

**Town of Needham**  
**Select Board**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, September 22, 2020**  
**By Zoom Video Conference**  
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5:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens: No activity.

6:00 p.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair Maurice P. Handel. Those participating were Matthew D. Borrelli, Marianne B. Cooley, Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, Dave Davison, ATM/Finance, and Katie King, ATM/Operations. Recording Secretary Mary Hunt recorded the meeting remotely.

Mr. Handel announced this open meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020 due to the current state of emergency from the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. He noted all public gatherings have been suspended as advised and directed by the Commonwealth. And, as such, suspending the requirement of the open meeting law to have all meetings in a public, accessible, physical location while encouraging and allowing members of all public bodies to participate remotely. Mr. Handel stated the meeting will not include public comment and the Needham Select Board and all attendees are convening by Zoom, as posted on the Town's website identifying how the public may join. He said all supporting documents used at this meeting are available on the Town's website [www.needhamma.gov](http://www.needhamma.gov).

6:01 p.m. Public Hearing: Eversource Energy Grant of Location - Central Avenue

Maureen Carroll, Eversource Energy representative appeared before the Board requesting permission to install approximately 4 ½ feet of conduit in Central Avenue. This work is necessary to provide underground electric service to 1681 Central Avenue, Needham, MA.

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

Ms. Fitzpatrick said all paperwork is in order, however work was completed prior to receiving a grant of location.

Mr. Bulian asked Chris Woodley, builder to explain what happened.

Mr. Woodley said this was his first time installing underground service and that he was unaware a grant of location was necessary, even after receiving inspections from the Town.

Mr. Matthews explained to Mr. Woodley approval is necessary prior to work being completed as a connection underground involves an easement in real estate, which belongs to the public, requiring a public hearing.

Ms. King commented she will be meeting with staff next week from the building department and public works to address the issue and improve communications to avoid the situation in the future. She acknowledged the frustration of all parties.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to approve and sign a petition from Eversource Energy to install approximately 4 1/2 feet of conduit in Central Avenue. This work is necessary to provide underground electric service to 1681 Central Avenue, Needham.**

**Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimously approved 4-0 by roll call vote.**

Mr. Borrelli recused himself from the discussion and vote.

6:07 p.m. Public Hearing: Uncontrollable Dog  
Mr. Handel recommended the public hearing be postponed, as the dog in question is gravely ill.

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to continue this public hearing to October 27, 2020.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

6:09 p.m. Introduce Economic Development Manager:  
Katie King, Assistant Town Manager/Operations introduced Amy Haelsen, who was recently appointed Economic Development Manager. She said Ms. Haelsen will be coordinating the town's overall economic development strategy, staffing the Council of Economic Advisors, and working with the business community. She gave a brief history of Ms. Haelsen's work experience in Dedham.

Ms. Haelsen said she has been working for over a month in Needham and is very impressed with the professionalism and "thinking outside the box." She said she has been speaking with small business owners in Needham Center and the Heights to see how they are doing in this challenging time. She said business owners are grateful for the efforts of the Town during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Haelsen mentioned a meeting with the Newton Needham Chamber of Commerce regarding the collaborative 100 Day Challenge campaign designed to support small businesses. She said she will be meeting with many of the economic developers from cities and towns in the greater Boston area on a regular basis to share best practices, as well as forging relationships with commercial property owners. Ms. Haelsen said she is glad to be working for the Town of Needham.

Mr. Bulian welcomed Ms. Haelsen to the town and asked she consider the Highland Avenue corridor from Webster Street to the Newton line, as the area is about to undergo the MassDOT Corridor Project, which will further challenge the small

businesses and restaurants in the area through the winter months, in addition to the pandemic.

The Board welcomed Ms. Haelsen to Needham and said they are looking forward to working with her to support the small businesses in town.

6:18 p.m.

Recognition of Rick Merson, Director of Public Works:

Ms. Fitzpatrick introduced several speakers to congratulate and wish Mr. Merson well in his retirement after a 48-year career of working for the Town of Needham.

Denise Garlick, State Representative personally thanked Mr. Merson for his extraordinary work including safe snow plowed roads and sidewalks, well designed intersections, and the “Merson Miracle” of filling cracks and potholes on the streets. She thanked Mr. Merson for his vision, commitment to clean water and energy efficiency, noting these all add to the quality of life in Needham. Ms. Garlick, as representative of the state legislature, presented Mr. Merson with resolution congratulating him on his extraordinary 48 years of service and commitment to Needham. She said the resolution will be voted upon by both the state House of Representatives and Senate.

Michael Fee, Town Moderator said Mr. Merson is a man of devotion to family, profession, staff, causes, and to the Town. He said Mr. Merson has made things better with clean water, state of the art facilities, advanced sanitation systems, good roads, parks, shade trees, and efficient recycling and disposal. Mr. Fee said Mr. Merson has made the Town proud on both a state and national level, and that he leaves a legacy and an example of public service with his remarkable career. Mr. Fee, on behalf of Town Meeting, congratulated Mr. Merson and wished him the best in his retirement. He said he will be missed at Town Meeting.

Dan Gutekanst, School Superintendent offered congratulations on behalf of the Needham Public Schools. He said he will miss the 3:00 a.m. conversations to decide whether school can be held when it is snowing. He shared Mr. Merson is known around Town for his bad jokes, detailed weather reports, and snow removal. Dr. Gutekanst said Mr. Merson is one of the kindest gentlemen that he has been privileged to work with. He congratulated Mr. Merson on his well-deserved retirement.

Dennis Condon, Fire Chief said Mr. Merson’s emails are long, relentless, and informative. He said he admires Mr. Merson’s work ethic and relentless effort to have public works recognized as public safety. Chief Condon thanked Mr. Merson, wished him well, and said he hopes he receives more retirement checks than paychecks. He said he will miss Mr. Merson and that no one will ever look as good in a fedora.

John Schlittler, Police Chief congratulated and thanked Mr. Merson on his retirement and his remarkable. He referred to the 1980’s when Mr. Merson was his

boss during the summer when he worked in the water and sewer department. Chief Condon said Mr. Merson was a great mentor, always in a good mood, always approachable, and has a wealth of knowledge. Chief Schlittler said Mr. Merson is a genuine, kindhearted person, who cared about his staff and the town. He said he leaves ‘big shoes’ to fill.

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager said Mr. Merson has been a mainstay during her career. She said Mr. Merson can tell you why a street in Needham is considered an ancient way and why it matters, he can tell you where the U.S. Army buried the cable for the Nike missile site, and even knows what store was on the corner of Chapel Street before the Crest. She told of their 30 year relationship standing together at parades for veterans, astronauts, and Olympians, touring the Town in hurricanes and blizzards, consulting in the early morning hours about snow, standing at building demolitions and bridge dedications, watching a scuba diver crawl across the bottom of the prior Rosemary pool, standing together at countless wakes and funerals, budget hearings and Town Meetings, railroad crossings, intersections, schools, parks, and sewer pumping stations. Ms. Fitzpatrick said for 48 years Mr. Merson has stood up for the critical and daily needs of residents and businesses, and for public works. She said Mr. Merson is the kindest person and will be missed very much.

Mr. Handel said Mr. Merson helped him when he moved to Needham with a water issue, and that he is the quintessentially decent and competent public servant. He thanked Mr. Merson for his service.

Mr. Borrelli, referring to his father who said Mr. Merson was fair and treated people with respect. He said Mr. Merson is a wealth of knowledge who made Needham a better place to live. Mr. Borrelli said he will miss the funny jokes and how Mr. Merson bridged the generational gap. He wished Mr. Merson the best in his retirement.

Ms. Cooley said she appreciates the history, thoroughness, and photos from Mr. Merson. She said the town has been blessed to have Mr. Merson all these years and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Bulian said Mr. Merson would make a great adjunct professor in the Needham Public Schools with his wealth of knowledge. He said there have been many meetings attended, where Mr. Merson joined him in a resident living room to address an issue. He said Mr. Merson is “always there with a steady guiding hand.” Mr. Bulian congratulated Mr. Merson on his retirement.

Mr. Matthews said Mr. Merson has been working for the town longer than he has and will be missed. He said the unfailing good nature, kindness, and courtesy is what stands out. He thanked Mr. Merson and wished him all the best.

Mr. Merson said he is overwhelmed by the response and thanked everyone for their kind words. He said the work is just what he does every day and it was never a burden. He said his intent was always to show respect for the community and individual. He noted he began working as a co-op student in the engineering division, hired by Jack Maher who mentored him along with other people during his career. He referred to Bob Lannigan, Bob McKeown, and Tony Cefalo and their advice to him over the years. He thanked everyone for their comments.

7:05 p.m.

School Opening Update:

Dan Gutekanst, Superintendent of Schools updated the Board on plans for reopening schools. He thanked the Public Health Department, Town Manager, as well as custodial staff for their help. He said school started remotely and students are engaged, and that in person school will begin on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Dr. Gutekanst said efforts have focused on HVAC systems and ventilation to make sure the buildings are as healthy as possible, acknowledging the buildings will not be risk free environments. He said Town collaboration has crafted a program for students to re-enter schools safely. Dr. Gutekanst said additional custodial staff will also be employed. He thanked Ms. Fitzpatrick for her efforts and being available to meet multiple times a day.

Mr. Matthews thanked the Superintendent, and everyone involved in this huge undertaking, noting it is important to get children back to school, if it can be done safely.

Mr. Borrelli echoed Mr. Matthews comments saying his children just want to get back to school and be with their friends.

Ms. Cooley wished everyone well as the schools reopen.

Mr. Bulian and Mr. Handel concurred.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said many people are working around the clock to get schools open.

7:13 p.m.

Appointments and Consent Agenda:

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

**APPOINTMENTS: No Appointments were made at this meeting.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Accept an \$8,000 donation made to the Needham Health Department's Interface Referral Service from Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham Campus.**
- 2. Accept a \$20,000 donation made to the Needham Council on Aging Services Donation Account from the Friends of the Center at the Heights, Inc.**

3. **Accept a donation from the League of Women Voters of a public art installation on the Needham Town Common to honor the people and events that had a role in the women's suffrage movement. The display will be up from October 16, 2020 through October 30, 2020. The League of Women Voters would like to donate this art installation to the Town of Needham in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters. Materials used for this display are valued at \$150, not including the many hours of labor for production and assembly from dedicated League and community members.**
4. **Accept a \$1,000 donation made to the Needham Health Department's Traveling Meals Program from the Darshana Thakore Family Fund.**
5. **Accept the following donations made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund: \$586 from Newton Needham Chamber of Commerce and \$250 from Marcus Hughes.**
6. **Water and Sewer Abatement Order #1296**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

7:14 p.m.

CPC Warrant Articles Discussion:

Peter Pingitore, CPC Chair and Carys Lustig, CPC Liaison discussed with the Board articles recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the October 4, 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Pingitore thanked the Select Board and staff for their dedication to the Town. He reviewed seven warrant articles including Emergency Rental Assistance Program, First Baptist Church Preservation and Restoration, First Parish Church Steeple Preservation, Needham Community Farm Growing Bed Expansion, Claxton Field Lights and Skin Diamond Restoration, and Resurfacing of Synthetic Track at the DeFazio Complex.

The Board thanked Mr. Pingitore for the presentation and recognized the hard work of the Community Preservation Committee.

7:30 p.m.

Citizens Petition Warrant Article:

Noah Mertz, Lead Petitioner, Rebecca Waber, and John Kirk provided the Board with a summary of the citizens petition contained in the warrant for the October 4, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Kirk said the citizens petition, as presented, supports the efforts of the Needham Unite Against Racism Initiative, and that he hopes the Needham Unite Against Racism Initiative (NUARI) group could take on some of the elements proposed. Mr. Kirk said the purpose of the citizens petition is to identify areas for inclusion in the scope including racism experienced by people in Town, discussions with committee chairs to understand how their role and areas of responsibility are affected by systemic racism, police oversight and accountability, evaluation of alternative police policies, racial profiling, and housing and zoning policies. He

said it will be an opportunity for Town Meeting to “weigh in” as a part of the process.

Rebecca Waber reiterated Mr. Kirk’s comments saying the non-binding resolution is a way of affirming that, as Town Meeting, the issue matters to residents. She said she hopes tangible actions can come out in the long term, commenting the warrant article does not assert any particular action be taken, simply that the Town considers them in decision making.

Noah Mertz said 340 signatures were collected in three days and people are paying attention to the issue. He said he feels the conversation is long overdue.

Mr. Handel said everyone shares the concern about racism and social equity in Needham, and partly why NUARI was formed. He said the Select Board is looking for meaningful suggestions.

Mr. Borrelli said everyone agrees racism is an issue, noting he is a member of NUARI. He said however, the article as written, is too broad. He suggested postponing the citizens petition until spring 2021 and let NUARI explore the issue. Mr. Borrelli said he is concerned with the policing issue. He said it is very difficult, as the Town has supported the police department, noting Needham is a safe town because of the professionalism of the police department. Mr. Borrelli wondered about the intent of the article and where it is going. He said he does not agree with the part of the article regarding policing, the language, or the housing and zoning issue. Mr. Borrelli suggested keeping the article simple, rather than lumping a lot of issues together, where he said he does not believe there is broad support. He suggested postponing the Citizens Petition until a group can meet to determine what the actual problem is, rather than first coming up with a set of potential solutions. Mr. Borrelli acknowledged some of the issues are national, saying however, he is more concerned with Needham issues.

Mr. Handel noted the town has engaged the services of a professional analyst to consider policing issues in Needham.

Discussion ensued on language in the citizens petition.

Mr. Matthews agreed a lot of work needs to be done on race equity, a core focus for the Select Board, and it is clear there is genuine interest both nationally and locally. He said now is a good time to do a lot more. Mr. Matthews said there are parts of the citizens petition he agrees with, and parts of it he looks at differently or with concern. He said he believes most people in Needham want to improve public safety, rather than reduce it. He noted he is not willing to marginalize people who work for Needham in the discussion, including the people who work for the Police Department. He said that he hopes that is not the intent of the petitioners. Mr. Matthews acknowledged some people are anxious to move quickly, but patience and persistence is what will “see us through.” He reiterated now is the time for real

progress on racial justice and equity, which he stated is achievable both nationally and in Needham.

Rebecca Waber said she feels the same spirit Mr. Matthews articulated, noting now is the time to reflect and think about the kind of oversight there is in Needham. Ms. Waber referred to language around policing, suggesting there may be opportunities for improvement in Needham's policies and procedures.

Mr. Handel thanked Ms. Waber for her clarification.

Mr. Bulian thanked Ms. Waber for her statement. He concurred with Mr. Matthews, saying there are elements of the citizens petition he favors and some elements that he does not favor or is unsure. Mr. Bulian said he would have preferred more outreach by the petitioners for conversations with members of the Select Board for their perspective and to gather information. Mr. Bulian commented on the housing and zoning issue, noting the work of the Select Board to reach 13.6% subsidized housing inventory. He commented through the actions of the Select Board and Planning Board, and other stakeholders including Town Meeting, the Town has increased Needham's population by as much as 20%, which has not been fully digested. Mr. Bulian said there was no explanation on the housing and zoning item. He also noted the pandemic has created budgetary downswing from a revenue standpoint for FY2021 and FY2022, and possibly beyond. Mr. Bulian said residents expect a certain level of service, including DPW, public safety, education, etc. He said he would like more information. Mr. Bulian said he doesn't know the answer to racism, but there is not a "switch" to turn it off, and it is a very difficult challenge. He suggested more conversations with the petitioners to gain a better understanding.

Mr. Handel said NUARI is an effort organized by the Town, and that it does not preclude citizens from tackling individual problems and putting forth proposals. He noted the Select Board is not the monopoly of good solutions but must make sure the Town functions properly and is balanced.

Mr. Mertz said the intent of the petitioners is not to be prescriptive or determine results ahead of time. He said the housing and zoning issue is a suggestion of an area already being considered, noting racism as it functions systemically is very complicated and nuanced. He said he is happy to have more conversation with the Select Board.

Ms. Cooley said NUARI was created this year with existing groups focusing on equal justice. She said it is possible for everyone to believe and consider that black lives matter, while also believing that the police serve Needham with good intent. She said that does not mean things are not perfect or that there are not things that can be learned. Ms. Cooley said the problem is long and embedded, not solely within the domain of the Town, but rather within the domain of citizens and will



require lots of education and understanding over a period of time. She said she is hopeful everyone can learn together.

Mr. Borrelli commented on his concern with the language in the executive summary of the resolution (found at [equaljusticeneedham.org](http://equaljusticeneedham.org)), noting the conclusions may be inflammatory and argumentative, rather than saying “what can we do as a community to help with racism?”

Mr. Kirk explained NUARI, as an existing committee, is to look at policing, racism, etc., and that it is the hope of the petitioners the items in the citizens petition can be included. He said the purpose of the warrant article is very narrow, direct, and non-binding. Mr. Kirk commented on the annual budget of \$7.4 million for police compared with \$2.3 million for health and human services, noting the vast majority of problems in Needham are related to mental health, substance abuse, domestic abuse, etc. He said there is an imbalance.

Mr. Borrelli asked the petitioners if they would be willing to postpone the citizens petition until the spring 2021 in order to let NUARI do their work based on some of the input of the signed petition?

Mr. Handel concluded that in dealing with racism, and until there is a common understanding of the issues, people will be “talking past each other.” He said effective communication is key. He asked Mr. Kirk to answer Mr. Borrelli’s question.

Mr. Kirk said he, Mr. Mertz, and Ms. Waber are not in a position to answer on behalf of the 340 folks who wanted to see the petition voted upon. Mr. Kirk said Mr. Borrelli’s question can be considered.

The Board thanked the petitioners for their presentation.

8:07 p.m.

Town Manager:

1. Needham Unite Against Racism Initiative Update (NUARI)

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the NUARI working group has scheduled a meeting for October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. King briefly explained the Lived Experiences project has received 93 stories since July, and the first report will be presented to the Select Board in October.

Ms. Cooley said information about NUARI, and members of the working group is on the Town’s website.

Mr. Matthews said there is a sense of urgency for the committee formulate and stick to a schedule, which he said will pay dividends.

2. Special Town Meeting: Positions on Warrant Articles

The Board reviewed and took positions on articles in the October 4, 2020 Special Town Meeting warrant.

Ms. Fitzpatrick recommended, for a variety of reasons, that the Board withdraw Articles 1 and 3 until a later date.

Mr. Davison said the current level of uncertainty, in terms of funding sources, is why now is not the time to move forward with Article 1 and Article 3. He said he believes the Town will be in a better position and understanding of costs at the May 2021 Town Meeting. He said if there is an unexpected expense requiring immediate attention, there is a reserve fund appropriated annually within the operating budget.

Ms. Fitzpatrick explained the costs are very real and include retrofitting, advanced cleaning and ventilation, public health resources, PPE, substitute teachers, and the establishment of a remote academy for the 600 students opting not to return to the schoolhouse this year. She proposed regular updates for the Board and Finance Committee on the progress of expenses, as there could be great variation in costs. Ms. Fitzpatrick suggested, if the Board withdraws the articles, to prepare a memo to Town Meeting explaining the expectations and why the articles were withdrawn, so there is not the impression that the costs have gone away.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to withdraw Article 1 - Amend the FY2021 Operating Budget and Article 3 - Appropriate for COVID-19 Expenses in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board to consider an amendment to Article 9 - Rescind Debt Authorization to \$10,000,000 from \$9,000,000.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Select Board vote to amend Article 9 - Rescind Debt Authorization from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to support Article 10 - Appropriate for Emergency Rental Assistance Program in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to support Article 11 - Appropriate for First Baptist Church Preservation and Restoration in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to support Article 12 - Appropriate for First Parish Church Steeple Preservation in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to support Article 13 - Appropriate for Needham Community Farm Growing Bed Expansion in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board vote to support Article 14 - Appropriate for Claxton Field Lights and Skin Diamond Renovation - Design in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

Article 15 - Appropriate for Resurfacing of Synthetic Track at DeFazio Complex - Withdrawn

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to support Article 16 - Appropriate to Community Preservation Fund in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

Article 17 - Citizen's Petition - Defer

3. Extend Authorization for Local Outdoor Dining Alcoholic Licensing Approval and Fee Waiver

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board that on September 10, 2020 Governor Baker issued Covid-19 Order 50 - Order Making Certain Phase III Adjustments. Included in this order is an extension of outdoor dining provisions, allowing the Local Licensing Authority to permit outdoor dining with alcohol for a period past November 1, 2020. On June 9, 2020 the Board authorized the Town Manager to grant all local approvals necessary to allow existing local businesses to utilize outdoor dining with alcohol until November 1st. With the signing of Covid 19 Order 50, the Town Manager would need authorization to permit outdoor dining with alcohol through December 1st. The cooler weather will necessitate the use of heaters in the outdoor dining spaces, and it is requested that the Board waive the fees associated with the permitting of outside heaters.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to extend the date authorizing the Town Manager to grant local outside dining with alcohol to December 1, 2020 and vote to waive the fees associated with the permitting of outside heaters.**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

Discussion ensued on the safety of outside heaters.

4. Free 2-Hour Downtown Parking

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board to consider free 2-hour metered parking through January 4, 2021 to help businesses. She said businesses are in support of the free parking but have requested enforcement.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support free 2-hour metered parking through January 4, 2021.**

**Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

5. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported Ms. King prepared a grant application and, if awarded, would allow for the purchase of additional outside heaters and concrete barriers to help facilitate outdoor dining and retail options in the business district.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported new banners were placed on Chapel Street encouraging local shopping and mask wearing.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported the "Dine Around Needham" initiative held last week was a big success. She said one more event is scheduled for October 14, 2020.

Ms. Fitzpatrick thanked the Board for accepting a gift from the League of Women Voters who donated an art installation to be displayed on the Town Common from October 16 - October 30, 2020 in recognition of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage.

Ms. Cincotta reported the tent on the Town Common will be in place until November 1, 2020, with the possibility of extending the date. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Board will hear from the committee charged with redesign of the Town Common in the coming months, which includes the ability of putting up a tent, due to its popularity.

8:32 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were made.

8:33 p.m. Adjourn:

**Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Select Board vote to adjourn the Select Board meeting of Tuesday, September 22, 2020.**

**Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.**

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

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