Minutes Board of Selectmen Meeting June 9, 2017

1:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Marianne Cooley at the Center at the Heights. Present were Mr. Daniel Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Moe Handel, Mr. Matthew Borrelli, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Finance David Davison. Planning Board members Ted Owens and Paul Alpert, Finance Committee members Dick Reilly and Louise Miller, Dennis Condon, Fire Chief, John Schlittler, Chief of Police, Lee Newman, Director of Planning & Community Development, Steve Popper, Director of Design and Construction, and Steve Gentile, Project Manager. Representing the firm of Kaestle Boo were Michael McKeon, Todd Costa, and David McKinley.

Mr. Costa and Mr. McKeon walked the participants through a PowerPoint presentation outlining the process of program development and conceptual design. Questions and discussion topics included: the amount of available parking for the new Public Safety Building and loss of public parking, the amount of basement space required, the appropriate comparison metrics for station size and cost, cost estimates, building construction materials and options, timing and schedule, whether the project would benefit from the use of "construction manager at risk," whether biding the projects together would limit the number of qualified bidders and make the procurement less competitive, site and zoning issues that must be addressed, temporary swing space for Station #2, and the need for an antenna at Station #1. Mr. Popper outlined the schedule, noting that construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2019 and be fully complete in 2022. It was the consensus of the Board that the project should continue to be designed as if no adjacent land will be required, as no decisions have yet been made.

2:50 p.m. Motion: Mr. Handel moved that the board enter into executive session under exception 6 to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bulian. Ms. Cooley polled the Board. Unanimous: 5-0.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. The PowerPoint presentation shown at the meeting is available at www.needhamma.gov.