

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for April 28, 2015
Selectmen's Chambers
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 Chairman Maurice P. Handel. Those present were John A. Bulian, Matthew D. Borrelli, Daniel P. Matthews, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. Marianne B. Cooley was absent.

7:00 p.m. Consultation - Rosemary Pool Project:
Cindy Chaston, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission, Patty Carey, Director of Park and Recreation, Dave DiCicco, Park and Recreation Commission appeared before the Board with an update on the status of the Park and Recreation Commission's evaluation of options for Rosemary Pool.

Ms. Chaston gave a brief history of the pool, saying it is over 40 years old. She commented on the Weston and Sampson feasibility study of the site, as well as the public hearings in which residents overwhelmingly favored keeping a pool at the Rosemary site. Ms. Chaston said the next phase includes securing design funding of \$450,000. She commented on a recent study by the Community Center of Needham, and the creative designs for the site. She noted that while the next phase will not include an indoor pool, she said the Town will ask about the possibility of the option in the future.

Mr. Handel noted the strong sentiment of residents to keep the pool at the Rosemary site.

Mr. Bulian agrees with the approach and said he thought the presentation by CCN was intriguing. He said he has reservations about an indoor pool due to cost, but said it is logical for the Town to keep options open should funding become available.

Mr. Borrelli concurred. He commented on the true cost, noting it is important to have the maximum building on the site for all of the activities. He said the location is key, particularly with the senior center, high school, and library nearby.

Mr. Matthews said it is important to stay focused and earn the support of Town Meeting members. He noted the tight timeline. He said he is slightly concerned that Town Meeting is looking for clarity in the process, and said the message must be clear and direct to move forward.

The Board thanked Ms. Chaston, Mr. DiCicco, and Ms. Carey for the update.

- 7:18 p.m. Appointments and Consent Agenda:
Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Appointments and Consent Agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve a Special One Day All Alcoholic Beverages license for Andrew Bartlett of St. Sebastian’s School to hold its 2015 Reunion event on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will be held in Ward Hall at St. Sebastian’s School, 1191 Greendale Avenue, Needham.**
2. **Approve consent agenda items 7 through 16 on revised minutes of 12.18.2007 Selectmen’s meeting, which were left off the original minutes of 12.18.2007.**
3. **Approve regular session and executive session minutes from April 15, 2015.**
4. **Accept the gift of two new, made in America, nylon United States Flags from the Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M. for the Needham Town Common and the Needham Heights Common.**
5. **Approve application for a 2015 Public Entertainment license on Sundays from Jeffrey Friedman, of Needham Farmers Market, Inc., located on the parking lot of Needham Bank, 1063 Great Plain Avenue, Needham.**
6. **Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1197.**
7. **Accept a gift of \$500 from the First Baptist Church in Needham for the Health Department’s Gift of Warmth.**
8. **Approve and sign Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the ITWA June 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 and July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.**

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

- 7:20 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with three items to discuss:

1. Annual & Special Town Meeting Preparation
Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Board must consider remaining items, Article 38 and Article 39 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Handel commented Article 38 is a Home Rule Petition. He said because there were some unanswered questions regarding the specific needs identified in Article 39, the Board of Selectmen met with the School Committee and Finance Committee. He said the consensus was that it made sense to ask Town Meeting to fund the design for the cafeteria, and spend the time between now and the nearest future Town Meeting to determine what the exact need is at the high school with respect to classroom size and population. He said it is clear the population at the high school is higher than what the school was constructed to meet. He said the Town must identify a way to move forward. He said it is not clear in the way the

warrant article was originally drafted if it would necessarily be the best way for the Town to engage in meeting the need. He said as a result, an amended motion to Article 39 is proposed.

Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on the Home Rule Petition and said Article 38 became moot based on the current cost estimate for a revised High School project.

Annual Town Meeting Articles:

Article 39: Appropriate for High School Expansion

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board recommend adoption of Article 39 as amended by deleting the sum “\$500,000” and inserting in place thereof the sum “\$150,000”, and by inserting the word “cafeteria” between the words “High School” and the word “expansion”, and by inserting after the words “Town Manager” the words “and Permanent Public Building Committee” and by deleting the phrase “\$276,000 be transferred from Free Cash,” and by deleting the sum “\$68,385” and inserting in place thereof the sum “\$67,403” and by deleting the phrase “\$12,305 be transferred from Article 39 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and \$60,713 be transferred from Article 1 of the 2013 November Special Town Meeting;”

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

Mr. Bulian said he believes there is a need to expand the high school. He said he is hopeful the School Committee will work with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to see a project through, subsequent to Town Meeting.

Mr. Borrelli concurred and said this is the best compromise. He said between now and next Town Meeting more details will be known for what is needed at the high school.

Mr. Matthews concurred. He commented it is worth another look at adding classroom space to the high school. He said it is important to have more time to look at the space to meet the needs of the students, and supports cafeteria expansion at this time.

Special Town Meeting Articles:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 1 - Appropriate for Planning Consulting Assistance in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 2 - Amend the FY2015 Operating Budget in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 3 - Rescind Debt Authorizations in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 4 - Appropriate for Oil Tank Removal in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 5 - Appropriate for Capital Improvement Fund in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board vote to support Article 6 - Appropriate for Capital Facility Fund in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

2. Boston MPO Transportation Improvement Program Highway Funding

Ms. Fitzpatrick updated the Board on the status of the Highland Avenue/Needham Street corridor project, and efforts being undertaken by the Town of Needham and the City of Newton to secure funding for the entire project.

Mr. Handel noted that the work being done by Ms. Fitzpatrick to get portions of the project funded, with the help of State Legislators, has made it possible to get the project advanced because the cost has been reduced.

3. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick spoke about the Add-A-Lane project saying demolition work has begun during the overnight hours. She noted the first night of demolition was significantly loud. She commented MassDOT's project manager is working with the public, and information is on the Town's website. She said the public can sign up for weekly alerts from MassDOT regarding overnight work.

Mr. Bulian suggested using electronic sign boards at locations alerting the public of night time demolition.

Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on NSTAR/Eversource's vegetation management program and said she received copies of letters sent to residents. She said the Town continues to work with Eversource to make sure concerns are being met.

7:40 p.m.

Board Discussion:

1. Collaboration with the City of Newton

Mr. Handel spoke about the ongoing collaboration between various Boards and Committees with the City of Newton. He said many issues deal with transportation, but many also deal with the economic area that has come to be known as N², with Needham having the gateway known as 'Needham Crossing'. He said much can be accomplished in marketing the area and dealing with infrastructure and

transportation issues. He said collaboration continues with the MAPC and the Needham Newton Chamber of Commerce for a grant to market the N² area. He said options are being explored regarding the effect of potential Olympic Games in the Boston area, and how to leverage the opportunity. Mr. Handel spoke about on going discussions with Newton on how to connect the spokes of the regional transportation system. He commented Needham is part of the MAPC and recently became part of the inner core communities that deal with issues around the Route 128 ring.

2. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were made.

Mr. Handel noted the Board of Selectmen has an ex-officio seat on the Memorial Park Trustees, and said for the last 10 years Mr. Bulian has represented the Board of Selectmen. He said Mr. Bulian is now passing the torch to Mr. Borrelli. Mr. Handel thanked Mr. Bulian for his work and Mr. Borrelli for agreeing to represent the Board.

7:45 p.m. Executive Session - Exception 3

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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

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

A list of all documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting is available at: <http://www.needhamma.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=99&Type=&ADID=>

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.