

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 10, 2011
Needham Public Services Administration Building**

- 6:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens: No Activity.
- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order:
A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Maurice P. Handel. Those present were Gerald A. Wasserman, Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. James Healy was not present.
- 7:00 p.m. Tercentennial Committee Update:
Bill Tilburg and Valerie Herman, Needham 300 Committee, appeared before the Board with an update on the status of the tercentennial celebration. Ms. Herman gave a brief synopsis of a recent tercentennial event and spoke about upcoming events including “The Battle for Needham” and Needham Night at the POPS. Mr. Tilburg spoke about the rededication of Town Hall and the Gala event scheduled for November 5, 2011. He said a committee has been working to get as many people involved in the event as possible. He commented the rededication will include a replica of the Town Hall and the downtown area in Lego pieces, which will remain on display at Town Hall. Mr. Tilburg said a commemorative book is currently being put together and will include articles and photos of the year’s events. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Masons, who are involved in dedications of public buildings, have arranged for the Washington Bible to be available at the rededication ceremony of Town Hall.
- 7:10 p.m. Proclamation - National Bikes Week:
Mr. Handel read a proclamation declaring May 14 through May 20 to be National Bikes Week in Needham.
- Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the board of Selectmen vote to sign a proclamation declaring May 14 through 20, 2011 to be National Bikes Week in Needham, Massachusetts.**
Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 4-0.
- 7:15 p.m. Needham Tercentennial/Town Hall Project Request:
Jane Howard and Colleen Schaller appeared before the Board to discuss a fundraising project proposed by the Needham Tercentennial Committee to solicit sponsors for the engraving of granite pavers in the walkway behind Town Hall. Ms. Howard gave an overview of the project, including cost to sponsors. She also said a contingency fund will be set up should any repairs be necessary. Mr. Wasserman clarified any money raised will help pay for the Needham 300 celebration, which is being privately funded and not coming from any Town funds.

Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the solicitation of sponsors and engraving of granite pavers in the walkway behind Town Hall subject to the oversight and approval of the Town Manager.

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Unanimously approved 4-0.

7:25 p.m. Consent Agenda and Appointments:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve a One Day Special All Alcoholic Beverages Only license from Ed Davis of St. Sebastian's School to hold their 25th & 50th Reunion event on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at Ward Hall, St. Sebastian's School, 1191 Greendale Avenue, Needham.**
- 2. Approve a One Day Special All Alcoholic Beverages Only license from Ed Davis of St. Sebastian's School to hold a clambake event on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Ward Hall, St. Sebastian's School, 1191 Greendale Avenue, Needham.**
- 3. Approve request from the American Cancer Society, New England Division, to conduct a cycling event, Bicycles Battling Cancer, which will take place on Sunday, June 12, 2011. The event will start in Worcester at 8:00 a.m., estimating that the majority of riders will cross into Needham around 1:00 p.m., with approximately 250 participants. The Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works have all approved this request.**
- 4. Accept the following donations made to The Park and Recreation Commission for Children's Theatre - \$1,300 from Parent Talk, Inc.**
- 5. Accept the following donation made to the Needham Police Department for a child safety seat installation from: \$25.00- Rebecca G. Holden, 100 Boatswains Way, Chelsea, MA.**
- 6. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library for the period March 4, 2011 – May 3, 2011: The Friends of the Needham Public Library donated \$1,000 for the purchase of World Language materials; David Ira Rottenberg gave the library a copy of his new children's book, Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig (\$15.00); Received donations in memory of Harold Lewis Arm from: John Russo (\$40.00) and Lois & Ron Sockol (\$20.00); Benjamin Railton gave the library a copy of his new book, Redefining American Identity (\$80.00); Emily Salaun donated an autographed copy of Senator Scott Brown's book, Against All Odds (\$27.99); Fred H. Tuveson gave the library a copy of The Vatican Collections: The Papacy and Art (\$32.00); The Friends of the Needham Public Library made a \$200.00 donation to the library in memory of Lorraine Welsh; The following people have made donations to the library in memory of Catharine L. Mastro: Robert and Barbara Moss (\$20.00), Mary and Preston Spivey (\$100.00), Diane Browne and Richard Creeden (\$25.00); The following people have made donations to the library in memory of Kathleen F. Weller:**

Sindia L. Conroy (\$100.00), Jerome and Linda Klein (\$50), James and Sarah Ann Mahoney (\$100.00), Joseph and Janet Murphy ((\$50.00), Ruth M. Colman (\$50.00), Tracy and Stephen Rubin (\$100.00), Peter and Anne Weller (\$200.00), Paul and Nancy VanBroekhoven (\$100.00), and Joyce E. McCarty (\$100.00); Children’s performer Vanessa Trien gave the library copies of her CDs: Carnival Day (\$12.00), and Hot Air Balloon (\$12.00); Judy Wheeler Crossman gave the library a box of memorabilia, pictures, genealogies, and other family records of Needham’s Crossman and Sutton Families. (Priceless); and U.S. Senator Scott Brown sent the library two copies of his book, Against All Odds (\$27.99 each).

7. Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1124
8. Approve minutes of May 2, 2011 meeting.
9. Accept the following donations made to The Needham Health Department’s Domestic Violence Action Committee: \$250 from Copley Motorcars Corporation; \$35 from George Noyes; \$50 from Mariele Forte; \$10 from Karen Goldsmith; \$25 from Carole T. and Craig A. Martin; \$25 from Arthur Bloom; \$10 from Justine Weisman; \$10 from Richard P. Gotthardt; \$25 from Miriam S. Grodberg; \$100 from Alan Stern & Lori Tenser; and \$25 from Suzanne D. Holloran.
10. Grant Permission for the following residents to hold a block party:

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Molly Kerrigan	386 Warren St	Lower Laurel Dr. between # 6 & # 27	9/10/11	9/11/11	2-5pm
Michael Fuchs	92 Grant St	Grant St between Kimball and Junction in front of 92 Grant St.	6/17/11	6/18/11	5-9pm 4-8pm

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Unanimously approved 4-0.

7:25 p.m. Proclamation – National Public Works Week:
Richard Merson, DPW Director appeared before the Board. Mr. Matthews read a proclamation declaring the week of May 15th through May 21st as National Public Works Week in Needham.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to approve and sign the Proclamation to declare the week of May 15th through May 21st as National Public Works Week in Needham.

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Unanimously approved 4-0.

7:30 p.m. Town Manager:
Ms. Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 1 item to discuss:

Acceptance of Restrictive Covenants

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the Planning Board has requested that the Board of Selectmen accept and execute a Declaration of Restrictive Private Way Covenant and Grant of License for the 198-200 Nehoiden Street Definitive Subdivision Plan. She stated the reason for the requirement is to clarify that the Town of Needham is not accepting the private way, and that the property owners agree to maintain the way and all of the utilities under it, and to allow the Town access over the way.

Motion by Mr. Matthews at the request of the Planning Board, that the Board accept the Declaration of Restrictive Private Way Covenant and a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Grant of License for the 198-200 Nehoiden Street Definitive Subdivision Plan by Nehoiden Knoll, Inc. to the Town of Needham.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 4-0.

7:35 p.m.

Executive Session - Exception 3:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into Executive Session under Exception 3 – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

Second: Mr. Wasserman. Mr. Handel polled the Board. Unanimously approved 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 7:46 pm.