

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 22, 2012
Needham Town Hall**

- 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 Gerald A. Wasserman. Those present were Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Maurice P. Handel, Matthew D. Borrelli, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.
- 7:00 p.m. Proclamation – Arbor Day:
Mr. Wasserman read a proclamation declaring the last Friday in April as Arbor Day in the Town of Needham.
- 7:00 p.m. Raymond F. Bosworth Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation:
Gloria Greis and Rick Hardy, Historical Commission, appeared before the Board to present the Raymond F. Bosworth Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The Award was presented to McGinley Kalsow and Associates for their work on the design and renovation of the Needham Town Hall; and Frank Shirley, Architects, and Barbara and Scott Jones, owners for the renovation of the Amos Fuller House, known as Hearthstone Farm (220 Nehoiden Street).
- 7:05 p.m. Consent Agenda and Appointments:
Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, excluding #13, the “Super Committee” item.

APPOINTMENTS

There are no appointments this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve a One Day Special Wines & Malt Beverages license for Missy Mahoney of Needham Pool & Racquet Club to hold its new member reception on Friday, June 15, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Needham Pool & Racquet Club, 1550 Central Avenue, Needham.**
- 2. Accept donation of two new 8’ x 12’ Nylon flags for the Needham Town Common and the Needham Heights Common in preparation for Memorial Day from the Norfolk Lodge, A.F & A.M.**
- 3. Accept \$315.00 in donations received for the Student Awareness of Fire Education program made in memory of David W. Jones from: Chromasonic TV, and Ms. Eleanor Denaro.**
- 4. Accept \$7,038.54 donation made to the Needham Revitalization Trust Fund from the Needham Women’s Club.**

5. Ratify and sign the 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation, which proclaims the last Friday in April as Arbor Day in the Town of Needham and encourages residents to support all efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for future generations to come.
6. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library for the period February 9, 2012- May 16, 2012: Anne Nydam donated a copy of her latest book, Kate and Sam and the Cheesemonster, to the Children's Room (\$12.00); Father Daniel Kennedy Needham Knights of Columbus donated \$25.00 to the library for the purchase of a book on football; Barbara Milligan donated seven books (\$187.00); The Exchange Club of Needham gave the library \$300.00 to purchase books on bullying; The Needham Garden Club donated \$90.50 in memory of deceased members for the purchase of gardening books; The Boston Professional Hockey Association sent the library a copy of Full 60+ to History: The Inside Story of the 2011 Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins (\$50.00); and the Poness Family gave the library a copy of the book, P.O.W: A Sailor's Story, written by Ralph C. Poness and edited by Ralph J. Poness (\$16.95).
7. Accept the following donation made to the Needham Park and Recreation Commission: A Tennis Tutor Pro Lite battery operated tennis ball machine and blue ball hopper (valued at approximately \$540) for the Tennis Programs from Mrs. Pauline Haran.
8. Accept donation of 200 Hoodsie Ice Cream cups, and 200 spoons at a value of \$75.00 for the Memorial Day observation to be held on May 28, 2012 from Roche Brothers, Needham.
9. Accept 6' x 10' nylon American Flag to fly at Avery Square from Ted Shaughnessy.
10. Grant permission for the Community Center of Needham to hold a community-wide luminary event (meet and stroll) on Sunday, November 4, 2012 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Participants would gather first at the Town Common and the stroll would conclude back at Town Common. Organizers must work with Police Department on route development to ensure safety of participants and for minimal disruption in the downtown area.
11. Water and Sewer Abatement Order #1143.
12. Approve minutes from the following Selectmen meetings: April 24, 2012 (Executive Session), May 7, 2012, May 8, 2012, May 9, 2012, and May 14, 2012.
13. Approve the creation of an ad hoc "Super Committee" consisting of all five members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and two additional members with financial and management experience, to conduct a financial sustainability study of the Recycling & Transfer Station.
14. Approve a request from Meredith Beaton Starr of the Wellesley-Weston PMC Kids Ride to ride through the roads in Needham for its event to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 from 9:20 AM to 11:00 AM. The route that the riders will take through Needham has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire and Park and Recreation.
15. Grant permission for the following residents to hold a block party:

Name	Address Party	Location	Date	Rain Date	Time
Michael Fuchs	92 Grant Street	Grant St between Kimball & Junction in front of 92 Grant St.	6/22/2012	6/23/2012	5-9PM 4-8PM
Linda Farley	24 Birds Hill Avenue	Bottom of Birds Hill Avenue to 28 Birds Hill Avenue. Most of lower Birds Hill residents will be involved with event.	6/02/2012		1:30- 5:30PM
Deb Tormey	33 Lawton Avenue	Middle of the street to block off small length of the street	6/16/2012		3-10PM

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

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board of Selectmen approve the creation of an ad hoc “Super Committee” consisting of all five members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and two additional members with financial and management experience, to conduct a financial sustainability study of the Recycling & Transfer Station.

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

7:10 p.m.

Approaches to Downtown Streetscape Improvements:

Rick Merson, DPW Director and Tony Del Gaizo, Town Engineer appeared before the Board to discuss streetscape improvements in the downtown. Mr. Merson showed a sketch of Needham’s downtown and referred to the 1995 report entitled “Town of Needham Design Guidelines for the Business Districts”. He said as a result of the guidelines, several of the recommendations were incorporated into the recent reconstruction of Chapel Street and Chestnut Street areas. He said the DPW has developed a proposed phasing plan for review and discussed the approaches to streetscape improvements in the downtown area. The Board thanked Mr. Merson for the presentation.

7:25 p.m.

Town Manager:

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 3 items to discuss.

1. Grant Cathodic Protection Easement-Algonquin Gas Transmission

Ms. Fitzpatrick reminded the Board of the November 8, 2010 Special Town Meeting vote to change the use of 18,764 square feet of land at Ridge Hill Reservation from conservation to municipal use for the purpose of installing and maintaining a cathodic protection system for a gas transmission line. She said Town Meeting also authorized the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen to grant and convey a cathodic protection easement within the land at

Ridge Hill Reservation for the purpose of installing and maintaining a cathodic protection system for a gas transmission line. She commented Special Town Meeting also voted to authorize a home rule petition to obtain Legislative approval for the change in use and granting of easement. She asked the Board to execute the grant of cathodic protection easement to Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC, as authorized by Chapter 164 of the Acts of 2011 of the General Court.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen execute the grant of cathodic protection easement Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, as authorized by Chapter 164 of the Acts of 2011 of the General Court.
Second: Mr. Matthews. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

2. Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan

Dave Davison, ATM/Finance Director and Evelyn Poness, Treasurer appeared before the Board to review the low interest rate financing the Town has secured through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement trust for the Reservoir B Sewer Pumping Station approved at the November 7, 2011 Special Town Meeting. He asked the Board to approve borrowing up to \$6,300,000 authorized by the Town through the Trust, execute the first Note with the Trust in the amount of \$6,300,000, and approve required actions by Town Officials.

Motion A

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,300,000 (the “Bonds”) pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed November 7, 2011 (Article 15), which authorized a total borrowing of \$6,300,000 for construction of sewers and other water pollution control facilities (the “Project”);
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Motion B

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds the Treasurer is authorized to issue an interim loan note or notes (the “Notes”) from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,300,000;
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Motion C

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that each Bond or Note shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the “Trust”) at a price determined pursuant to the Loan Agreement;
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Motion D

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form, the maximum interest rate and the principal maturities of each Bond and Note, and to execute a Loan Agreement (or Agreements) with the Trust with respect to the sale of the Bonds and Notes, such date, form and maturities and the specific interest rate or rates of the Bonds and Notes to be approved by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer and evidenced by their execution of the Bonds or Notes;
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Motion E

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that all action taken to date by the Town and its officers and agents to carry out the Project and its financing, including the execution of any loan commitment or agreement by the Treasurer, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

Motion F

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Treasurer and the other appropriate Town officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement(s) and the Project Regulatory Agreement(s) relating to the Project.
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

3. **Town Manager Report**

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the new Inspector of Buildings, David Roche began working in Needham on May 21, 2012. She told the Board construction of the new senior center has generated several calls from citizens regarding the location of the building. She assured the Board and residents the new building is being built according to plan. She commented the audit for FY2012 begins next week, and that several items will be brought to the Board for consideration in June including fee abatements and police detail abatements. She reminded the Board of the Memorial Day observances next week and said complete information is available on the Town's website.

7:45 p.m. Board Discussion:
Committee Reports
No committee reports were made.

7:45 p.m. Adjourn:
Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of May 22, 2012.

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

A list of all documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting is available at:
<http://www.needham.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=99&Type=&ADID=>