

**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**December 8, 2017**

12:00 p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chair Marianne Cooley at the Center at the Heights. Present were Mr. Daniel Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Moe Handel, Mr. Matthew Borrelli, Assistant Town Manager David Davison, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

The Board discussed the fiscal year 2018/2019 proposed goals and objectives.

**Maximize the use of Town assets and ensure that Town and School services are housed in buildings that provide suitable and effective environments** The Board discussed the Public Safety project, the need to engage with the Planning Board on the communications issue, the potential acquisition of 43 Lincoln Street, the need to engage with the Memorial Park Trustees on the rental and use of the renovated facility, the upcoming environmental assessment of the Nike Site and Ridge Hill, and the need to engage with Historical and Conservation on the Ridge Hill structures.

**Ensure appropriate regulation an assessment of, and investment in infrastructure** The Board discussed the concept of relinquishing the Town's water withdrawal permit, options for mitigating the pre-signal at the railroad tracks on Great Plain Avenue, the progress of the Highland corridor and Add-a-Lane projects, the need to engage with the Planning Board on land use issues including the projected growth in population and its impact on Town services, and the concept of lowering the prima facie speed limit to 25 mph.

**Maintain and improve the vitality and economic success of the Town** The Board discussed the mobile food vendor policy, the need to engage with the Planning Board on permit streamlining, the marketing of the Needham Crossing area, the need for a public hearing on the proposed Industrial/Highway Commercial zoning proposal, and the need to engage the Traffic Management Advisory Committee on parking concerns around the Post Office.

**Expand energy efficient and environmentally sound operations for the Town and its residents and businesses** The Board

reviewed a policy statement regarding plastic check-out bags and the need to engage further with larger retailers, and the public.

**Maintain and develop amenities that contribute to the desirability of Needham as a place to live and work** The Board discussed a list of issues to be conveyed to the DCR in an upcoming meeting, items for discussion at a pending meeting with the MBTA, a pilot program for reducing public litter, the need to engage with the Park & Recreation Commission on recreation opportunities in the downtown, and the action plan for the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**Maintain and enhance the Town's Financial Sustainability:** The Board discussed FY2019 budget priorities, the proposal to absorb the RTS Enterprise Fund into the General Fund in FY2020, and the need for a stormwater by-law and potential stormwater enterprise fund.

**Evaluate Town Operations and Administration:** The Board discussed the name of the Board and its associated compensation, the Town Meeting Member survey, the charter provisions regarding at-large Town Meeting Members, and the concept of increasing fees for school facility use. The Board targeted October 10, 2018 as the date for the Special Town Meeting.

The noticed executive session was cancelled.

4:00 p.m.

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