

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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October 1, 2013

**8:00 a.m.** A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Daniel Matthews at the Newton City Hall. Present were, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Maurice Handel, Mr. Matthew Borrelli, Ms. Marianne Cooley, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, Newton Mayor Setti Warren, Newton Chief Administrative Officer Bob Rooney, and Newton Needham Chamber Director Greg Reibman.

**8:00 a.m.** The Board members and Mayor Warren discussed items of common interest including the unused rail corridor that runs from Needham over the Highway and the Charles River into Newton, the Highland Avenue/Needham Street corridor, the importance of Needham Street, Wells Avenue and Needham Crossing as the economic engine of the two communities and the region, and possibilities for collaborating on economic development initiatives. Mr. Reibman introduced the N<sup>2</sup> Innovation Corridor initiative. Mr. Rooney discussed the opportunity for Needham and Newton to collaborate in an economic target area.

The Board members and the Mayor agreed to meet on a regular basis and that a meeting will be scheduled in Needham later in the year.

**8:45 a.m.** **Motion:** Mr. Bulian moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda – to vote to reduce the membership composition of the Solar Energy Exploratory Committee from seven members to five members. Mr. Borrelli seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.

**Motion:** Mr. Bulian moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Borrelli seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.