

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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May 4, 2011

6:50 p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Moe Handel at the Newman Elementary School. Present were Mr. Jerry Wasserman, Mr. Dan Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Jim Healy, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

ATM Article 10 – Needham Center Zoning

The Board discussed the possibility of a motion to reconsider this article. Mr. Wasserman stressed the importance of taking a position on a motion to reconsider after hearing the basis for the motion in order to determine if there is a material change in circumstances. The consensus of the Board was that regardless of a motion to reconsider, the matter should still be studied further by the Planning Board. Mr. Bulian noted his objection to voting on a potential motion that has not come before the Board. Mr. Matthews said that the Board should make an effort to avoid voting during the Town Meeting session.

Motion: Mr. Matthews moved that the Board of Selectmen oppose any motion to reconsider Article 10. Mr. Handel seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0 – 1 with Mr. Bulian abstaining.

ATM Article 11 – Farmer's Market

The Board discussed the motion to amend Article 11 proposed by Louise Miller. Mr. Wasserman registered his opposition to the concept of for-profit businesses conducting farmer's markets and stated that the idea was not intended for commercial purposes.

Motion: Mr. Matthews moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the motion to amend as presented by Ms. Miller. Mr. Healy seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 1 with Mr. Wasserman voting in the negative.

7:35 p.m. **Motion: Mr. Bulian moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconsider its position on Article 11. Mr. Handel seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.**

Mr. Matthews moved that the Board of Selectmen support the motion to amend as presented by Ms. Miller. Mr. Handel seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 2 with Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Bulian voting in the negative.

Note: The Annual Town Meeting adjourned for the evening at 11:05.