

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 23, 2015
Selectmen's Chamber
Needham Town Hall**

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 Matthew D. Borrelli, Daniel P. Matthews, John A. Bulian, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. Ms. Cooley was not present.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Change of Location - New Garden Restaurant
Nicholas L. Shaheen, Esquire and Virginia So, Manager, New Garden Restaurant appeared before the Board requesting a Change of Location for New Garden Restaurant to sell All Alcoholic beverages as a restaurant from 250 Chestnut Street, Needham to 40 Chestnut Place, Needham.

Ms. Fitzpatrick indicated all paperwork is in order. She noted the transfer is to a premises not yet opened and reassured the Board that the two premises would not operate at the same time on the same license.

Mr. Handel reiterated it is important the Board and the community know of any change in the Manager of Record.

Mr. Handel invited public comment. No comments were made.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the application for a Change of Location to sell All Alcoholic Beverages under the Town of Needham Regulations Applicable to the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Restaurants and Function Rooms to New Garden Inc. d/b/a New Garden Restaurant, Virginia So, Manager, including a waiver of the Town of Needham Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, Section 3.1 and to forward the approved Change of Location application to the ABCC for an approval. Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 4-0.

Mr. Matthews emphasized public safety is of utmost importance.

7:05 p.m. Appointments and Consent Agenda:
Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Appointments and Consent Agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Various Committee Reappointments (see attachment).**

2. **Human Rights Committee - Jennifer Howard Schroeder (term expires 6/30/2018).**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve Minutes from May 26, 2015, and June 9, 2015, Open Session and Executive Session.**
2. **Support Youth Services' "Needham Unplugged" for the month of March including its annual no-meeting night which will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016.**
3. **In accordance with Section 20B of the Town Charter, and upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Personnel Board, adopt a classification and compensation plan for fiscal year 2016.**
4. **Grant Permission for the following residents to hold a block party:**

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Sarah McElroy	23 James Avenue	James Avenue	7/3/15	N/A	5 pm-10pm

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing: Transfer of Wine and Malt Beverages - Hearth Pizzeria
Ivan Millan Pulecio, Proposed Manager appeared before the Board requesting a transfer of license to sell Wine and Malt Beverages as a restaurant located at 974 Great Plain Avenue from Asillem LLC., Christopher Robbins, Manager to Sol Soul Family Foods LLC.

Ms. Fitzpatrick indicated all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Handel invited public comment. No comments were made.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the application for a transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverages License under the Town of Needham Regulations Applicable to The Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Restaurants and Function Rooms to Sol Soul Family Foods LLC d/b/a Hearth Pizzeria, Ivan Millan Pulecio, Manager and to forward the approved Alcohol License Transfer application to the ABCC for an approval.
Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 4-0.

Mr. Matthews commented on the importance of public safety and reminded Mr. Pulecio that the rules must be followed.

7:10 p.m. Purple Heart Community Proclamation:
Christopher Coleman, Assistant Town Manager/Operations and Matt Ching, Deputy Director, West Suburban Veterans' District appeared before the Board requesting the Selectmen vote to proclaim that Needham is a Purple Heart Community and designate August 7th as Purple Heart Day in the Town of Needham.

Mr. Borrelli read a proclamation for the Purple Heart Community.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board vote to proclaim that Needham is a Purple Heart Community and designate August 7th as Purple Heart Day in the Town of Needham.

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

Mr. Ching thanked the Board for their support of veterans, families, and the community.

7:12 p.m. Director of Public Works - RTS/Solid Waste Update:
Rick Merson, Director of Public Works and Greg Smith, RTS Superintendent appeared before the Board to provide a general overview of operations and planned improvements at the RTS.

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the RTS, its daily operations, landfill, impending solar array project, and future plans for the RTS, including challenges and opportunities.

Mr. Smith said the RTS is a highly visible public facility that handles the majority of trash and recyclables that are generated in Needham. He commented staff are undertaking many initiatives that will both significantly improve the visual aspects of the facility while also improving the overall level of efficiency. He said longer term plans are to further evaluate operations to determine what operational changes might be proposed to the Board of Selectmen. He commented the RTS staff did a fantastic job maintaining the operation while the Town searched for a new superintendent.

Mr. Handel asked if any there were any types of plastics that should not be brought to the RTS. Mr. Smith said plastic bags of any type are not recyclable, and asked residents to return the bags to their supermarket. Mr. Handel asked about recycling styrofoam, and ways for better compliance of yellow plastic bags.

Mr. Bulian asked if compost is available for residents. Mr. Smith said compost and loam is available for sale to the public. Mr. Bulian asked about safety barriers at some of the disposal containers.

Mr. Borrelli thanked Mr. Smith for the creative presentation. He remarked on streamlining signage. He commented on the idea of fencing to reduce trash from blowing across Central Avenue, and wondered if similar fencing could be used on the disposal containers to keep trash inside.

Ms. Fitzpatrick concluded discussion saying a DPW/PSAB feasibility study is ongoing and that there are some services currently performed by the DPW/PSAB that might get shifted to the RTS in the future.

Mr. Merson commented Mr. Smith and Mr. DeMarrais, Assistant Superintendent have immersed themselves into the operations of the RTS. He thanked them and the staff for their work.

The Board thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation.

7:50 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with two items to discuss:

1. Approve Water & Sewer Rates

Mr. Davison reminded the Board that it held a public hearing regarding the Sewer and Water Rates at its June 9, 2015 meeting. He said that the Water and Sewer Rate Structure Committee voted to recommend the rate structure that was presented to the Board on June 9, 2015. He commented the rate structure presented to the Board is a phased approach, with the expected increase to be done in two steps. Effective for FY2016 some of the regular water step rates are lowered to help mitigate the increases to the sewer step rates and an additional increase in the sewer step rates for FY2017. Water irrigation step rates are proposed to increase slightly and the regular water step one and step four rates would increase as well effective FY2016; there is no water rate change anticipated for FY2017.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said no additional comments from residents have been received since the public hearing on June 9, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board approve the proposed water and sewer rates identified on Schedule WS and that they be effective July 1, 2015; further that the Board approve a Septage Disposal fee of \$85.00 per 1,000 gallons. Second: Mr. Borrelli. Unanimously approved 4-0.

2. Town Manager Report

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported the first digital display will be located near the RTS on Central Avenue.

Ms. Fitzpatrick invited the public to take part in festivities on July 3 and July 4. Mr. Handel noted the fireworks are on the evening of July 3 and the parade is on July 4.

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted a piano is now on the Town Common as part of the “Piano’s in the Park” concept initiated by the Board of Selectmen. She said the piano is a wonderful amenity in the downtown.

7:45 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Committee Reports

No Reports were made.

8:10 p.m. Executive Session: (Exception 3 & 6)

Motion by Mr. Bulian 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Exception 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Not to return to open session prior to adjournment.

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

A list of all documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting are available at:

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Note: The meeting adjourned at: 8:45 p.m.