

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for August 14, 2012
Needham Town Hall**

6:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens:
Heather Yountz, 7 Hillside Avenue spoke with the Board concerning Cricket Field saying it is more than just playing fields, it's the heart of the community. She feels building a school on Cricket Field is shortsighted and an overwhelming majority of parents prefer a new Hillside School on the current site.

Sue Owen, 14 Hillside Avenue wants to keep the green space at Cricket Field for future generations.

Louise Miller, North Hill Avenue spoke with the Board concerning CPA funding for fields and playgrounds. She reiterated CPA is a tax and feels it is great the Town can now use tax monies set aside for fields and playgrounds. She believes the Town should pay 100% for playgrounds and fields, saying in the past generous donors have supplemented and funded projects.

Leo Sullivan, Global Companies, spoke with the Board asking to make a presentation for a community choice aggregation program, designed by the state, to allow lower electric power rates for residents and businesses.

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

7:00 p.m. Certificate of Appreciation:
Nicole DiCicco, Recreation Supervisor appeared before the Board. Mr. Wasserman read a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Ms. DiCicco's imaginative design and creative artistic rendition of the Town Hall painted onto the Town Hall's Adirondack chair to be donated for auction. The Board congratulated Ms. DiCicco and a photograph was taken.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Alteration of License Premises:
Raji Spencer, Manager, Petit Robert Bistro, 45 Chapel Street appeared before the Board to discuss his petition for an Alteration of Premises. Mr. Spencer said the petition is to serve alcoholic beverages on an outside patio consisting of 16 seats with proper barriers per local and state laws.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board vote to approve the Alteration of Premises petition of Raji Spencer of Petit Robert Bistro Needham to allow the service of alcoholic beverages on an outside patio consisting of 16 seats

with proper barriers per local and state laws, and to sign and forward application to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Corporation for its review and approval.

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing – Verizon and NSTAR Petition for Damon Road:
Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative appeared before the Board on a petition for Verizon to install one anchor guy at pole 387/9. This work is necessary to make the pole safe.

Karen Sykes, 116 Damon Road told the Board the proposed placement of the anchor will cut into her yard and could cause injury to her child and others in the neighborhood. She showed the Board pictures of the area and said she agrees the pole needs to be fixed but suggests replacing the pole with a new one.

Mr. Neil Krug, 112 Damon Road said the pole is pulling the wires off of the homes and feels the pole needs to be replaced.

Ms. Carroll suggested the Verizon engineer meet with the residents to determine an alternative.

Mr. Wasserman suggests continuing the public hearing at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on September 11, 2012.

Mr. Matthews suggests the DPW as the point of contact to make sure the issue is resolved. The Board agreed with Mr. Matthew's suggestion.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that Public Hearing: Verizon and NSTAR Petition for Damon Road will be continued at the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 11, 2012.

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

7:10 p.m. Public Hearing – NSTAR DeFrancesco Circle:
Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative appeared before the Board requesting permission to install approximately 38 feet of conduit at Pole 336/2 on DeFrancesco Circle, Needham.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to install approximately 38 feet of conduit at Pole 336/2 on DeFrancesco Circle, Needham. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service for a new home at 14 DeFrancesco Circle.

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

7:10 p.m. Public Hearing – NSTAR Petition for Clarke Road:

Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative appeared before the Board requesting permission to install approximately 6 feet of conduit at Pole 245/12 on Clarke Road, Needham.

**Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to install approximately 6 feet of conduit at Pole 245/12 on Clarke Road, Needham. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service for a new home at 130 Clarke Road.
Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 5-0.**

7:15 p.m.

Town Manager:

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 4 items to discuss:

1. CPC Project Applications

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board to consider 2 projects for immediate action. The first project, Ms. Fitzpatrick said, is a comprehensive Greene's Field improvement project including the installation of a new play structure, and renovation and improvement of the playing field, basketball court, and park. Ms. Fitzpatrick commented if approved by the CPC, this project could be funded at the October 29, 2012 Special Town Meeting. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the second project is a feasibility study of the concept of creating a shared use trail from Needham Junction to the Dover line. She commented the MBTA Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to enter into a lease with the Town of Needham. Ms. Fitzpatrick said it is important to have the feasibility study show critical information such as parking and access, before recommending that the Town enter into such a lease.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board endorse an application to be filed for Community Preservation funding for the Needham Greene's Field Project in the amount of \$445,000; and that the Board endorse a proposal for use of CPA Administrative funds in the amount of approximately \$26,000 for a conceptual planning and design project for the shared use trail from Needham Junction to the Dover line.

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

2. Budget Consultation

Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Dave Davison, ATM/Finance discussed the schedule for the fiscal year 2014 operating and capital budgets. Mr. Davison told the Board that further consultation on the budget is planned for a Selectmen's meeting in September 2012.

3. Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Ms. Fitzpatrick and Paul Buckley, Fire Chief appeared before the Board to discuss the recently completed National Citizen's Survey, including methodology and results. A PowerPoint presentation titled "The National Citizen Survey – Town of

Needham, MA 2012” was viewed. Ms. Fitzpatrick highlighted aspects of the survey, including the 97% rating received for Quality of Life in Needham and high marks for Public Safety. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the survey is available on line at the Town’s website.

4. Town Manager Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick updated the Board regarding the status of the NSTAR Right of Way Vegetation Management Project. She said NSTAR crews are surveying property and Needham’s Parks and Forestry division are making spot visits to the surveying crews and will be on site when NSTAR marks trees for removal.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Town is working closely with the Raisman family to solidify plans to celebrate Needham’s hometown Olympian Aly Raisman. She said as soon as plans are finalized residents will be notified. Ms. Fitzpatrick also unveiled the new “Needham Home of Aly Raisman 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist” sign to be posted at the entrances of Town and at various locations. Mr. Handel said Town staff should be recognized for their hard work over the past month with events celebrating Ms. Raisman.

8:05 p.m.

Appointments and Consent Agenda:

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

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. Community Preservation Committee | Gary Crossen (term expires 6/30/2015) |
| 2. Council on Aging | Phyllis Fanger (term expires 6/30/2014) |
| 3. New Year’s Needham Committee | Marci Cutler (term expires 6/30/2013)
Gayle Dempsey (term expires 6/30/2013)
Janet Rubenstein (term expires 6/30/2013)
Bill Okerman (term expires 6/30/2013) |
| 4. Cultural Council | Elizabeth Wells (term expires 6/30/2015)
Gail Fisher (term expires 6/30/2015) |
| 5. Election Workers 2012 – 2013 | See attached list |

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Support Youth Services’ “Needham Unplugged” for the month of March including its annual no-meeting night which will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013.
2. Accept \$55.00 in donations received for the Student Awareness of Fire Education program made in memory of Dorothy Brown from: Richard and Nancy Nixon and Barry and Mary Diane McDonough.
3. Accept \$100 donation made to the Needham Fire Department’s Student Awareness of Fire Education program from Paul and Rebecca Kennedy.
4. Approve road race event form from John Timmerman of The Charles River Center, to hold a 5K race and 1 mile walk in Needham on September 23, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire and Park and Recreation.
5. Approve a Special One Day Wine & Malt Beverages license from John Grugan of the Charles River Center to provide wine and malt beverages at the 5K race to be held on September 23, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Charles River Center, 59 E. Militia Heights Road, Needham.

6. Accept donation of \$500 made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust fund from Louise Condon Realty.
7. Accept donations made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust fund for a bench in memory of Town Meeting Member, Jane Howard: James Howard- \$ 200, Carol & Edward DeLemos- \$ 200, Ford Peckham- \$ 100, Law Offices of Cox & Cox- \$25, William & Lois Bacon-\$10, William McCarthy -\$20, Kathleen Robey-\$170, Laura Brooks-\$25, Gerald & Marjorie Margolis- \$25, Ronald & Maureen McCaffrey-\$25, Denise & Russell Garlick-\$50, James & M. Patricia Cruickshank - \$213.20.
8. Grant permission for a fund-raising bicycle ride through Needham on September 28, 2012. The event, Braking the Cycle, is a three-day bicycle ride to benefit Housing Works, a major AIDS service organization headquartered in New York City. Approximately 130 riders will pass through Needham between 6:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Permission has been granted by the Conservation Commission to use Ridge Hill as a rest stop.
9. Sign the Warrants for the State Primary scheduled for September 6, 2012.
- 10.* Approve request from Rosalind Fisher of Avery Crossings to use Avery Park on Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will be holding an event in celebration of National Assisted Living Week and Grandparents Day.
11. Approve a request from Greg Jundanian, of the Dedham Food Pantry, who is organizing a fundraiser bike ride to benefit the Dedham Food Pantry, to have a portion of its ride to go through Needham. The event is scheduled for September 16, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
12. Accept a \$25 donation made to the Needham Police Department for the Car Safety Seat Installation Program from Lianne Relich of Needham.
13. Accept a \$500 donation made to the Needham Health Department's Gift of Warmth fund from the Missions & Outreach Ministry of The First Baptist Church in Needham.
14. Approve a Special One Day Wines & Malt Beverages license from Steve Volante of Volante Farms to hold a "Dinner in the Field" event on Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Volante Farms, 292 Forest Street, Needham.
15. Approve a Special One Day Wines & Malt Beverages license from Nancy Wright for Needham Business Association to hold a "A Chair To Remember" auction event on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Powers Hall located in Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham.
16. Approve a request from Amy Perna of The Walker School to have a "Walk for Walker" event on Sunday, September 23, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Walkers will participate in either a one mile or three mile walk through town. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
17. Increase the membership total for the New Years' Needham Committee to 15.
18. Change the polling location for Precincts C and D from the High Rock School to the Newman Middle School beginning with the November 6, 2012 State Election. The renovation and construction at the Newman Middle School has been completed and it is time to go back to Newman as it is more convenient for both the schools and the voters.
19. Grant permission for meter free parking in the downtown area on August 11, 2012 in support of Needham's Sizzling Summer Sidewalk Sale.
20. Ratify a request from Allan Eyden for the Pan-Mass Challenge to have a portion of its ride to go through Needham. The event was held on August 4th and 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the 4th and 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 5th. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
21. Approve Water and Sewer abatement Number 1145.
22. Approve minutes of July 10, 2012.
23. Accept donation from the Revitalization Trust Fund of a bench in memory of Jane Howard. The bench would be located on the garden island at the intersection of Great Plain Avenue and Washington Street.

24. Grant permission for the following residents to hold a Block Party:

Name	Address	Party Location	Date	Rain Date	Time
Caitlin Moran	57 Whiting Way	Whiting Way		9/8/12	9/15/12
	11am-8pm				
Jeanie Martin	139 Plymouth Rd	Plymouth Road		9/8/12	9/9/12
	1-7pm				
		Ext between Harris Ave & the railroad tracks			
Maureen Rossi	65 Douglas Rd	Douglas Rd		9/29/12	9/30/12
	3-9pm				
Jennifer Tufts	32 Bobsled Dr	Bobsled Dr/Booth		9/8/12	9/9/12
	1-6pm				
		St intersection Powers/Woodlawn			
Julie Blake	763 Great Plain			9/30/12	10/14/2012
	3-6pm				
Lauren Alexander	64 Mayflower Rd	Mayflower Rd		9/8/12	
	4-8pm				
& Melissa Crowe					
Lisa Lewis	74 Canterbury Ln	Canterbury Lane		9/8/12	9/9/12
	4-9pm				
Susan Maxwell	62 Warren St	Warren St		9/30/2012	
	2-7pm				
		between May and Great Plain			
Susan Patkin	73 Edgewater Dr.	73 Edgewater Dr.		9/8/2012	9/9/12
	4-6pm				
		111 Edgewater Dr. Corner of Lois			
Kate Deeley	61 Kenney St			9/15/12	9/16/12
	3-11pm				
		Lane & Barbara Road			
Jodi Lockwood	131 Bird St	Richard Road		9/3/12	
	3-8pm				
Amy Snelling	99 Hoover Road	Hoover Rd.		9/8/12	
	4-9pm				
		between Manning and Webster St.			
Carolyn Bickford	14 Gordon Road	Gordon Road		9/8/12	
	4-9pm				
Judy Gragg	115 Dawson Drive	Dawson Drive		9/9/12	
	3-6:30pm				

8:10 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Hillside/Mitchell Facility Planning

Ms. Fitzpatrick said a meeting with representatives from the DEP was held last week. She said reconstruction/renovation of a school on the Hillside site is not ruled out by DEP and that more remediation needs to be done at the site.

Mr. Wasserman commented there are three issues concerning the Hillside site. He said the plume underground needs attention, groundwater needs to be addressed, and egress and entrance to the site must be improved.

Mr. Borrelli said he was encouraged by what he heard at the meeting and said the Town can move ahead and that there is good credibility in building Hillside School on the Hillside site.

Mr. Handel commented it is important that the focus is on the Hillside site.

Mr. Matthews reiterated there is strong consensus to renovate both Hillside and Mitchell Schools. Mr. Matthews said it is best to focus on redeveloping both schools on their current sites.

Mr. Handel said the school committee and the PPBC are working in good faith to try to come up with a workable solution.

2. Committee Report

Mr. Matthews spoke with the Board concerning Chapter 40B guidelines. He said the purpose of the guidelines is to give guidance in reaching the 10% goal of affordable housing in Needham, and to make sure the public is aware of such guidelines. He said formal discussion of the guidelines will be scheduled for a later date.

8:20 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of August 14, 2012.

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

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

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