

Select Board Special Meeting Minutes
3:00 p.m. August 3, 2023
Memorial Park Field House (Second Floor)
92 Rosemary Street
&
Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81412060413?pwd=QVo4WGgwcy9HOFNnSHViMEk2QWJ5QT09>

3:00 p.m. A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair Marianne Cooley. Those present were Kevin Keane, Heidi Frail, Cathy Dowd, Marcus Nelson, Town Manager, Kate Fitzpatrick, Assistant Town Manager Dave Davison, Assistant Town Manager Katie King, ATM/Operations, and Emily Meyer, Administrative Specialist. Present for the retreat facilitators (Raftelis) were Julia Novak, Julie Gieseke, and Janae Janik.

Ms. Novak asked Board members to introduce themselves and share their expectations for the retreat. Ms. Novak led a discussion on participants' beliefs about the future of Needham.

Board members reviewed and revised the proposed goal statements and associated strategies drafted by Town Staff, including Healthy & Socially Thriving, Economically Vital, Livable, Accessible and Connected, Safe, Responsibly Governed, and Environmentally Sustainable. The Board reviewed and made recommendations for modifying the language of the goal descriptions and the bulleted statements under each goal category to be reviewed again on the second day of the retreat.

The Town Manager and Assistant Town Managers reviewed the existing initiatives to identify those that may need to be carried forward and those that the Board may consider removing from the initiatives list, either due to being completed, difficulty in operationalizing, practicality, etc.

5:55 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:55. Motion: Mr. Nelson. Second: Mr. Keane. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

A recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC-qr5bTPeM&list=PL3PRZZjHC3yE9AnWTYT5KKdVWYjmXJVug&index=42&pp=iAQB>