

**Town of Needham
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2022
Needham Town Hall
Select Board Chambers**

6:45 p.m.

Call to Order:

A special meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair Marianne Cooley. Present were Marcus Nelson, Kevin Keane, Matt Borrelli, Heidi Frail and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

The Board discussed funding for the Emery Grover project. Ms. Cooley noted that the Board previously decided to maintain the funding proposal contained in the warrant. She said that she discussed options with the chair and vice chair of the Finance Committee and the Moderator. She said that in the spirit of compromise, she recommends that the Board agree to amend the funding for the project by reducing the amount of Free Cash to be used in half. She said that the amendment would reduce confusion and would align more closely to the norm for facility projects. Ms. Frail said that it is best to be on the same page at Town Meeting. Mr. Keane asked who would speak to the amendment. Ms. Cooley said that she or the Finance Committee would speak to it. Mr. Borrelli said that while he thought the original motion was appropriate, it is reasonable to meet in the middle.

Motion: by Mr. Borrelli that the Board vote to support the Finance Committee's amendment to the Free Cash portion of the funding for the Emery Grover project from \$4,500,000 to \$2,250,000 and to increase the borrowing amount commensurately. Second: Ms. Frail. The motion carried 4 – 1 with Mr. Nelson voting no.

7:05 p.m.

Motion: by Mr. Borrelli that the Board adjourn its meeting simultaneously with the adjournment of Town Meeting. Second: Mr. Nelson. Unanimously approved 5-0 by roll call vote.

Note: The Annual Town Meeting adjourned for the evening at 11:00 p.m.