

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for February 9, 2010
Needham Public Library**

6:45 p.m. Informal Session: No activity.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Daniel P. Matthews. Those present were Gerald A. Wasserman, John A. Bulian, Denise C. Garlick, Maurice P. Handel, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

Public Hearing: NSTAR – School Street

Ms. Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative, appeared before the Board to request permission to relocate one new pole for a new traffic signal at School Street.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to create a right hand turn onto Chestnut from School Street for the new traffic signal being installed by Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital @ School Street, Needham.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Public hearing: NSTAR – Eaton Road

Ms. Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative, appeared before the Board to request permission to install conduit to serve 7 Eaton Road.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to install approximately 45 feet conduit from Pole 203/0 Eaton Road, Needham. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service to a new house @ #7 Eaton Road.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept the following donations to the Needham Fire Department to help fund its Student Awareness of Fire Education program: Rogerio F. Santos and Dalva L. Souza \$60.00
2. Approve One Day Special All Alcoholic license request from Liv Nash of Temple Beth Shalom to host Back to the Purim, on February 27, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Avenue, Needham.
3. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library for the period January 6, 2010 to February 3, 2010: The Friends of the

Needham Public Library donated the following books by program speaker Walter Hunt: *Dark Path* (\$27.95), *Dark Ascent* (\$25.95), and *Dark Crusade* (\$25.95); The Davistown Museum, Liberty, Maine, sent the library a copy of H.G. Brack's book, *Norumbega Reconsidered: Mawooshen and the Wawenoc Diaspora* (\$24.00); Gale Hedges donated 23 young adult science and math books (\$725.00); Ron and Lois Sockol donated \$20.00 in memory of Meredith P. Page; Children's Performer and author Jason Edwards donated two of his books: *Will Allen and the Great Monster Detective* (\$5.95), and *Will Allen and the Ring of Terror* (\$5.95); The University of Massachusetts Press sent the library a copy of Tom Juravich's book, *At the Altar of the Bottom Line: The Degradation of Work in the 21st Century* (\$26.95)

4. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Health Department's Gift of Warmth Fund from: Carter Memorial United Methodist Church \$6,630.09, Mr. H. Thomas Sagafi and Mrs. Shahin S. Sagafi \$150, United Methodist Women \$200, and Mr. Andrew N. Thoresen, The First Baptist Church in Needham \$183.16.
5. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund: Laura Pippo \$25, James Hugh Powers \$25, and Fred Muzi \$200.
6. Water and Sewer Abatement # 1100
7. Approve December 22, 2009 and January 26, 2010 Executive session minutes; approve January 26, 2010 and February 2, 2010 minutes.

Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.

7:10 p.m.

Community Preservation Consultation:

Ms. Jane Howard, CPC Chair, Mr. Mark Gluesing, CPC Vice Chair, and Ms. Patricia Carey, Director of Park & Recreation, appeared before the Board to discuss projects under consideration for the May, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, and the Committee's evaluation process.

Ms. Howard stated there are five applications currently under consideration for the Community Preservation Committee. She stated The Charles River Center is seeking up to \$65,000 to replace the inefficient heating systems at three of its original group homes. In addition, Ms. Howard said an application, filed by Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, requests \$57,500 to preserve and restore historic artifacts for display or use in the newly renovated Town Hall. Ms. Howard also stated an application has been received from Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick requesting \$55,000 to restore Volante land on Carol Road and Brewster Drive, and to construct a trail connecting with the Eastman Reservation. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated construction of the trail would take place in a future year, in coordination with possible upgrades to the Eastman Reservation. Ms. Howard stated a joint application has also been received from Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Conservation Commission requesting \$500,000 for the purchase of land. Mr. Matthews asked Ms. Carey if this application is for a particular piece of property. Ms.

Carey responded that the application is in anticipation of land that may soon be for sale. Ms. Howard stated an application has also been received from Needham Opportunities, Inc., requesting \$2,500,000 to acquire property for development of affordable housing and community access to recreation land. Ms. Howard commented that while this application is still under consideration, it is likely to be withdrawn.

Ms. Garlick inquired about the timeline. A public hearing will be held March 10, 2010 and a vote will be taken by the CPC on March 25, 2010. Ms. Carey stated the issue will then be taken up by the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen at the end of March.

Mr. Matthews asked the CPC continue to update the Board of Selectmen on additional applications, or if there are any material changes to applications already filed.

7:20 p.m.

Town Manager:

Ms. Fitzpatrick appeared before the Board with 5 items for consideration:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Increase Proposal:

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board to consider the Zoning Board of Appeals' proposal to increase application fees. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the proposed fees are consistent with surrounding communities and more accurately reflect the cost of issuance. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Zoning Board also proposes to require applicants to pay for the cost of publishing legal notices, which is a common practice in the Town in other departments. Ms. Fitzpatrick summarized the existing fee structure and the proposed fees.

Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board vote to endorse the following changes to application fees for the Board of Appeals:

Appeal from the action of the Building Inspector:	\$200
Permit for a Variance	\$200
Special Permit/single family dwelling	\$200
Special Permit/all others:	\$200
Application to amend, modify, or transfer:	\$200

Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.

2. Initiate and Refer Zoning Amendment:

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated Attorney Roy Cramer, on behalf of Steve Levin of Continental Wingate Development Company, has requested that the Board of Selectmen initiate an amendment to the Zoning By-law to create an Elder Services Zoning District. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated a referral to the Planning Board at this time would allow for the inclusion of an article in the Special Town Meeting warrant, if appropriate.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to initiate an amendment to the Zoning By-law to enable the creation of an Elder Services Zoning District, and to refer the matter to the Planning Board for review, public hearing, and report.

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Mr. Matthews stated this is a neutral action, and that the Board is taking this vote for technical reasons to allow the process to move forward to Town Meeting. Mr. Matthews said a vote at this time is not an endorsement of the topic.

3. Close Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed with the Board the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant. She reviewed recent changes and updates on various articles.

Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board approve and close the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented by the Town Manager subject to minor technical corrections to be made by the Town Manager, Town Counsel, and Bond Counsel.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0.

4. Review Progress Toward Goals:

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed with the Board progress on goals for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. She stated most of the activity has taken place on 'Committed Obligations', with many items currently underway and moving forward.

5. Town Hall Project Update:

Ms. Fitzpatrick updated the Board on the progress of the Town Hall project and the pending move to the Public Services Administration Building. She stated many items have already been moved to storage, and that the computers will be moved tomorrow. Ms. Fitzpatrick reminded the Board of the auction of Town Hall items being held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 beginning at 12 noon. Town Hall will close on Friday, February 12 and will re-open for business on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Public Services Administration Building.

7:45 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Wasserman updated the Board on the status of the Governor's budget. He also advised the Board of several ballot questions currently before the legislature. Mr. Matthews thanked Mr. Wasserman for the update.

7:55 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of February 9, 2010.

Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.