

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for January 25, 2011
Needham Public Services Administration Building**

6:45 p.m. Informal Session with Citizens: No Activity.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order:
A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman John A. Bulian. Those present were Daniel P. Matthews, Gerald A. Wasserman, Denise C. Garlick, Maurice P. Handel, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

7:00 p.m. RCN Cable Public Hearing:
Chris Coleman, Assistant Town Manager, appeared before the Board on behalf of the RCN Cable Advisory Committee to discuss the extension of the Cable Television Final License dated April 25, 2000 until June 1, 2011 as the prior extension has expired.

**Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board vote to extend the cable television license between the Town and RCN-BecoCom, LLC until June 1, 2011.
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Mr. Matthews asked about the process going forward, since this extension expires June 1, 2011. Mr. Coleman told Mr. Matthews this is an extension of the final license agreement and that the Cable Advisory Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board to conduct another license hearing. Mr. Wasserman clarified this is an extension of the final license, not the final extension should another be necessary.

7:05 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 4 items to discuss:

1. Accept and Refer Zoning Amendment/Citizens' Petition Needham Center:
Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board Mr. Louis Wolfson, Primary Sponsor, collected the requisite number of signatures to include a citizens' petition for a zoning by-law amendment on a future Town Meeting Warrant. She told the Board based on the statutory timeframes for the Planning Board, the petition will not be ready for inclusion in the March 14th Special Town Meeting. She asked the Board accept the proposed zoning amendment with respect to zoning in the downtown area.

**Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to accept a proposed zoning amendment sought by citizens' petition and to refer the matter to the Planning Board for review, public hearing, and report.
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

2. Accept and Refer Zoning Amendment/Farmers' Market:

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board Mr. Jeffrey Friedman, Primary Sponsor, collected the requisite number of signatures to include a citizens' petition for a zoning by-law amendment on a future Town Meeting Warrant. She said Mr. Friedman is seeking a petition to allow a farmers' market to be located within the Town.

Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board vote to accept a proposed zoning amendment sought by citizens' petition and to refer the matter to the Planning Board for review, public hearing, and report.

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

3. Open Special Town Meeting:

Ms. Fitzpatrick requested the Board open the Special Town Meeting Warrant. She stated there are two warrant articles proposed for inclusion in the March 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board open the warrant for the meeting to be held on March 14, 2011 at the Pollard School.

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

4. Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Annual Budget:

Ms. Fitzpatrick presented to the Board the Town's FY2012 Proposed Annual Budget. She called the budget the "Bridge to 2013" and commented that we are still on it. She said the Town is on less precarious footing than other surrounding communities. Ms. Fitzpatrick showed a Powerpoint presentation and said the Town is moving from "sustainability" towards "resiliency". Ms. Fitzpatrick discussed four core items in the Balanced Budget Framework. She also mentioned the Citizen Survey 2010 and stated there has been an overall increase in the satisfaction levels of Needham residents from 2008-2010. Ms. Fitzpatrick pointed out two charts "Facility and Infrastructure Investment" and "Vehicles, Equipment & Technology" and commented one of the ways to measure resilience is that the community has foregone increases to services and improvements to programs by investing in things that are invisible (i.e.: boilers, roofs, underground infrastructure). She stated from 2007-2011, the 5-year average of investment in open space, facilities, public works infrastructure, school facilities, drains, sewer, and water totals \$21,521,713 per year. She commented it is an extraordinary level of investment the community has made. She said the community has spent just under \$2,000,000 per year on vehicles, equipment & technology during the same time period. She said it has been a very difficult financial situation, yet the community has been able to continue to invest because of good planning. To recap the 2012 budget, Ms. Fitzpatrick recommended a General Fund Appropriation totaling \$115,148,213. Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed The School Department Budget Proposal and commented on the goal to reduce reliance on one-time revenue to fund the operating budget by increasing the Department's spending request by \$300,000 which the School Department would use to fund a

one-time expense need capital. This money, would be used for Walker Gordon Filed and Snow & Ice equipment. Ms. Fitzpatrick discussed changes from base budget requests and recommended funding through alternative approaches. Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on the Performance Budget stating these are items identified as priorities if additional funds become available. She also commented on a few changes to the Enterprise Fund budget requests. Ms. Fitzpatrick reiterated that the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager budget priorities include maintaining existing Town services where possible, to consider sustainability, to consider coordination and efficiency, to consider economic vitality, land stewardship, transportation and appearance of the Town.

Mr. Bulian commented it was a very good presentation.

Mr. Wasserman asked for clarification on the transaction between the schools and the Town totaling \$300,000 in operating money put in to replace \$300,000 in one time money. He said he was under the impression it was being used for technology. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the school budget was submitted with reliance on \$800,900 which was reduced to reliance on \$500,900 which left the school \$300,900 in one time money to spend.

Ms. Garlick said it would be remiss not to mention, give current economic conditions, this budget is both sustainable and resilient, and she complimented Ms. Fitzpatrick and her staff.

7:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda and Appointments:
Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Consent Agenda and Appointments as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

1.	Council on Aging	Lianne Relich (term expires 6/30/2012)
2.	Green Communities Study Committee	(term expires 12/31/2011) Romeo D’Agostino •Bill Dermody •Robert Ernst Natasha Espada • Michael Greis • George Kent Susan McGarvey • Michael McKay •Jeanne McKnight • Gary McNeill • Steve Popper • Ed Quinlan • Dan Walsh • Jerry Wasserman • Rick Zimbone

CONSENT AGENDA

1.	Accept the following donations received to the Needham Health Department’s Gift of Warmth Fund: Mr. Andrew N. Thoresen, Missions Board- The First Baptist Church in Needham - \$350; Sandra Robinson of The Needham Community Council - \$8,000; Saint Joseph Parish - \$1,000; Ann C. MacFate - \$100.
2.	Accept the following donations received to the Police Department: \$5,000 from an anonymous donor; and \$250 from Wendy E. Lane of 348 Grove Street, Needham.
3.	Approve a one day special Wine and Malt beverages license from Kathleen

	DeMayo of the Needham Education Foundation to hold a Leaders Circle Event on Thursday, February 3 rd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Needham Historical Society, 1147 Central Avenue, Needham.
4.	Approve request for one day special Wine & Malt beverage license from Gloria Greis for the Needham Historical Society's Chocolate Creations & Champagne event to be held at the Historical Society, 1147 Central Avenue on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
5.	Ratify One Day Special Wine and Malt Beverages license request from Robert Parks of the Needham Exchange Club for their bi-monthly meeting that was held on January 20, 2011 at the Charles River Center, 59 E Militia Heights, Needham from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
6.	Approve requests for one day special Wine & Malt beverage licenses from Robert Parks of the Needham Exchange Club to hold their bi-monthly meetings on February 3 rd , March 3 rd , and May 5 th at the Charles River Center, 59 E Militia Heights, Needham from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
7.	Accept the following gifts made to the Needham Cultural Council in support of New Year's Needham: \$150 from Not Your Average Joe's, and \$300 from the Needham Running Club.
8.	Approve One Day Special Wine & Malt Beverage license request from Mike Riley, Needham Knights of Columbus to host a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at The Knights of Columbus Council #1611, 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
9.	Approve One Day Special Wines & Malt Beverages Only license request from Mike Riley, representing the Needham Knights of Columbus for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance, to be held on March 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus on 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham.
10.	Approve Minutes from January 11, 2011.

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

7:50 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Matthews that That the Board convene an executive session under Exception 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, recognizing that the Chair has declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Mr. Bulian polled the Board. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.