

SELECT BOARD AGENDA

Regular Meeting

6:00 p.m. February 25, 2025



Town Hall
Select Board Chambers
1471 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA 02492
&
Zoom

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	6:00	Public Comment Period Residents are encouraged to inform the Office of the Town Manager in advance via email (OTM@needhamma.gov), telephone (781) 455-7500 extension 204, or in person by the end of the business day prior to the meeting of their intent to participate in the public comment period. The Chair will first recognize those who have communicated in advance their desire to speak for up to three minutes. If time allows, others wishing to speak will be recognized in an order determined by the Chair for up to three minutes. The Board’s policy on public participation in meetings can be found here .
1.	6:10	Close Public Hearing: Verizon Cable License Ascertainment • Myles Tucker, Support Services Manager

2.	6:15	WestMetro HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan — Needham Alison Steinfeld, Affordable Housing Specialist
3.	6:20	2023 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Data and Updates from Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN) and Youth & Family Services - Julie McCarthy, Epidemiologist/Data Analyst - Karen Shannon, Substance Use Prevention Program Coordinator - Sara Shine, Director of Youth and Family Services
4.	6:50	Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Consultation - Dave Herer, Community Preservation Committee Chair - Maureen Callahan, Community Preservation Committee Vice Chair - Lauren Spinney, Administrative Coordinator - Cecilia Simchak, Assistant Director of Finance
5.	7:15	Town Manager - Sira Naturals Agreement Update - Preliminary Discussion of May 12, 2025 Special Town Meeting Articles 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Update - Stephen Palmer Development Review Committee - Town Manager Report
6.	7:45	Board Discussions - Town Manager Search Process - Committee Reports
7.	7:55	Executive Session Exception 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Needham Police Union

APPOINTMENT CALENDAR

1.	Michael Orscheln	Golf Course Advisory Committee Term Exp: 6/30/2025
2.	Hannah Corrigan	Rail Trail Advisory Committee Term Exp: 6/30/2027
3.	William Mahoney	Council of Economic Advisors Term Exp: 6/30/2026

CONSENT AGENDA *Supporting Documents in Agenda Packet

1.*	Approve Open Session Minutes of August 3, 2023; August 4, 2023; and January 28, 2025
2.	Accept the following donations made to the Needham Free Public Library: \$50 from Randa Khuri \$30 from Daniel Callahan
3.	Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Health Division:

	• \$1,500 from the County of Norfolk for Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham • \$100 from Constance Royden for Needham's Gift of Warmth program • \$100 from Temple Aliyah, Inc. for Needham's Gift of Warmth program • \$500 from Avenue Church for Needham's Gift of Warmth program • \$1,135.50 from First Parish Church for Needham's Gift of Warmth program
4.	Accept the following donations made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund: • \$3,100 from Thomas Leary • \$3,150 from Elin Soderholm Trust
5.*	Approve revision of Benefits Administration Policy #510: Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy

NOTICE OF APPROVED ONE-DAY SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Hosting Organization	Event Title	Location	Event Date
Needham History Center & Museum	Music and Merriment at the Schoolhouse Pub	Needham History Center & Museum 1147 Central Avenue	3/01/2025
Plugged In Band Program	Dirty Water Music Festival	Powers Hall 1471 Highland Avenue	4/05/2025