

**Town of Needham  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for October 13, 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, Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

7:00 p.m. Bin Ends - Change of Monday Hours Request:  
John Hafferty, Manager/Owner of Bin Ends, located at 65 Crawford Street appeared before the Board requesting a change for its Monday business hours to 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. He said the adjustment in hours would match the hours the business is open during the remainder of week.

Mr. Handel asked for Board comment. No comments were made.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said the extended hours are within the law and similar to that of other stores in Needham. Mr. Handel noted Bin Ends closes earlier than other liquor stores in Needham.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to approve the change to Monday business hours for Bin Ends, 65 Crawford Street to 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

7:05 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**

1. **Downtown Streetscape Committee** Dale Wise, representative of Commission on Disabilities (term expires 6/30/16)

**CONSENT AGENDA \*=Backup attached**

1. **Accept a \$500 donation made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust fund from the Needham Business Association.**
- 2.\* **Ratify a request from Bill Kieseling, of the Gregory Kieseling, Sweetsir Original Daytime Halloween Motorcycle Run to ride a portion of its motorcycle run on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The route of the**

ride was approved by the following departments: Police, Fire, DPW, and Park and Recreation.

- 3.\* Approve a Special One Day Wines & Malt Beverages request from David Volante of Volante Farms to hold an "Art Bar Night" on Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held at Volante Farms, 292 Forest Street, Needham.
- 4.\* Approve a Special One Day Wines & Malt Beverages License request from Mark McDonough, of the Needham Exchange Club, to hold its Oktoberfest fundraiser on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The event will be held in Powers Hall at Needham Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham.
5. Accept the following donation made to the Park and Recreation Commission of Arts and Craft supplies from Diane Benson: 1 tall hamper, 1 large Rubbermaid container, 1 bag of Easter grass, 19 butterfly nets, 150 clear Christmas ornaments, 100 pieces of construction paper, 3 Dr. Seuss hats, 200 ballpoint colored paper, 5 packages of paper ribbon, 1 large spool of raspberry ribbon, 9 foam door hangers, 11 baskets, 6 easels, 33 frames, 10 cork coasters, 9 memory scrapbooks, 14 doll t-shirts, and 2 Styrofoam sheets.
6. Accept a donation made to the Park and Recreation Commission of 90 skeins of yarn for Arts and Crafts from Carol Rosenstock. The estimated value of the yarn is \$300.
7. Accept a \$1,149.50 donation made to the Needham Health Department's Traveling Meals Program from the FRIENDS of Needham Board of Health & Traveling Meals program.
- 8.\* Approve a Special One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License request from Jack McQuillan, of Taylor's Stationery to host an Oktoberfest event on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The event will be held at Taylor's Stationery, 1451 Highland Avenue, Needham.
- 9.\* Approve a Special One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License request from Jack McQuillan, of Taylor's Stationery to host a Holidayfest event on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The event will be held at Taylor's Stationery, 1451 Highland Avenue, Needham.
- 10.\* Water and Sewer Abatement Order #1205
11. Approve release of redacted portions of previously released Executive Session Minutes 2003-2012.
12. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library during the period July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015: Terry Clark gave the library a copy of his book, *Demystifying College Admissions* (\$14.95); the Needham High School Anime Club made a \$500.00 donation to the library; the Needham Lions Club donated \$500.00 to the library for the purchase of Large Print Books; the following donations have been made in honor of Dr. Norman Rosin's retirement from Needham Pediatrics: Needham Pediatrics- \$1,000.00, The Niss Family- \$50.00, Marjorie and Alan Glou- \$50.00, Patti and Barry Reiser- \$25.00; Dick C. Waters gave the library copies of three of his books: *Foreplay for Murder* (\$16.00), *Fragrance of Revenge* (\$16.00), and *Serial Separation* (\$16.00); Damaris Pock donated copies of the following books:

**Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins (\$17.99), and New England Camping by Carol Cambo and Stephen Gorman (\$21.95); Cindy Matloff gave the library a copy of Taking Charge: What to do if Your Identity Is Stolen (\$7.00); Sharon Slaton Howell sent the library a copy of her latest book, When We're Up Against It (Real Life Examples) (\$20.00); William Newman gave the library of copy of The Cave Beneath the Sea: Paleolithic Images at Cosquer (\$40.00); Julia, Cecilia and Henry Ritchey donated an electric pencil sharpener to the Children's Room (\$30.00), Abby Cheng donated six wooden puzzles to the Children's Room (\$60.00), Carolina Figueroa donated the following Ravensburger puzzles: Dragon (\$20.00), and Oceanic Wonders (\$37.00); Andy D'Elia sent the library a copy of American Wood & Metal Planes: From the Collection of the D'Elia Antique Tool Museum (\$50.00); Richard Lewis of Waterless No-Flush Urinals donated a waterless urinal and associated supplies to the library (\$547.52); Cathy and Barbara Collishaw donated \$25 in memory of Mary Byron Burke; John Laracy donated \$80 for the purchase of nonfiction audiobooks; Melissa Bogdan donated several copies of new books (\$181.97); Emily Rude gave the library three puzzles (\$42.00); and Carole O'Malley Gaunt donated an audiobook copy of her published memoir, Hungry Hill (\$29.95).**

**13. Grant permission for the following residents to hold a block party:**

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Ratify - Jennifer Shaw	24 Homestead Park	Homestead Park	9/20/15	N/A	4pm-7:30pm
Ratify - Kim Stone	45 Greendale Avenue	Park Ave	9/27/15	N/A	3pm-6pm
Ratify - Michael McHugh	25 Blacksmith Drive	25 Blacksmith Drive	10/3/15	10/4/15	2pm-7pm
Ratify - Maudy Doohar	19 Bennington St	Bennington St	10/3/15	N/A	4pm-9pm
Ratify - Anne Curtis	53 Mayo Avenue	Mayo Avenue	10/4/15	N/A	4pm-9pm
Amy Hurley	154 South Street	Corner of Needhamdale Ave and Green St	10/17/15	10/18/15	4pm-8pm
Judy Lambert	32 Thorpe Road	Thorpe Road	10/18/15	N/A	3pm-9pm
Mary Schneider	191 Stratford Rd	End of Stratford Road	10/25/15	N/A	3pm-7pm
Jennifer Kruger	7 Intervale Road	Peacedale	10/31/15	N/A	4pm-8pm

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing - Alteration of Premises for an All Alcoholic License in a Restaurant:  
Scott Drago, Manager, Blue on Highland, 882 Highland Avenue, Needham, appeared before the Board to discuss his petition for an Alteration of Premises. He said the petition is to move the bar area to the front of the restaurant from the side wall.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated representatives from Blue on Highland were asked to appear before the Board due to a miscommunication and that the hearing on the alteration should happen before commencing work. She noted the Town is working to make sure all license holders are aware of the process.

Mr. Drago explained the designer and contractor used for the alteration of the restaurant were unaware of the law requiring an application to move the bar to another location.

Mr. Matthews stated the layout of the premises is a condition of the license.

Mr. Borrelli asked for clarification as to the number of seats in the bar and restaurant.

Mr. Drago said the number of bar and restaurant seats remains unchanged.

Mr. Bulian said having the bar in the front of the premises creates more visibility, commenting the Town does not encourage bar business.

Mr. Drago said people go to the bar not only to drink, but to have dinner. He noted tables remain in front of the bar area at the windows.

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that Board vote to approve the Alteration of Premises petition of Scott Drago of Mount Blue Two, LLC d/b/a Blue on Highland to allow the relocation of the bar to the front of the restaurant, and to sign and forward application to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Corporation for its review and approval.**

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

7:15 p.m. Town Manager:  
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 3 items to discuss:

1. Positions on Warrant Articles

The Board took positions on the November 2, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

**Article 1 - Defer**

**Article 2 - Defer**

**Article 3 - Defer**

**Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to support Article 4 - General By-law - Term of Moderator in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.  
Second: Mr Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to support Article 5 - Access Easement - Rockwood Lane in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.  
Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**Article 6 - Defer**

**Article 7 - Defer**

**Article 8 - Defer**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board vote to support Article 9 - Amend FY2016 Operating Budget as amended to include an increase in the Debt Service amount to \$11,474,301 from \$11,224,301 in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.  
Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**Article 10 - Defer**

**Article 11 - Defer**

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 12 - Appropriate for Hillside School Feasibility in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.  
Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**Article 13 - Defer**

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 14 - Establish & Appropriate to Debt Service Fund in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.  
Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**2. Budget Consultation #2**

Ms. Fitzpatrick updated the Board on the FY2017 budget process and discussed financing options for acquisition of the Owens Farm property and future capital facility projects. She referred to the document 'Debt Service Within the Levy Limit, What If' dated October 7, 2015. She said projects pending in the existing FY2016-FY2020 capital plan include the change in policy converting debt to cash for the Public Works Infrastructure, financing Rosemary Pool, Needham High School cafeteria expansion, and Needham High School boiler replacement. Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on other identified future projects including School

Administration Building replacement, Memorial Park Building replacement, purchase of a Fire Engine and Fire Quint Ladder Truck, Fire Station #2 renovation, and land acquisition. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted several projects for which no cost estimate exist, including some of the Public Works Facility projects, Needham High School expansion other than the cafeteria, Police and Fire Station replacement, and replacement of Mitchell School and Pollard School. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the 'Debt Service Within the Levy Limit, What If' chart gives a flavor of the Town's capacity to borrow money.

Mr. Handel asked for Board comments or questions.

Mr. Borrelli asked for clarification on the estimated costs for a new Fire Truck and Fire Quint Ladder Truck.

Mr. Davison said the estimated cost allows for inflation.

3. Hillside School/Owens Property Update

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted the Town is contemplating the acquisition of property known as Owens Farm, 585 Central Avenue and adjacent properties for municipal use. She said the parcel is of sufficient size to allow for the construction of a school or other municipal facility. She noted in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, a public procurement process is not required if the Board of Selectmen determines that advertising will not benefit the Town's interest because of the unique qualities of the parcel. She asked the Board to vote so the process of acquiring the property can continue without the necessity of going out to bid.

Mr. Handel noted the Town has used this course of action to acquire other property in the past.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to determine that in the case of the proposed acquisition of property known as Owens Farm, 585 Central Avenue and adjacent properties, advertising will not benefit the Town's interest because of the unique qualities of the location of the property needed. This determination is made on the basis that the property is of a sufficient size to allow for the construction of a school or other municipal facility, and includes land for which the Town has rights under M.G.L. c. 61 and surrounding properties.**

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

7:40 p.m.

Board Discussion:

1. MPO Annual Election on October 29, 2015

**Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to authorize Chairman Moe Handel to cast ballots for Scott Galvin, Mayor of the City of Woburn, Paul Bishop, Chair of the Norwood Board of Selectmen, Setti Warren, Mayor of the City of Newton, and Kevin Greeley, Chair of the Arlington Board of Selectmen at the MPO election on October 29, 2015.**

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

2. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were made.

7:45 p.m. Executive Session Exceptions 2, 3, and 6:

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into Executive Session.**

**Exception 2 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.**

**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.**

**Exception 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Mr. Handel polled the Board. 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=>

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.