

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for September 13, 2011
Needham Public Services Administration Building**

- 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 Gerald A. Wasserman, Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. Mr. Healy was not present.
- 7:00 p.m. 9/11 Observance:
Mr. Handel offered some thoughts about the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and asked the Board for its comments. Mr. Wasserman recognized the loss of citizens from Needham. He commented, the Board of Selectmen meeting held that evening showed a determination to move forward. He said that while it is important to remain vigilant against attacks, it is also important to remain vigilant about maintaining democracy. Mr. Matthews commented on the ceremony held at Memorial Field on Sunday, September 11, 2011. He said the country remains a beacon of hope for all of humanity in the effort for peace. Mr. Handel noted the efforts of first responders from Needham who went to New York to assist.
- 7:05 p.m. Public Hearing – NSTAR Brookline Street:
Maureen Carroll, NSTAR representative, appeared before the Board requesting permission to install approximately 8 feet of conduit at Pole 16/3 on Brookline Street, Needham.
- Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to install approximately 8 feet of conduit at Pole 16/3 on Brookline Street, Needham. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service for a new home at 354 Brookline Street. Second: Mr. Wasserman. Unanimously approved 4-0.**
- 7:06 p.m. Introduction of Fire Lieutenant:
Paul Buckley, Fire Chief appeared before the Board to introduce newly promoted Fire Lieutenant James Piersiak. Chief Buckley said Fire Lieutenant Piersiak is another example of the qualified fire management team in the Town of Needham. He thanked Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick for her assistance in the process. The Board congratulated Mr. Piersiak on his promotion and wished him well in his new position.

7:10 p.m. Historical Inventory:
Richard Hardy, Chair, Historical Commission appeared before the Board to discuss the Town of Needham's Inventory of Historical Homes Volume II as compiled by the Needham Historical Commission and distributed in June 2011. Mr. Hardy said this edition is the first major addition to the inventory since Volume I published in 1978. He said 45 structures were added to the inventory. Mr. Hardy thanked the CPC for the funding and hiring a consultant. Mr. Hardy said Volume II is an electronic version showing the history, color photograph, and location of the properties. He commented one of the goals of the Historical Commission is to update the 1978 version and have all of the information on the Town's website for Needham residents.

Mr. Handel thanked Mr. Hardy for his work and stated it is valuable information for the Town of Needham.

Ms. Fitzpatrick thanked the CPA for its funding and the volunteers who worked on the project.

7:20 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 6 items to discuss:

1. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked that the Board open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 7, 2011. Ms. Fitzpatrick briefly reviewed the articles in the draft warrant and said the Board is scheduled to close the warrant at its September 27, 2011 meeting.

**Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board vote to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on November 7, 2011 at the Town Hall.
Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 4-0.**

2. Accept and Refer Zoning Amendment

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Board to accept and refer Amend Zoning By-Law: Apartment A-2 Zoning District for North Hill to the Planning Board for its hearing in November.

**Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to accept and refer Amend Zoning By-Law: Apartment A-2 Zoning District to the Planning Board for review, public hearing, and report.
Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 4-0.**

3. Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the Planning and Community Development Department of Needham has been working with the City of Newton to file a

request for a feasibility grant to explore the reuse of the MBTA right of way for economic development and transit expansion. She said that in order to be eligible for certain grants, communities must become a member of the Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities. The purpose of the Consortium, she said, is to guide the implementation of the regional planning document – MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region. She asked for the Board’s authorization to apply for membership.

Motion by Mr. Wasserman that the Board approve and authorize the Town Manager to apply for membership in the Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities.

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

4. City of Boston Hazmat Route

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the City of Boston is proposing a change in the routing of certain hazardous materials along the I93/I95 corridor. She stated MassDOT has held a series of hearings over the summer attended by representatives of Town departments concerning the transportation of non-radioactive hazardous materials. She said the Town of Needham has the opportunity to file written commentary until September 23, 2011. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the primary concern for the Town is that construction to widen the highway and increase its capacity is on-going and will be for several years. She stated during the construction process, there are often temporary lane changes and barriers, which coupled with the actual construction, can increase the chances for accidents. Ms. Fitzpatrick said Chief Buckley proposed at a hearing that the changes to the routing designation, if allowed, be delayed until after the “Add-a-Lane” project. Another concern Ms. Fitzpatrick mentioned is the method the public safety departments are using to identify where accidents may occur.

Mr. Handel asked if there was consensus among the Board to allow the Town Manager to draft of letter to MassDOT indicating its concerns and request a delay of a decision until after the “Add-a-Lane” project is complete.

Mr. Matthews commented a letter should be drafted by the Town Manager suggesting to MassDOT that there are overall concerns warranting further study and that no action should be taken until after the completion of the “Add-a-Lane” project.

The Board agreed with approach suggested by Mr. Matthews and asked the Town Manager to draft a letter to MassDOT.

5. Town Hall Project Update

Ms. Fitzpatrick updated the Board on the Town Hall construction project stating the renovation nearly complete. She said the plan to move employees out of 500 Dedham Avenue is scheduled for October 7th through October 11th, and the newly renovated Town Hall will be open for business on Wednesday, October 12,

2011. Mr. Handel pointed out the project and the moves associated with it are highly complex, challenging, and affect many people. He said the project has been extremely well managed and thanked the Town Manager for her efforts.

6. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Consultation

Ms. Fitzpatrick provided the Board with a copy of the FY 2013 Budget Schedule. She stated the Finance Committee was asked for feedback, and said guidelines will be issued to department managers.

7:45 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Board discussed the election process for town and sub-region representatives on the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Handel said the towns of Foxboro, Franklin, Walpole, Topsfield, Hopkinton, Wellesley, Wayland, Natick, and Dover have so far voted or indicated a willingness to support Needham's nomination. He said Needham has been asked to support Norwood Board Chairman Michael J. Lyons to serve in the TRIC sub-region seat, and the Town of Natick has asked that Needham support Board Chairman Charles M. Hughes for the other At-large Town seat.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said the towns of Southboro, Westwood, Wakefield, Millis, Medway, Wrentham, and Stoneham have also signed on to the town's candidacy.

Motion by Mr. Matthews that the Board vote to nominate Michael J. Lyons, Chairman of the Norwood Board of Selectmen to represent the TRIC sub-region, and to nominate Charles M. Hughes, Chairman of the Natick Board of Selectmen to represent one At-Large Town seat; and to authorize the Chairman to sign the nomination form on behalf of the Town.

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

2. Committee Reports

Mr. Bulian reported the Greene's Field Committee met on August 30, 2011 to discuss options for renovation of Greene's Field. He stated a meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 to consider options.

Mr. Wasserman mentioned that at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on September 27, 2011 a hearing will be held on the Green Communities program and encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. Handel stated the CEA will meet on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 finalizing its work on proposed revisions to the zoning by-law as it affects the NEBC.

8:05 p.m. **Consent Agenda and Appointments:**

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

1.	Cable Television Advisory Committee	Peter Hess (6/30/2014)
2.	Human Rights Committee	Marlene Schultz (6/30/2014)
3.	Technology Advisory Committee	Kenneth Freundlich (6/30/2013) Clifford Hayden (6/30/2013)
4.	Traffic Management Advisory Committee	Mark Rosen (6/30/2013)

CONSENT AGENDA *=Backup attached

1.*	Approve One Day Special Wines & Malt Beverages Only license for David E. Drake of Needham Cares, Inc. to hold its Needham Cares 3 rd Annual Barbeque from 7:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Needham Historical Society, 1147 Central Avenue, Needham.				
2.	Approve request from the Needham Youth Commission to declare Thursday, March 15, 2012 as Needham Unplugged.				
3.	Accept donation made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund from the following residents: Holly & Bruce Johnstone- \$ 500.				
4.*	Approve One Day Special All Alcoholic Beverages license for Ed Davis of St. Sebastian's School to hold its Alumni Dinner from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Thursday, October 6, 2011 in Ward Hall at St. Sebastian's School, 1191 Greendale Avenue, Needham.				
5.	Withdraw license previously approved by the Board of Selectmen for a 1,000 gallon fuel underground storage tank at 126 Jarvis Circle submitted by Heavner Construction.				
6.	Approve free parking at all the meters downtown for the Needham Business Association's Harvest Fair on October 1, 2011.				
7.*	Water & Sewer Abatement Order No. 1130				
8.					
9.	Grant Permission for the following residents to hold a block party:				
	Name	Address	Party Location	Date	Rain Date Time
	Abby Alford	70 Whitman Road	Whitman Road	9/10/2011	n/a 3:30pm-5:00pm
	Kelly Allen	103 Sylvan Road	Harding Road	9/10/2011	n/a 3:00pm-7:30pm
	Stephanie Arendell	41 Kimball St.	Corner of Grant and Kimball St.	9/10/2011	9/11/2011 3:00pm-6:30pm
	Carolyn Bickford	14 Gordon Road	Gordon Road	9/10/2011	09/17/2011 3:00pm-

					7:00pm
Carrie Bush	62 Prince Street	Prince Street	9/10/2011	n/a	3:00pm-6:00pm
Carolyn Leskanic	40 Wildwood Dr	End of Webster where it meets Fox Hill up until 40 Wildwood	9/18/2011	9/25/2011	3:00pm-7:00pm
David Crispi	76 Kingsbury Street	Pickering Street between Kingsbury and May	9/10/2011	9/11/2011	3:00pm-7:00pm
Diane DerMarderosian	26 Greenwood Ave.	Greenwood Avenue	9/10/2011		12:00pm-6:00pm
Laura Fields	55 Nardone Road	Julia Road-blocking one end at Nardone and the other at Bess Road	9/10/2011		2:30pm-6:00pm
David Harris	94 Cynthia Road	Wildale Circle	9/10/2011		3:00pm-6:00pm
Marnie Kaufman	60 Savoy Road	Savoy Road	9/10/2011		3:00pm-7:00pm
Amy Kennedy	76 Old Farm Road	Old Farm Road	9/10/2011		3:00pm-7:00pm
Angela Ledbury	17 Paul Revere Road	Paul Revere Road	9/10/2011		4:00pm-7:00pm
Betty Lee	34 Highland Court	Highland Court	9/10/2011		3:00pm-5:30pm
Sylvia Lewinstein	105 High Street	Bennington Street	9/17/2011		4:00pm-8:00pm
Lisa Lewis	74 Canterbury Lane	Canterbury Lane	9/10/2011	9/11/2011	3:00pm-6:30pm
Allegra Lowitt	68 Brewster Drive	Brewster Drive	9/10/2011	9/11/2011	4:30pm-6:30pm
Laura McGovern	43 Newell Avenue	Elizabeth Circle	9/10/2011	09/11/2011	3:00pm-6:30pm
Michaela McMahon Popeo	75 Eaton Road	Eaton Road	9/10/2011		4:00pm-7:00pm
Julie Middleton	74 Henderson Street	Henderson Street/Miller St.	9/10/2011	9/11/2011	3:00pm-10:00pm
Michael Normile	5 Larkspur Lane	Larkspur Lane	9/10/2011	09/11/2011	4:00pm-7:00pm
Brian Quist	23 Wilshire Park	Wilshire Park	9/10/2011		3:00pm-6:30pm
Tanya Rogers	215 Garden Street	Garden Street	9/10/2011		4:00pm-6:00pm
Joan Sullivan	256 Brookline Street	Holmes Street	9/10/2011		3:00pm-6:00pm

Claudette Shea	107 Grosvenor Rd	Grosvenor Rd	9/10/11	9/17/11 changed from 9/11/11	3:00pm- 7:00pm
Jessica Srinivas	93 Hillside Ave	Pinegrove- Greenough-Avery	9/10/11		4:00pm- 8:00pm
Barbara Suarez	201 Tower Ave	Lindbergh Ave between Tower Ave and Paul Revere Rd	9/10/11	9/11/11	4:00pm- 8:00pm
Toni Ann Simmons	102 Manning St	Manning & Homestead intersection	9/10/11		5:00pm- 7:00pm
John & Ting Sherry	130 Birds Hill Ave	Birds Hill & Thornton Rd	9/10/11	9/11/11	4:30pm- 6:30pm
Marcia S. Izzy	67 Green St	Green St	9/10/11	9/17/11	3:00pm- 6:30pm
Liz Lawlor	76 Howland St	Howland St & Pleasant St	9/17/11	9/18/11	4:00pm- 7:00pm
Marianne McGowen	185 Maple St	100 Maple St	9/10/11	9/17/11	3:00pm dark
Linda Delaney	57 Marked Tree Rd	Curve St –corner Marked Tree Rd	9/10/11		4:00pm- 6:30pm
Michelle Hoffmeister	101 Clarke Circle	101 Clarke Circle	9/10/11		3:30pm- 6:30pm
Cindy Goss	75 Plymouth Rd	Plymouth Rd	9/11/11		3:00pm- 7:00pm
Blair Merriman	68 Meadowbrook Rd	Meadow Lane	9/10/11	9/11/11	2:00pm- 6:30pm
Peter Bates	966 Greendale Ave	Greendale Terrace	9/10/11		4:00pm- 7:00pm
Sarah Ledbury	140 Hoover Rd	Hoover Rd	9/10/11		3:30pm- 6:30pm
Dale McCarthy	72 Stevens Rd	Stevens	9/10/11		12:00pm- 2:00pm
J. Morehead	26 Manning St	block on Manning between Thorpe & High	9/10/11		5:00pm- 7:30pm

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

8:10 p.m. Executive Session (Exception 3 and Exception 2)

Motion by Mr. Matthews 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 litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares; and

Exception 2 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

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

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.