

SELECT BOARD AGENDA

Regular Meeting

6:00 p.m. May 27, 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 .
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1.	6:00	2025 Pride Month Proclamation
2.	6:00	Public Hearing: Application for Alteration of Premises to an All-Alcohol License – North Hill Needham, Inc. dba North Hill • Briana Tucker, Manager of Record – North Hill Needham, Inc., dba North Hill • Thomas Miller – Applicant Counsel
3.	6:10	40B Housing Proposal – Charles River Heights • Anne-Marie Bajwa, Charles River Center President & CEO • William Grogan, Planning Office of Urban Affairs President • Phil Crean, Planning Office of Urban Affairs Project Manager
4.	6:40	Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap • Gabby Queenan, Sustainability Manager • Carys Lustig, Director of Public Works
5.	7:00	DeFazio Parking Lot Stormwater Bioretention Basin • Gabby Queenan, Sustainability Manager • Justin Savignano, Assistant Town Engineer • Christopher Brainard, BETA • Phil Paradis, BETA • Julie Wood, Charles River Watershed Association
6.	7:15	Notice of Traffic Regulation: Mayo Avenue, Pinewood Road, Harris Avenue • Carys Lustig, Director of Public Works • Justin McCullen, Transportation Safety Committee Chair
7.	7:20	Sale of Bonds and Notes • David Davison, Deputy Town Manager/Director of Finance
8.	7:35	Town Manager • Town Manager Report
9.	7:40	Board Discussion • Envision Needham Center Working Group • Committee Reports

APPOINTMENT CALENDAR

1.	Wenlie Zhou	Needham Council for Arts and Culture Term Exp: 5/27/2028
2.	Christopher Teachout	Council of Economic Advisors: Term Exp: 6/30/2026
3.	Karen Price	Norfolk County Advisory Board Term Exp: 6/30/2028
4.	Ann Cosgrove	Registrar of Voters Term Exp: 3/31/2028
5.	Natasha Espada	Stephen Palmer Reuse Development Committee Term Exp: 6/30/2027
6.	Margaret Murphy	Stephen Palmer Reuse Development Committee

		Term Exp: 6/30/2027
7.	Michela DeSantis	Stephen Palmer Reuse Development Committee Term Exp: 6/30/2027

CONSENT AGENDA *Supporting Documents in Agenda Packet

1.*	Approve Open Session Minutes of May 5, May 7, and May 12, 2025
2.*	Approve Personnel Administration Policy #432: Anti-Nepotism Policy
3.	Approve a request from Stefanie Forman for an Entertainment license for a one-time event, Newman PTC Springfest, on June 7, 2025. This event has been approved by the following departments: Police, Fire, Park & Recreation and Public Works.
4.	Accept the following donation made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund: \$100 from the Rotary Club of Needham
5.	Accept the following donation made to the Needham Public Health Division: \$300 from Christ Episcopal Church for Needham's Gift of Warmth program
6.	Accept the following donations made to the Needham Free Public Library: \$500 from Barbara Kochaniak \$15 from Beverly Singer \$300 from anonymous donor <i>Stormstruck!, Into the Trap, and The Sea Singer</i>, estimated value \$50, from the author, Craig Moodie
7.	Authorize the placement of Pride Month lawn signs at the Town Hall and Public Services Administration Building from June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
8.*	Approve and authorize the Select Board Chair to sign a letter allowing the Town to request a health insurance rate quote from MIIA (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association), solely for cost analysis as part of the Town's ongoing review of its health insurance offerings with no immediate changes to current plans
9.*	Approve and authorize the chair to sign the employment agreement between the Town and the Fire Chief for FY2026-2028

NOTICE OF APPROVED BLOCK PARTIES

Name	Address	Party Location	Date	Time	Rain Date
Matt Corkin	14 Pinewood Road	Pinewood Rd between Harris Ave & Great Plain Ave	6/14/25	11am-7pm	6/15/25
Lauren Soper	32 Mark Lee Road	Between Mark Lee Road & Alfreton Road	6/16/25	12pm-6pm	N/A

NOTICE OF APPROVED ONE-DAY SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Hosting Organization	Event Title	Location	Event Date
Needham Pool and Racquet Club	NPRC New Member Social	1545 Central Avenue	6/06/2025