

**Town of Needham
Select Board
Minutes for March 12, 2019
Needham Town Hall
Select Board's Chamber**

6:15 p.m. Executive Session: Exception 3 - Potential Litigation

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to enter into Executive Session.

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. To reconvene in Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

Second: Mr. Handel. Mr. Matthews polled the Board. Unanimously approved 5-0.

6:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens: Josh Siegel, 14 Fairlawn Street spoke with the Board about establishing a quiet zone regarding MBTA trains. He said a quiet zone would make Needham “more livable” and be a welcome enhancement for residents. The Board told Mr. Siegel discussion and professional opinion has been sought on the topic, noting the cost is prohibitive with no guarantee of success, and that a quiet zone is not as safe as the current crossing system.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order:
A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chairman Daniel P. Matthews. Those present were John A. Bulian, Maurice P. Handel, Matthew D. Borrelli, Marianne B. Cooley, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Alteration of Premises for a Wine and Malt License:
Raji Spencer, Manager, French Press Bakery & Cafe, 74 Chapel Street appeared before the Board to discuss his application for an Alteration of Premises. The application is to serve wine and malt beverages on an outside patio consisting of 10 seats with proper barriers per local and state laws. Notification to abutters, legal advertisement of this hearing, and ABCC requirements have been completed. It was noted there are three houses of worship located within the 500’ radius of proposed premises and M.G.L. chapter 138 section 16C requires a vote of the Board after a public hearing. No written comment was received by these houses of worship with respect to this hearing.

Ms. Fitzpatrick indicated paperwork is in order.

Mr. Borrelli said he likes the concept of outdoor seating, and asked Mr. Spencer to explain the benefit of having outdoor seating.

Mr. Spencer said expanding outdoor summer seating is desired and needed, and will benefit not only his business, but foot traffic for surrounding businesses. He commented on the requirement of a 4 ft. clearance for handicap accessibility. He said the application is seasonal, typically from the end of March to the end of November.

Mr. Matthews said people like outdoor seating, but he is concerned for pedestrians using the sidewalk. He suggested one row of outdoor seating, rather than two rows as proposed.

Mr. Spencer explained it is cost prohibitive and is not a practical business decision.

Discussion ensued on sidewalk clearance, removal of a pole in the proposed area, and seasonal timeframe.

Mr. Borrelli acknowledged the area is “tight,” but seasonal outdoor seating would be a tremendous amenity for the Town. Mr. Handel, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Bulian concurred.

Mr. Matthews invited public comment. No comments were heard.

Mr. Matthews said it is important to be cautious committing public space for private use, stating he must vote “no.”

Motion by Mr. Handel that a) the Board vote to approve the Alteration of Premises application of Raji Spencer of French Press Bakery and Cafe to allow the service of wine and malt beverages on an outside patio consisting of 10 seats with proper barriers on a seasonal basis per local and state laws, and to sign and forward application to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Corporation for its review and approval, and b) that the Select Board determines that the premises are not detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the Good Shepherd Christian Fellowship (owns property located at 235 Garden Street), Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (St. Joseph’s), and First Parish of Needham Unitarian Universalist.

Second: Mr. Borrelli. Approved 4-1. Mr. Matthews voted “Nay.”

7:17 p.m. Appointments and Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board approve the Appointments and Consent Agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) Rebecca Tarantino (term ends 6/30/2022)**

2. **Contributory Retirement Board Sandra Cincotta (term ends 1/29/2022)**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Election to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.**
2. **Ratify a request for a One Day Special Wines and Malt Beverages license for Robert Timmerman II, of Needham Knights of Columbus who hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The event was held at Needham Knights of Columbus, 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham.**
3. **Accept the following donations made to the Needham Health Department's Gift of Warmth Fund: \$130 from the First Baptist Church in Needham; and \$100 from Patricia Carey, a Needham resident.**
4. **Accept a \$100 donation made to the Needham Fire Department's Student Awareness of Fire Education program from Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. White, Needham residents.**
5. **Approve a One Day Special Wines and Malt Beverages license for Sarah Mesnik of Temple Beth Shalom to host "That 70's Dance Purim Reprise" event on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Temple Beth Shalom, 26 Dartmouth Avenue, Needham.**
6. **Accept the following gifts received by the Needham Public Library for the period of November 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019: The Stuttering Foundation donated the following DVDs: Therapy in Action: The School-Age Child Who stutters (\$24.00), and Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents (\$10.00); Lyubov Filatova gave the library a 10% commission from the sale of photographs that were displayed in the library (\$8.00); Claire Blum donated \$15.00 for the purchase of a book in memory of her mother; Frances Wolff donated \$60.00 for the purchase of large print books; Ellen Fisher donated the following books: The Hardy Boys: The Infinity Clue (\$2.50), The Hardy Boys: Cave-In! (\$3.50), and The Hardy Boys: Tic-Tac-Terror (\$3.50); Darlene Diodato gave the Children's Room a copy of The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden (\$16.99); Tara Milligan donated the puzzle Petunias (\$12.00); Mae Alwart gave the Children's Room copies of the following books: Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume (\$5.99), The Haunted Library by Dori Hillestad Butler (\$7.99), Case of the Mossy Lake Monster by Michele Torrey (\$6.95), Andrew Lost On the Dog by J.C. Greenburg (\$3.99), Traitor in the Shipyard by Kathleen Ernst (\$6.95), and Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew by Carolyn Keene (\$5.99); Erik Pederson donated the following puzzles: Souvenir Plates: From Sea to Sea (\$20.00), Travel by Train (\$25.00), Best Sellers (\$20.00), Candy Wrappers (\$18.00), It's a Small World (\$15.00), Cartoon World: Landmarks of the United States (\$14.00), Boston (\$9.00), Charles Wysocki's Americana (\$14.00); Nancy Teich donated four puzzles: Harry Potter, Quidditch (\$19.00), Amazing Nature: African Beasts (\$13.00); At the dog Park (\$18.00); Rainbow Marbles (\$14.00); Karla Barbieri gave the library the following puzzles: Krypt (\$22.00), Dragonforge (\$25.00), Smithsonian Hope Diamond (\$17.00); Joyce Morgan donated two books on**

orchids: Understanding Orchids by William Cullina (\$40.00), and Orchids by Alice Skelsey (\$30.00); Todd Krieger gave the library a copy of his children's book, Bunny Tree (\$6.49); The following people made donations to the library in memory of William Powers: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Drake (\$50.00), Greg & Marilyn Shesko (\$50.00), Elizabeth Mela (\$100.00), Joan Harris (\$30.00), and Ted & Doris Weiner (2 books - \$54.00); Wellesley Books sent a 10% commission from the sale of books at the Hannah Orenstein Lecture (\$39.60); and the Needham Community Council renewed the library's subscription to Easy English News (\$40.50).

7. Amend Policy Number: BOS-PERS-003 by extending the Opt-Out Incentive Program under Section 10(f) from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2021.
8. Approve Open Session minutes from February 26, 2019.
9. Approve a request from Liz Mingle, of PMC- PanMass Challenge, to hold its PMC Kids Ride Needham event on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The bike route begins and ends at the Pollard Middle School on Harris Avenue. The route of the ride has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation. Approval for use of the parking lot at Pollard is pending.
10. Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1270
11. Approve a One Day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Julie Richmond of the Charles River YMCA, to host its YMCA Giving Gala on March 23, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Issuance of license is subject to receipt of required completed paperwork. The event will be held in Powers Hall at Needham Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham.
12. Approve a request from Kati Sigel, of Three Squares New England, who is organizing its annual fundraiser "The Ride for Food" bike ride to benefit food pantries in numerous communities including Needham, to have a portion of its ride to go through Needham. The event is scheduled for October 6, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The route of the ride has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
13. Approve proration of the permit parking fee for PEX Health & Fitness LLC based on the number of months remaining in the permit period.
14. Approve a Special One Day Wines and Malt Beverages license for Maxwell Sparr of Trip Advisor, to host a St. Patrick's Day event on Thursday, March 1, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Trip Advisor, 400 1st Avenue, Needham.
15. Approve a Special One Day Wines and Malt Beverages license for Maxwell Sparr of Trip Advisor, to host a Peer 150 HR Reception event on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held at Trip Advisor, 400 1st Avenue, Needham.
16. Approve a 20B Exemption for Ben Aronson who is an employee in the Needham Youth & Family Services Division to engage in work with the Health and Human Services Department as the Intake Clinician for Needham's Youth Diversion Program.
17. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:

Name	Address	Party	Party	Party	Party
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		Location	Date	Rain Date	Time
Jody Doherty	207 Garden Street	207 Garden Street	6/8/19	N/A	12pm-8pm

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

7:18 p.m.

Change of Hours - New Garden Restaurant:

Raymond So, Manager New Garden, Inc. d/b/a New Garden Restaurant, 40 Chestnut Place appeared before the Board to discuss an application for a change in hours. Mr. So is requesting New Garden's operational hours be extended on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 1:00 a.m.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Matthews invited public comment. No comments were heard.

Mr. Borrelli asked Mr. So to explain why he is looking to extend the hours of operation to 1:00 a.m.

Mr. So said currently last call is at 11:45 p.m. and there is not enough time to clear patrons from the restaurant before 12:30 a.m., as required. He said the extra hour is for customer service, not to increase sales.

Mr. Matthews said he understands, but does not think an additional hour is in the public's interest to serve alcohol in the downtown after midnight. He said he cannot support the application.

Mr. Handel said he does not believe extended hours would lead to a significant change in alcoholic consumption or have a detrimental effect in the downtown. He said he favors the application.

Discussion ensued on current regulations including midnight closing, 11:30 p.m. last call, 11:45 p.m. end of serving, 12:30 a.m. table clearing, 12:45 a.m. patrons off premises, and 1:00 a.m. employees off premises, as well as potential time changes.

Ms. Cooley said she prefers that the closing time stay as is.

Mr. Borrelli said New Garden has a niche market, i.e. sports establishment, noting it is not good to rush people out of the restaurant before the end of a game and does not make sense from a business perspective.

Mr. Bulian said he is a patron of New Garden, but he does not favor 1:00 a.m. closing.

Mr. Matthews said he would want to know more about the general public's feeling, suggesting revising the application with a specific request, rather than one hour, that could be publicly advertised.

Mr. Matthew's invited public comment.

Dave Margolis, 42 Perrault Road commented he is a long time patron of New Garden and that it is illogical that patrons cannot finish watching a sporting event due to closing time.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board approve and sign an application for a Change in Hours to Raymond So for New Garden Restaurant, 40 Chestnut Place, Needham and to forward this application to the ABCC for approval.

Second: Mr. Handel. Motion failed 2-3. Mr. Matthews, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Bulian voted "nay."

Ms. Cooley concurred with Mr. Matthew's suggestion that a specific request would be helpful. She commented approval may be possible for specific sporting events during the year, but more thought is needed.

7:40 p.m.

Sewer Rate Relief:

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Finance and Evelyn Pones, Town Treasurer/Collector appeared before the Board to discuss Sewer Rate Relief. It was noted that at its September 25, 2018 meeting, the Board approved the application to apply for sewer rate relief from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The rate relief is offered to communities making sewer infrastructure improvements financed by debt. The State distributed \$1,100 to Needham for this purpose. A flat per account credit of \$0.09 is recommended. The credit would be applied on the first bill each account receives during the fourth quarter of FY2019.

Mr. Handel suggested \$0.09 is meaningless to the average rate payer, asking whether the money could be accumulated and used for residents seeking tax or sewer rate relief?

Mr. Davison said acceptance of the money from the Commonwealth is explicit, but that he would explore the possibilities for the next distribution.

Ms. Cooley concurred with Mr. Handel's suggestion of using the money to assist people who really need it.

Mr. Matthews said it is worth looking into creative ideas for using the money.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board approve a one-time flat sewer rate credit of \$0.09 per account billed during the fourth quarter of FY2019 to reflect the State sewer relief money received from the Commonwealth.

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

7:46 p.m. Community Preservation Committee - Proposals Under Review:
Peter Pingitore, Chair CPC and Carys Lustig, Director of Administration & Finance, Public Services appeared before the Board to discuss projects before the CPC for funding consideration this year.

Mr. Pingitore reviewed the charge of the CPC and process for reviewing applications. He summarized current projects before the CPC for funding this year including the First Baptist Church Needham Great Plain Porch Preservation, Consultants to Achieve Modernization/Redevelopment of Affordable Housing, Design of Fisher Street Trailhead, Needham Rail Trail, Town Common Renovation, Passive Recreation Improvements - Dwight Field/Charles River Center, Rosemary Lake Projects, Cricket Field Fieldhouse, Cricket Field Renovation, and Playground Improvement Projects.

Mr. Matthews said it is a lot of work and all applications are pending.

Mr. Bulian said he is concerned about granting \$799,040 to the First Baptist Church, a private entity, when there are many other needs in Town.

Mr. Borrelli concurred with Mr. Bulian's concern regarding the First Baptist Church application, and supports all other applications. He commented specifically on the Playground Improvement Projects and that it is increasingly difficult for smaller groups to raise funds to help in a substantial way. He commented he would not want to see a small group's lack of funding prohibit improvements in the future, noting playgrounds are important for people of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Pingitore said lack of funds from a small group, as well as other funding, is considered when reviewing an application.

Mr. Handel pointed out the key words are "Community Preservation," i.e. preservation for the community for things that otherwise would not be done.

The Board thanked Mr. Pingitore and Ms. Lustig for the presentation.

8:10 p.m. Dockless Bike Share Program Follow Up:
Carys Lustig, Director of Administration & Finance/Public Services and David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Finance updated the Board on the planned spring re-launch of the dockless bike share program.

Ms. Lustig referred to discussion at the Select Board meeting February 26, 2019, saying comments were well received by Lime Bikes. She commented on the deployment of bikes based on demand, rather than based on a number, noting Lime Bikes is considering a maximum number of 35-40 bikes in fewer staging locations around Needham. She stated Lime Bikes agreed to no longer stage bicycles on the

Town Common, other than 6 in the bike racks, as well as geo-fencing the Common. Ms. Lustig reviewed the statement of work, indicating Lime Bikes agreed bicycles would be removed from areas within 48 hours if they have not moved. She said contact information is on each bike, and the company also agreed to provide accident information.

Maps were viewed showing staging locations.

Mr. Borrelli asked whether Lime Bikes would reduce the number of bikes if they are not being used. He reiterated his concern of bicycles sitting on the Town Common while Lime Bikes is getting free advertising. He asked if the current agreement is on an annual basis.

Ms. Lustig commented Lime Bikes has a goal of two trips per vehicle per day. She said adjustments will be made based on the number of rides of both pedal and e-bikes. She said the Town will have access to the information.

Mr. Davison stated the Town will have the ability to modify the agreement annually with Lime Bikes, as will the MAPC, a partner, who is procuring the Agreement. He reiterated the Select Board will have an opportunity next year to reconsider the program.

Ms. Cooley commented she is surprised bikes are not at any of the MBTA stops, and suggested the Town send a letter of support for staging bikes at MBTA stops, noting insufficient MBTA parking in Needham.

Mr. Davison said Lime Bikes has not yet reached agreement with the MBTA to stage bikes on MBTA property.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board support the Town's continued participation in the Regional Bike Share Program and the movement to all pedal-assist bicycles for the 2019 season, and to authorize the Town Manager to draft a letter in support of staging bikes at MBTA stops in Needham.

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

Mr. Borrelli said he is willing to give the program another try, reiterating his concern for bikes being an eyesore when left around town.

The Board thanked Ms. Lustig and Mr. Davison for their work.

Mr. Davison credited Ms. Lustig for the progress made with Lime Bikes.

8:23 p.m.

Town Manager:

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with three items to discuss:

1. Utility Easement at 1407 Central Avenue

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated this petition for a new utility Pole, P. 170-1X will be installed at the median strip near the access drive to the Recycling and Transfer Station to accommodate the new Eversource Electrical Service and Verizon Telephone Service for the new Jack Cogswell Building located at 1407 Central Avenue, Needham. She noted this new pole and the aforementioned services are needed to provide the electrical power and telephone to the new building. All overhead lines, from this new pole will be routed to the new facility by (buried) underground conduits. She asked the Board approve and sign the grant of utility easement.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board approve and sign the grant of utility easement to Verizon New England Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy to cover the placing of facilities at 1407 Central Avenue, Needham.

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

Mr. Borrelli suggested notifying Verizon regarding the removal of the pole outside of French Press Cafe.

2. Positions On Warrant Articles

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed with the Board warrant articles contained in the draft 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated March 8, 2019.

The Board took positions on the following articles.

Article 1 - Annual Town Election

Article 2 - Committee and Officer Reports

HUMAN RESOURCE ARTICLES

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Select Board vote to support Article 3 - Establish Elected Officials' Salaries in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Article 4 - Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement - Needham Police Union - Defer.

Article 5 - Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement - Needham Police Superior Officers Association - Defer.

Article 6 - Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement - Needham Fire Union - Defer.

FINANCE ARTICLES

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 7 -
Appropriate for Needham Property Tax Assistance Program in the Annual
Town Meeting Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 8 -
Appropriate for Senior Corps in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 9 -
Appropriate for Compensated Absences Fund in the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 10 -
Appropriate for Temporary Staffing Program in the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 11 -
Appropriate for Park & Recreation Pool Staffing in the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 12 -
Appropriate for Public Communications Staffing in the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 13 -
Appropriate for Ridge Hill/Nike Site Consulting and Feasibility Study in the
Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 14 -
Appropriate for Town-Owned Land Surveys in the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 15 -
Appropriate for Public Facilities Maintenance Program in the Annual Town
Meeting Warrant.**

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 16 - Downtown Snow Removal Pilot Program in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 17 - Appropriate for Small Repair Grant Program in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Article 18 - Appropriate the FY2020 Operating Budget in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Defer.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 19 - Appropriate the FY2020 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 20 - Appropriate the FY2020 Water Enterprise Fund Budget in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 21 - Set The Annual Department Revolving Fund Spending Limit in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 22 - Appropriate Transportation Improvement Fees in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 23 - Authorization to Expend State Funds for Public Ways in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

ZONING/LAND USE ARTICLES

Article 24 - Amend Zoning By-Law - Highway Commercial 1 Zoning District - Defer.

Article 25 - Amend Zoning By-Law - Map Change to Highway Commercial 1 - Defer.

Article 26 - Amend Zoning B-Law - Accessory Dwelling Unit - Defer.

Article 27 - Amend Zoning By-Law - Dimensional and Use Regulations for the Transit Oriented Development Sub-District of the Lower Chestnut Street Overlay District - Defer.

Article 28 - Amend Zoning By-Law - Map Change to Chestnut Street Business District and Lower Chestnut Street Overlay District - Defer.

Article 29 - Amend Zoning By-Law - Map Change to the Transit Oriented Development Sub-District of Lower Chestnut Street Overlay District - Defer.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ARTICLES

Article 30 - Appropriate for First Baptist Church Porch Preservation - Defer.

Article 31 - Appropriate for Modernization and Redevelopment of Affordable Housing Consultant - Defer.

Article 32 - Appropriate for Fisher Street Trailhead Design - Defer.

Article 33 - Appropriate for Town Common Renovation Design - Defer.

Article 34 - Appropriate for Passive Recreation Improvements - Defer.

Article 35 - Appropriate for Rosemary Lake Trail Project - Defer.

Article 36 - Appropriate for Cricket Fieldhouse Renovations - Defer.

Article 37 - Appropriate for Cricket Field Renovations - Defer.

Article 38 - Appropriate for Playground Improvements - Defer.

Article 39 - Appropriate to Community Preservation Fund - Defer.

CAPITAL ARTICLES

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 40 - Appropriate for General Fund Cash Capital in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 41 - Appropriate For Athletic Facility Improvements in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 42 - Appropriate for Sewer Enterprise Fund Cash Capital in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 43 - Appropriate for Wastewater System Rehabilitation in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 44 - Appropriate for Water Distribution System Improvements in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

TOWN RESERVE ARTICLES

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 45 - Appropriate to Athletic Facility Improvement Fund in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 46 - Appropriate to Capital Improvement Fund in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 47 - Appropriate to Capital Facility Fund in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 48 - Appropriate for Workers Compensation Reserve in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

GENERAL ARTICLES & CITIZENS PETITIONS

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 49 - Amend General By-Law/Select Board in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 50 - Amend General By-Law/Election of Officers in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Article 51 - Adopt M.G.L. C. 44 Section 53F 1/2 - Stormwater Enterprise Fund - Defer.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to support Article 52 - Extinguish Sewer Easement in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Article 53 - Amend General By-Law/Stretch Energy Code - Defer.

Article 54 - Home Rule Petition - Town Meeting - Defer.

Article 55 - Home Rule Petition - Resolution to Call for the United States to “Pull Back From the Brink” and Preserve Nuclear War - An Existential Threat to the Future of Humanity and the Planet - Defer.

Article 56 Amend Zoning By-Law - Self Storage Facilities in Mixed Use-128 District - Defer.

Article 57 - Omnibus - Defer.

3. Town Manager’s Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board she, along with Mr. Matthews and Mr. Bulian met with the mayor of the City of Newton last week discussing shared transportation issues and goals. She said discussions will be ongoing.

Ms. Fitzpatrick also said Needham is planning a transportation summit in June 2019 for committee members and people interested in giving suggestions about transportation priorities before the Board sets its goals this summer.

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the Joint Ways and Means Committee held a full day public hearing yesterday in Powers Hall. She said many legislators attended the event. It was noted two students from Needham High School sang the Star Spangled Banner as part of the opening ceremony. Ms. Fitzpatrick said Senator Rush, Senator Rausch, and Representative Garlick attended.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported colleagues from Andover and North Andover came to Needham and made a presentation to Town representatives about the gas explosions in the Merrimack Valley on September 13, 2018. She said the presentation was incredibly well received, with stories of management, leadership, and lessons learned during the crisis. She said part of the discussion concerned the importance of emergency management and having a dedicated public information officer, which she said Needham is looking to fund in the FY2020 budget.

8:52 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Committee Reports

Mr. Handel reported the Council of Economic Advisors is looking for direction from the Select Board regarding some of the Town Meeting warrant articles. He commented the steering committee for the N-Squared Innovation District continues to meet, discussing ways to solve transportation issues in the area. He said colleges and universities are being made aware of the value of the district through various events that bring students and faculty together with businesses. Mr. Handel commented a major fundraising effort is underway.

8:53 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Select Board adjourn the Select Board meeting of March 12, 2019.

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

A list of all documents used at this Select Board meeting are available at:

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