

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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May 7, 2014

6:50 p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman John Bulian at the Needham Town Hall. Present were Mr. Maurice Handel, Mr. Matthew Borrelli, Ms. Marianne Cooley, Mr. Daniel Matthews, Assistant Town Manager David Davison, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick. Also in attendance were Mr. Michael Greis, School Committee Chair, Mr. Daniel Gutekanst, School Superintendent, Mr. Rick Lunetta, Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Dick Reilly, Finance Committee Member, Mr. Rick Zimbone, and Louise Mizgerd, Finance Committee Executive Secretary.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the School Technology Capital Article and in particular the 1:1 iPad program. Mr. Gutekanst said that he would be prepared to make a presentation to Town Meeting. As of this date, 87% of the parents have responded. He noted that while May 2nd was the Department's internal deadline, he is confident the Department will be ready to move the project forward. Mr. Borrelli asked if there was a reason to postpone the project. Mr. Reilly noted that the problem does not go away, since enrollment in the program would need to occur every year. Mr. Matthews said that he knows that the School Department understands the challenges and is assured that the Department will evaluate the status of the program and make the right decision as to whether to move forward. Mr. Gutekanst agreed that the funds will not be spent if the project does not move forward. Mr. Greis noted that of the 87% of respondents, 80% of them are positive. Ms. Cooley noted that it can be hard to get parents' attention. Mr. Reilly said the boards should be prepared if a motion is made to move the funds, or if the project does not move forward.

7:15 p.m. **Motion: Mr. Handel moved that the Board adjourn its meeting contemporaneously with the adjournment of Town Meeting. Mr. Borrelli seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.**

9:53 p.m. Article 22

Motion: Mr. Matthews moved that the Board voted to support the Planning Board's amendment to Article 22 – Amend Zoning By-law/Off-street Parking Requirements. Mr. Handel seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.

Note: The Annual Town Meeting adjourned for the evening at 11:27 p.m.