

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes for August 14, 2007
Needham Town Hall

6:45 p.m. Informal Session:

7:00 p.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Gerald Wasserman at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: John Bulian, John H. Cogswell, James Healy, Daniel P. Matthews, Gerald Wasserman, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick and Acting Recording Secretary Jeanne Floitgraf.

7:00 p.m. Moment of Silence for James M. Zeiger:

The Board observed a moment of silence in honor of Jay Zeiger, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, who died last week.

Certificate of Appreciation for Rose Siersdale:
The Board congratulated Rose Siersdale, a 2007 graduate of Needham High School, who entered a watercolor picture in "Artistic Discovery," an arts competition for students sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Bulian read aloud the Congressional Certificate of Recognition signed by Representative Stephen F. Lynch of the Massachusetts 9th Congressional District. The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Siersdale and wished her success in her studies at the Massachusetts College of Art, where she will matriculate in September.

Appointments and the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. Norfolk County Advisory Committee | Sid Farnsworth (through 4/9/08) |
| 2. Norfolk County Advisory Committee (alternate) | Jim Healy (through 4/9/08) |

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve a request from the Needham Fire Department to conduct a "Voluntary Toll Booth" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Thursday, August 30, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). The toll booth will be held at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Great Plain Avenue.
2. Accept \$28 donation made to the Park & Recreation Department's Miscellaneous Parks Trust Fund Donations account for the period July 9, 2007 - July 18, 2007.
3. Accept donation of beads from Peacock Feather to the Park & Recreation's summer programs. Beads are valued at approximately \$200.
4. Accept a \$200 anonymous donation made to the Youth Commission. The donation was made in support of program development for the families and youth of Needham.
5. Approve minutes of June 12, 2007, June 26, 2007 and July 24, 2007.
6. Accept a donation, valued at \$4,200 from the Needham Exchange Club for electrical work performed to the Memorial Park building.
7. Accept a \$200 donation from Jackie and Matthew Adams, South Boston, to the Needham Police Department for child safety seat installation.
8. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Public Library during the period of July 10, 2007 and August 9, 2007:
 - John F. Dewey donated 5 CDs:
 - Al Jolson: The Jazz Singer (\$13.49)
 - Bix'n'Bing (\$11.98)
 - Black Coffee (\$20.00)
 - The Jazz Piano (\$15.00)
 - Will Bradley Live in 1940-41 (\$15.00)
 - Kathleen and Robert Kemler gave the library a gift subscription to the magazine, Best Friends (\$25.00)
 - Lois and Ron Sockol donated \$20.00 to purchase a book on tennis in memory of Ed Supple
 - Emily Salaun donated copies of the following books:
 - N.C. Wyeth: A Biography by David Michaelis (\$40.00)
 - Artists in their Studios by Liza Kirwin

(\$35.00)

- Joe and Teresa Gillen donated four children's books in memory of Elizabeth Farrell:

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

(\$11.99)

Heat by Mike Lupica (\$6.99)

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (\$7.99)

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey (17.99)

9. Water & Sewer Abatement #1054

10. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Jennifer McGrady	86 Mayflower Rd	Mayflower Rd	9/7/07	None	5 - 10p.m.
Donna Trabucco	45 Coulton Park	Coulton Park	9/3/07	9/9/07	2 - 8 p.m.
Carol deLemos	32 Prince St	Prince St	9/9/07	None	4 - 8 p.m.
Karen Folb	108 Bradford St	Gordon Road	9/8/07	9/9/07	4 - 8 p.m.
Joanne Ellman	87 Henderson St	Henderson St	9/29/07	9/30/07	3-10 p.m.
Rochelle Goldin	68 Warren St	Warren St between Great Plain & May	9/19/07	9/30/07	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Laura McGovern	43 Newell Ave	Newell Ave	9/8/07	None	4 - 8 p.m.
Jane Blauvelt	52 Whittier Rd	Whittier Rd	9/8 or 9/9/07	9/15 or 9/16	4 - 7 p.m.
Lisa Swauger	36 Thorpe Road	Thorpe Rd between Webster & Manning	9/22/07	9/29/07	2:00 p.m.

Second: Mr. Healy. Unanimously approved 5-0.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing - NSTAR Petitions:

The Board held a public hearing on petitions from NSTAR to supply electrical service to the four addresses listed below. Richard P. Merson, the Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to discuss the petitions.

51 Richdale Road - Mr. Wasserman asked for comments on the proposed NSTAR installation at this address. From the floor, Mr. Bill Risio stated that he lives next door and has no objections.

Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign the petition from NSTAR to install of approximately six feet of three-inch PVC conduit to provide new underground electrical service at 51 Richdale Road.

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5 - 0.

57 Ware Road - Mr. Wasserman asked for comments on the proposed NSTAR installation at this address. From the floor, Mr. Bob Hall stated that he lives next door and expressed concerns about the excavations to be made in the berm and the sidewalk. Mr. Merson said that NSTAR's permit to install requires the company to patch the berm and sidewalk after excavation. Mr. Hall also expressed concerns about damage to the sidewalk, berms and road surface along the length of Ware Road caused by builders and their vehicles. The Board asked Mr. Merson to look into this situation and to follow up to make sure that NSTAR patches the sidewalk and berm at 57 Ware Road.

Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign a petition from NSTAR to install three-inch PVC conduit to provide new underground electrical service at 57 Ware Road.

Second: Mr. Matthews. Unanimously approved 5 - 0.

15 Tolman Street - Mr. Wasserman asked for comments on the proposed NSTAR installation at this address. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign a petition from NSTAR to install three-inch PVC conduit to provide new underground electrical service to 15 Tolman Street.

Second: Mr. Bulian. The motion was unanimously approved 5 - 0.

106 Sunnyside Road - Mr. Wasserman asked for comments on the proposed NSTAR installation at this address. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign a petition from NSTAR to install three-inch PVC conduit to provide new underground electrical service to 106 Sunnyside Road.

Second: Mr. Bulian. The motion was unanimously approved 5 - 0.

7:15 p.m. Economic Development Coordinator - Ms. Fitzpatrick introduced Joyce Moss, the new Economic Development Coordinator, to the Board.

7:15 p.m. MBTA Housing Proposal - Lee Newman, the Planning Director, appeared before the Board with John Edgar, Matt Talcoff and Maurice Handel, who are members of the Council of Economic Advisors. Mr. Talcoff, the chairman of the Council, read a presentation on the MBTA's housing proposal. The MBTA, he reported, has been reviewing the Needham Heights Station lot. It is approximately 71,000 square feet and contains 243 spaces. The MBTA is looking to develop this land. Although it could erect a parking structure on the site, the MBTA favors building a 3-story apartment building with 60 units. Parking for the units would be under the building. The MBTA would be required to make new parking spaces in other station lots in town to compensate for the spaces lost to the apartment building. While noting that the development would add to Needham's affordable housing stock, the Board expressed concerns about traffic impact in the Heights, especially from cars coming in from other outlying towns, noise from train whistles, the density of the development, and the trend towards developments

in town to be built mainly in the Heights. Mr. Talcoff asked the Board if the Council should continue to explore this topic with the MBTA. The Board thanked the Council for its work and encouraged the members to continue their exploratory talks with the MBTA and with neighbors in the Heights.

7:30 p.m. Motion to Approve PILOT Agreement -
Motion by Mr. Cogswell to approve and sign the Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Needham and the High Rock Homes LLC, by its manager, the Needham Housing Authority regarding payments in lieu of taxes to be paid on state-assisted low-rent housing under the chapter 200 program known as High Rock Homes. Second: Mr. Bulian. The motion was unanimously approved 5 - 0.

7:45 p.m. Motion to Approve Sign Notice of Traffic Regulation at Ardmore Road - Richard P. Merson, the Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to discuss placing a stop sign at the intersection of Ardmore Road and Hunnewell Street.
Motion by Mr. Cogswell that the Board vote to approve and sign the Notice of Traffic Regulation #SS-07-08-14 for the designation of Ardmore Road as a STOP street at its intersection with Hunnewell Street. Second: Mr. Bulian. The motion was unanimously approved 5 - 0.

7:50 p.m. Town Manager

FY09-FY13 Pro Forma Budget - Ms. Fitzpatrick and the Assistant Town Managers David Davison and Christopher Coleman discussed finances with the Board. Mr. Davison presented the Pro Forma Budget for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2013. Mr. Healy said that Mr. Davison's report was "the finest example of long-term planning that a town can do." Mr. Cogswell called it "a superb job." The Board thanked Mr. Davison and commended him for his impressive work.

Road Work - Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the improvements to road surfaces and curbing being carried out on Webster Street, Manning Street, Mellen Street, West Street, Greendale Avenue, Highland Avenue, Linden Street, Maple Street, at the RTS, and the Mitchell and Newman Schools.

8:50 p.m. Board Discussion

Athletic Fields - Mr. Healey reported that the Needham Sports Council, a private non-profit organization, hired Gale Associates to make improvements to DeFazio Field and Memorial Field. He said that the Field Study Committee will hold a meeting for all interested residents. It is tentatively scheduled at the Broadmeadow School on September 6, 2007. At the meeting, the designer from Gale Associates will give a presentation of the proposed improvements to the fields. Mr. Healey said that it is hoped that construction will begin in December 2007, with a target completion date of July 2008. Mr. Healy said that private fundraising has raised three million dollars privately, with major contributions coming from the Roche family and the Needham Cooperative bank.

9:10 p.m. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Matthews to adjourn.

Second: Mr. Bulian. The motion was unanimously approved 5 - 0.