

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 12, 2015
Selectmen's Chamber
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 Maurice P. Handel. Those present were Matthew D. Borrelli, Marianne B. Cooley, John A. Bulian, Daniel P. Matthews, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Fremont Street:
Pat Pembroke, EDS Engineering & Data Solutions appeared before the Board representing Verizon New England Inc. She requested permission to place two, four inch PVC conduits approximately 100 feet in Fremont Street in accordance with plan entitled "Petition Plan - Verizon New England Inc. - No. 4AA4LS" dated March 10, 2015.

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager stated all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Handel invited public comment. No comments were made.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a petition from Verizon New England to place two, four inch PVC conduits approximately 100 feet in Fremont Street in accordance with plan entitled "Petition Plan - Verizon New England Inc. - No. 4AA4LS dated 3/10/2015 and attached herewith as Exhibit "A".

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

7:02 p.m. National Public Works Week Proclamation:
Richard P. Merson, DPW Director appeared before the Board regarding National Public Works Week. Mr. Handel read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 17th through May 23rd as National Public Works Week.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign the Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 17th through May 23rd, 2015 as National Public Works Week.

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

Mr. Handel commented on the importance of Public Works to everyday life of Needham. He thanked Mr. Merson for the work done by his staff through the winter. Mr. Merson thanked Mr. Handel for the acknowledgement, and commented

on the ovation by Town Meeting members on Monday, May 11, 2015. He said it is very gratifying to know the DPW is appreciated for its work.

7:06 p.m.

Appointments and Consent Agenda:

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

APPOINTMENTS: There were no Appointments at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve 2015 Mobile Food Truck license for returning food truck - Captain Marden's Seafoods, Inc. d/b/a The Cod Squad. All required forms have been completed and are on file.**
- 2. Approve a request from the Natick Rotary to hold its Tour de Natick bike event on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The Needham portion of the route involves only a short leg of the longer, 25 mile course which begins at 8:00 am. The section of the route going through Needham is from Charles River Street at the Dover line to South Street at the Dover line. The route that the riders will take through Needham has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire and Park and Recreation.**
- 3. Approve a 2015 Common Victualler License for French Press LLC. d/b/a French Press Bakery & Café located at 74 Chapel Street, Needham.**
- 4. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library during the period February 4, 2015 to May 6, 2015: Additional gifts in memory of Mary H. Dickert from: Norman Fay - \$100.00, Kenneth & Deborah Bassett - \$50.00, Douglas & Janet MacMillan - \$100.00; Sandra Brennan sent the library a copy of her new book, In the Belly of Jonah (\$14.95); Barbara Kochaniak donated \$20.00 for the purchase of DVDs; Anna M. Newman gave the library a copy of The Midwife of Venice by Roberta Rich (\$15.00); Marjorie Slater gave the library two CDs: Nothing in My Hand (\$15.00), and Your Divine Destination (\$15.00); Douglas Payne gave the library a copy of the children's book, Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan (\$18.99); Amelia Klein donated the following materials: Talking Through Walls (DVD) (\$15.00), Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World (DVD) (\$15.00), and The Qur'an: A Guide and Mercy (book) (\$9.95); Sam Bass Warner gave the library the following books: Hedrick—A History of Horticulture in America to 1860 (\$28.00), Weller—Freshwater Marshes, 2nd ed. (\$45.00), and Thornton—Cultivating Gentlemen (\$34.00); Sonali Kelkar gave the library a copy of her nine-year-old daughter's book, Matchsticks: Collections of Short Stories (\$6.00); Kate King donated three children's puzzles (\$45.00); Jane Swett donated a copy of Banglumpoo Lumka: A priceless Historic Place in Bangkok (\$10.00); Bill Salus donated \$225.00 to pay the Community Room rental fee for IANDS (International Association for Near Death Studies) for 2015 and 2016 in memory of Andrea Curewitz's father; Earl Adreani donated two opera videos (\$55.00)- Jose Carreras Collection: The Vienna Comeback, and Opera Australia: The Merry Widow; Margaret Pantridge gave the library a 4-volume**

set of books: *Travels in New England and New York* by Timothy Dwight (\$89.00) and a check for \$100.00 in honor of *One Boston Day*; Paul Shore donated a copy of *The American Passenger Train* by Mike Schafer (\$34.95); Jessie Fried donated a copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th edition (\$21.95); Laura Rosen and Family donated the following games for the Children’s Play Area: *Mille Bornes Classic Auto Race Card Game* (\$15.00), *Apples to Apples Junior* (\$16.00), *The Scrambled States of America Game* (\$15.00), and *Spit!* (\$8.00).

5. **Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1198.**
6. **Approve a request from the Hillside Elementary School PTC to hold its Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk and Monster Fun Run event on Sunday, October 25, 2015. The route starts and ends at the Hillside School, with the route following Glen Gary, West, Eliot, Parish, Damon, Parish, Nehoiden, Central down Bess, Julia, Jarvis, Central, and Booth Street. The event will be finished by 11:00 am. 300 participants are expected. This event has been approved by the following departments: Police, Fire and Park and Recreation and is subject to the approval of the DPW.**
7. **Grant Permission for the following residents to hold a block party:**

| Name | Address | Party Location | Party Date | Party Rain Date | Party Time |
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| Jenny Beck | 10 Hollow Ridge Road | Hollow Ridge Road | June 20 | | 4pm-10pm |
| Nancy Avery | 29 Greenwood Ave | Greenwood Ave | July 18 | 7/19 | 3pm-10pm |
| Andrew Allen | 955 Webster Street | 900 Block of Webster Street | August 8 | 8/15 | 12pm-3pm |

Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Mr. Handel announced the meeting is being tape recorded and carried on local cable television.

7:07 p.m.

Introduction of Firefighters:

Dennis Condon, Fire Chief appeared before the Board to introduce newly appointed Firefighters Jake Hart, Sean Marcotte, and Tom Wesley. Chief Condon also recognized Mike Welch, who was unable to attend.

Chief Condon said the new firefighters received high marks at the Fire Academy, and that he is excited to have them in the department. He commented on the two week orientation the firefighters spent with the BID emergency room staff.

Mr. Matthews welcomed Firefighters Hart, Marcotte, and Wesley to the service of the Town. He said he wants them to succeed and that during stressful situations

they are the “face of the Town” to the public. He said they have the confidence of the Fire Chief and the Town Manager, and wished them well in Needham.

The Board congratulated the firefighters on their appointments and welcomed them to Needham.

7:15 p.m.

Representative Denise Garlick:

Denise Garlick, State Representative appeared before the Board with an update as to her new role as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

Ms. Garlick commended the Board for the integrity and dignity with which Town Meeting is handled, saying it is a credit to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager in how well the Town works for the residents of Needham.

Ms. Garlick commented on the Highland Avenue/Needham Street project, saying the area was one of the great priorities for her since becoming a State Representative. She said one of the first things she did was to get \$17 million authorization for the project in the FY2012 budget. She said the authorization expired after two years, but was again included in the 2014 transportation bond bill. She said she was pleased to be part of the project and to get the legislative delegation together, along with the Board of Selectmen, DPW, and the Engineering Department.

Ms. Garlick commented on the Needham Buffer Zone legislation, saying it has been re-filed and prioritized for the first early hearing by the committee. She said she supports the legislation because of the historical promise to the Town, storm water drainage, and the health and safety of residents. She said the Buffer Zone makes a major difference to the health and safety of those people living in the area. She said she will continue to work on the issue.

Ms. Garlick shared that in her third term as State Representative, she has been named Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs. She said the Committee deals with all issues relating to senior citizens, including health care, housing, nutrition, transportation, economic stability, community activities, and personal safety and security. She pointed out that the Commonwealth currently has 1.5 million seniors, and over the next five years it is predicted that the total Commonwealth population will grow by 4.3%. She said the senior population, which includes anyone over the age of 60, is expected to grow by 20% in the same five year period. She said public policy must be made to accommodate seniors, and that she is very interested in receiving input from anyone in Needham.

Mr. Handel commented on the work of the MPO on Highland Avenue/Needham Street, and asked Ms. Garlick if it would be helpful to encourage public comment in support of the project. Ms. Garlick said the more voices that are heard in the MPO comment period the better. She said she is hopeful the Council of Economic

Advisors, Department of Public Works, Needham Business Association, the Needham/Newton Chamber of Commerce, and residents living in Needham Crossing will make comment.

Mr. Handel asked for Board comment.

Mr. Matthews said it is very relevant that Ms. Garlick has taken on the position as Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, noting the aging population and high cost of health care. He wished her well.

Mr. Bulian asked about the current status of the revision to the “headlight law.” Ms. Garlick said she is glad to report the House has voted to rescind the surcharge. She said that while the law still remains for public safety, there would be no insurance surcharge.

Mr. Borrelli congratulated Ms. Garlick, and noted collaboration with the towns of Newton, Medfield, and Dover.

The Board thanked Ms. Garlick for her work.

7:35 p.m. Appointment of Trust Fund Commissioner:
Joe Scalia and Haydon Traub, members of the Commissioners of Trust Fund held a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to interview Jack Cogswell, a candidate for the current vacancy on the Commission.

Mr. Borrelli gave a brief background stating Barry Coffman resigned his position as a Commissioner of Trust Funds. He said an interview process was conducted to fill the vacancy, and that he is pleased to recommend Jack Cogswell to fill the position. Mr. Borrelli commented on Mr. Cogswell’s extensive experience in Needham.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board of Selectmen and Trust Fund Commissioners vote to appoint Jack Cogswell to fill the vacancy on the Committee through April 12, 2016.

Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimously approved 7-0.

Mr. Cogswell said he is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the Trust Fund Commissioners.

The Board congratulated Mr. Cogswell on his appointment.

7:50 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with two items to discuss:

1. Calendar Revision

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed the Selectmen meeting schedule including a proposed change for the second September meeting date, which is in conflict for Yom Kippur observance. She recommended the Board vote to change the meeting from Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to Monday, September 21, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to approve the change to the Meeting Calendar from Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to Monday, September 21, 2015.

Second: Ms Cooley. Unanimously approved 5-0.

2. Town Managers Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick recapped Town Meeting, saying 50 Articles were completed and that it is the third year in a row in which Town Meeting concluded in three nights.

Mr. Handel commented on his concern about attendance at Town Meeting, and suggested residents voting for Town Meeting members should know the attendance record of a candidate. He asked if attendance records could be publicized. Mr. Bulian agreed, suggesting Town Meeting members should notify the Town Clerk if they are unable to attend one or more nights of Town Meeting. Mr. Borrelli agreed, noting this year many precincts had contested races. He said voters should know if their Town Meeting member is in attendance. Mr. Matthews suggested looking at the absentee list to determine why people are absent. He said perhaps some members may have lost interest, and that it may just be a matter of asking members that if they do not want to serve to step down. Ms. Cooley concurred.

Ms. Fitzpatrick commented Town Meeting appropriated \$163,436,914, exclusive of debt. She also noted that in the history of Community Preservation Fund, 51 Articles have been presented to Town Meeting for action and 51 Articles have passed. She said it is a very good success rate.

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted the Off-Leash Dog Park will hold its opening ceremony this Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at the Nike site.

She talked about the MPO, saying Newton made a motion at the MPO meeting last Thursday, and was successful in moving the Highland Avenue/Needham Street project into 2018.

Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on the Kendrick Street traffic situation. She noted the Add-A-Lane project is progressing and that the railroad bridge is now down.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said Phase 1 of the Rail Trail project is nearing completion. She showed photos of the work done to date.

8:05 p.m.

Board Discussion:

1. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were made.

8:05 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of May 12, 2015.

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

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