

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 28, 2013
Needham Town Hall**

6:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens: No Activity.

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

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Lighttower Fiber Networks Petition for 50 Chestnut Street: Shawn Alles, Fiber Engineer, Lighttower Fiber Networks and Michael Joyce, Joyce Consulting Group appeared before the Board requesting permission to install approximately eighteen feet of new four inch fiber optic conduit from an existing NSTAR manhole on the east side of Chestnut Street to the building at 50 Chestnut Street. The conduit run shall be installed and owned by Lighttower and shall serve to provide telecommunication service to the business at 50 Chestnut Street from the Lighttower network.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a petition from Lighttower Fiber Networks to install approximately eighteen feet of new four inch fiber optic conduit from an existing NSTAR Manhole on the east side of Chestnut Street to the building at 50 Chestnut Street. The conduit run shall be installed and owned by Lighttower and shall serve to provide telecommunication service to the business at 50 Chestnut Street from the Lighttower network.

Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 4-0.

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing - Lincoln Street Parking Improvements: Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager, Rick Merson, Director of Public Works, and Tony Del Gaizo, Town Engineer appeared before the Board with an outline of the proposed design for the Lincoln Street/School Street parking lot for municipal parking and for Police and Fire expansion. Ms. Fitzpatrick discussed the existing parking conditions and showed proposed design plans. She discussed key features of the plan.

Mr. Matthews opened the Public Hearing.

John Sylvan, 45 Grant Street asked about the permit fee structure and the Town's return on investment by acquiring the property. Mr. Sylvan wanted to know how much the Town paid for the properties on School Street and Lincoln Street.

Jeff Becker, 117-119 Chestnut Street complimented the Town for addressing the parking issue. Dr. Becker asked the Town consider permit parking for businesses

other than the hospital. Dr. Becker said the hospital should take care of its own parking issues.

Jeff Heller, 1092 Central Avenue and 40 Lincoln Street supports increased parking and elimination of buddy spaces. Mr. Heller said he is concerned with the “big picture” and wanted to know how the proposed parking plan ties into the Town’s streetscape plan. Mr. Heller suggested the entire block should have a “campus” feel, and that the parking lot have an entrance/exit onto School Street.

Cheryl McSherry, 39 Grant Street stated she feels the downtown area is slowly creeping into her neighborhood. Ms. McSherry is concerned with traffic on School Street. She noted the importance of trees and shrubs in the design and asked the Town consider the look and feel of the neighborhood.

Leslie LaFaver, 69 School Street asked that the Town address the issue of large trucks and tankers on School Street. He suggested allowing abutters access to overnight parking permits.

Phil Droney, Needham Police Chief said parking is an issue at the police station. He noted the current state of the public safety building does not meet the needs of the Town, noting new technology, dispatching, and training issues need to be addressed.

Carol McCarthy, 78 Lincoln Street is concerned with exits/entrances to the parking lot, and increased traffic onto School Street. She said she is concerned that new lighting may be too bright.

Karl Heinz, 132 Lincoln Street asked about the storm management plan for the project and whether drainage improvements will be done in the area.

John Sylvan, 45 Grant Street asked if the number of parking permits issued to the hospital will be limited.

Jeff Becker, 117-119 Chestnut Street asked about the elimination of some on-street parking on School Street between Chestnut Street and Lincoln Street, opposite the police station. He suggested drivers in the parking lot must be able to make a u-turn.

Maryclare Siegel, 27 Grant Street said the large trucks traveling on School Street is an issue.

Mr. Matthews thanked the residents for their comments and closed the public hearing.

8:15 p.m. Consent Agenda:

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

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Human Rights Committee Nathan Rosen (term expires 6/30/14)**
- 2. MWRA Advisory Board John Cosgrove (term expires 6/30/14)**
- 3. MWRA Advisory Board (alternate) Vincent Roy (term expires 6/30/14)**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Sign the Warrants for the Special State Election and Special Town Election to be held on June 25, 2013.**
- 2. Approve minutes of May 6, 2013 and May 8, 2013 meetings.**
- 3. Accept gift of 1902 Needham Map from Moe Handel, which is valued at \$95.**
- 4. Accept the gift of two new, made in America, nylon United States Flags from the Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M.**
- 5. Disband with thanks the Greene's Field Play Structure Working Group.**
- 6. Approve Water & Sewer Abatement #1162**
- 7. Accept the following donations made to Needham Youth Services this year to date, to enhance Youth Services overall programming: \$100 from Lisa Teeter; \$25 from Clair Cole; \$50 from Barbara Mason; \$30 from Meg Galligan; and \$90 from the Hillside Girl Scout Troop for Babysitting Training.**

Second: Mr. Handel. Unanimously approved 4-0.

8:15 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager updated the Board on three items. She told the Board that paving on Webster Street at Avery Field is nearing completion. She said Parker Road, Mayflower Road, and Carol Road will be re-paved. She told the Board that at its next meeting on June 11, 2013 a public hearing will be held regarding parking fines.

8:20 p.m. Board Discussion:
1. I-95/Rte. 128 Improvement
Mr. Handel told the Board he recently attended a meeting of the Three Rivers Council, a constituent of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. He said members of the Three Rivers Council were asked to gather support for the Commonwealth's Tiger Grant application to fund the slip-ramps, bridge, and roadway widening at the Dedham Street overpass at Interstate 95.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board vote to support and sign the letter of support of the I95/Route 128 improvements in the Commonwealth's Tiger Grant.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approve 4-0.

2. Committee Reports

Mr. Borrelli commented that the public hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 23, 2013 regarding the Greendale Mews project was well attended. He thanked Mr. Matthews for stating the view of the Board of Selectmen to the Zoning Board. Mr. Matthews said residents expressed their concern about the proposal and commented the Board of Selectmen will work to achieve the best outcome for the Town.

8:25 p.m. Executive Session - Exception 3 (potential litigation) & Exception 6 (interest in real property)

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into Executive Session.

Exception 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares; and

Exception 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

Second: Mr. Handel. Mr. Matthews polled the Board. Unanimously approved 4-0.

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

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