

**Town of Needham  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for June 23, 2009  
Needham Town Hall**

- 6:45 p.m. Informal Session:  
Avraam Budman, 14 Donna Road, spoke with the Selectmen concerning charges incurred from the Water Department's fixing a water valve at his home. Mr. Matthews asked the Town Manager review the bill again and also explained to Mr. Budman that the Town must recover the cost for the work.
- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order:  
A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Daniel P. Matthews at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Gerald Wasserman, Maurice Handel, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. John Bulian and Denise Garlick were not present.
- Public Hearing - Verizon Petition for New Pole – Fletcher Road:  
Dick Burgio, Verizon Communications appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request permission for a new pole, number P371/0, on Fletcher Road.
- Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from Verizon to place new pole, number P371/0, on the southerly side of Fletcher Road, at the corner of Fletcher Road and Chestnut Street. This new pole is requested by NSTAR via the Town of Needham Engineering Department. New pole is staked and will allow for the transfer of utilities without causing an aerial trespass.  
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 3-0.**
- 7:05 p.m. Sign Order of Taking for Sewer, Drain and Water purposes Garden Street:
- Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board vote to approve and sign the Order of Taking for Sewer, Drain and Water purposes for Garden Street, from the private road section at Tamarack Lane to the end of Garden Street, as referenced in Order No. FY 2009-2.  
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 3-0.**
- 7:10 p.m. Town Manager Report:  
Ms. Fitzpatrick appeared before the Board with an update on 2 items:
1. Administrative Reorganization of the Department of Public Works: Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the Operations Study of the Department of Public Works presented by the Mercer Group in July 2008 made many recommendations which have been acted upon. Most important has been the creation of the Assistant Director of Public Works and the Assistant Purchasing Agent/Office Manager positions. Both positions were created without the need to increase headcount. These two newly created positions, and other changes recommended by the

Mercer Group, will help service delivery within town. The new Department of Public Works building has been designed with an open floor plan which will help with communication flow and span of control between various departments.

2. 112 Edgewater Drive: Ms. Fitzpatrick stated a perimeter fence has been installed by the property owner as a safety measure. The Town expects the property owner to move forward with the project and will continue to monitor the situation.

7:15 p.m.

Board Discussion:

Process for Adopting Goals:

Chairman Matthews suggested an additional Board of Selectmen meeting be scheduled for July 28, 2009 so that the Board can make comments on goals with all members present. All Town Board and Committee members will be invited to provide input. Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Handel concurred.

Start Time for Town Meeting:

Mr. Matthews asked the Board to consider the possibility of beginning Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m., with the thought of ending the meeting 30 minutes earlier. Mr. Matthews suggested a public hearing be held at the Board of Selectmen meeting August 11, 2009. Town Meeting members will be notified of the public hearing.

7:20 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Consent Agenda and Appointments as presented.**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Paul Buckley, Chip Laffey – PPBC User Agency Representatives, Public Safety Building Roof Project**

**CONSENT AGENDA \*=Backup attached**

- 1.\* In accordance with Section 20B(5) of the Town Charter, and upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Personnel Board, adopt a classification and compensation plan for fiscal year 2009 including an increase of 2.5% in base wages.**
- 2. Accept the donation of \$320 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars made to the Needham Health Department's Coalition for Suicide Prevention Fund.**
- 3.\* Approve request for an HIV/AIDS Cycling Benefit "Braking the Cycle" to travel through Needham Friday, September 11, 2009. Approximately 150 cyclists will be taking part of this three day event September 11 – 13, which route will pass through between 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on September 11, 2009.**
- 4. Accept donation of a set of three animal rescue masks, valued at \$100, to the Animal Control Officer from the MA Veterinary Medical Association.**
- 5.\* Water and Sewer Abatement Order #1090.**
- 6. Approve request from Needham Business Association to have meter free parking on July 17 and July 18, 2009 for the sidewalk sale to improve foot traffic for the businesses in Needham.**
- 7. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:**

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Wm. Christopher Kent	8 James Avenue	James Avenue	7/3/09	7/4/09	5-11 pm
Myrna Zakarian	40 Bess Road	Bess Road	9/12/09	9/13/09	3-6 pm
Cindy Kumin	5 Bancroft Street	Corner of Bancroft & Brookline	7/26/09	N/A	3-6 pm
Eric Agranat (ratify permission)	31 Rivard Road	Rivard Road	6/23/09	N/A	4-7:30 pm

**Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 3-0.**

7:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

**Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the June 23, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting.**

**Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved: 3-0.**