechanism for compliance with its provisions.”**

So now with Town Meeting on May 5th approaching fast, and many NHP proponents re-elected. Will they:

- ♦ Consider the approximately \$1 Billion in yet unfunded Needham infrastructure?
- ♦ Consider that the Pollard project alone will add \$2,700 to the average homeowner's tax bill?
- ♦ And “tap the brakes” on large expenditures.

Or will they push us further toward a future we didn't vote for—one that turns Needham into... 🏙️ **Brookline-by-the-Charles?** 📖 **Cambridge West?** 🚆 **West Roxburham?** 🧱 **“Needham Commons – Live. Work. Gridlock.”?**

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Thoughtfully Supported. Not overdeveloped. Not overburdened. Still home.

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**Let's not get zoned out of our own town.**

- ✓ Stay informed
  - ✓ Talk to your Town Meeting members
  - ✓ Join us at NRTZ and stay engaged with real facts that matters, especially as critical projects progress, affecting you and your neighbors.
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**Needham Residents for Thoughtful Zoning**

Your Voice. Your Neighborhood. Your Future.

April 28th - Review the Town Meeting Warrant - Event LWV

**On April 8th, Needham Residents for Thoughtful Zoning (NRTZ)** was proud to endorse a truly diverse slate of candidates—incumbents and first-time candidates, from every corner of town, across all age groups and political affiliations. It was a historic moment of broad representation, reflecting the full spectrum of voices in our community.

For the first time, Needham residents had real choices—candidates who stood up against the aggressive push to urbanize our suburban town. While some may be eager to remake and even rename Needham, we stood for preserving its character, respecting its history, and ensuring residents have a voice in shaping its future.

**Throughout this election, we had many good conversations**—and some that were more difficult. But now, it's time to put differences aside and look ahead. We remain committed to working together on the important issues facing Needham's future.

**Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and engaged.** Let's continue this historic level of civic involvement, and push for positive, community-driven solutions through open dialogue, transparency, and thoughtful choices.

**Together, we can champion a “Good, Better, Best” approach**—where options and impacts are clearly laid out, and residents are empowered to take part in meaningful decision-making.

**Let's move forward—together.**

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Endorse candidates from all across Needham



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