

**Town of Needham
Select Board
Minutes for September 10, 2019
Needham Town Hall
Select Board's Chamber**

6:45 p.m. Informal Meeting with Citizens: No activity.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair John A. Bulian. Those present were Maurice P. Handel, Matthew D. Borrelli, Marianne B. Cooley, Daniel P. Matthews, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick was not present.

Mr. Bulian read a press release relative to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources state mandate for aerial pesticide spraying for mosquitos commencing at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2019 and potentially continuing based upon prevailing weather conditions. He said Needham remains at a low risk level for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), but some surrounding towns have been classified as high or critical risk. Mr. Bulian said residents with questions can contact the Needham Public Health Department.

7:03 p.m. Town Manager:

1. Close October 28, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Finance reviewed changes made to the October 28, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant. In particular, Mr. Davison pointed out Article 9 - Accept M.G.L. on page 14 of the draft warrant. He asked that when the Board votes to close the warrant, Article 9 be struck from the warrant. He commented the article specifically has to do with the excise tax on short term rentals such as AirBNB properties. He said the Town is not prepared to move forward at this time, as more information is needed as to the merits of adopting such a statute. He asked the Board to close the warrant subject to the removal of Article 9.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Select Board vote to close the October 28, 2019 Special Town Meeting warrant, subject to removal of Article 9 - Accept M.G.L. and minor technical corrections to be made by the Town Manager, Town Counsel, and Bond Counsel.

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

2. Project Update

Christopher Coleman, Assistant Town Manager/Operations Director provided the Board with the status of public construction projects including the opening of the Sunita Williams Elementary School, the new Memorial Park building, Mitchell School modular classrooms, Police and Fire Station 1, temporary use of space at Hillside School, Fire Station 2, the Jack Cogswell building, the Emery Grover Feasibility Study, and the expected completion of the school master plan.

7:07 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. Committee Reports - Memorial Park

Mr. Borrelli said the new Memorial Park building is nearing completion with signage and landscaping, new turf in place on the field, and that line striping will be redone. He said the Certificate of Occupancy is scheduled for next week and furniture delivery is anticipated for the end of October 2019. Mr. Borrelli said pavers and granite benches have been donated by the Village Club. He invited the public to a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 20, 2019.

2. Committee Reports - Chapter 40B Housing Guidelines

Mr. Matthews commented on the Board goal this year of updating the 40B Housing Guidelines, one of the principal state affordable subsidized housing programs. He commented while it can be complicated and contentious, it is a key element in the state strategy to provide a baseline of housing to people who need it. He said the guidelines were developed in 2012 so the public and builders could understand the Town's policies relating to some of the discretionary elements. Mr. Matthews said while Needham has reached its goal of the 10% target of counted affordable housing, it has become clear the guidelines need to be rewritten to fit with other forms of affordable housing, i.e. the Needham Housing Authority and ADU regulations. He suggested the Board and residents interested in the subject should review the current guidelines, as some decisions will need to be made, concluding it is better for the community to be clear ahead of time.

3. Committee Reports - General

No Reports were given.

7:15 p.m. Appointments and Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board vote to approve the Appointments and Consent Agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

1. **Historical Commission** **Laura Dorfman (term expires 6/30/2022)**

CONSENT AGENDA *=Backup attached

1. Accept a \$265 donation made to the Needham Public Health Division's Gift of Warmth Program from the First Baptist Church in Needham.
- 2.* Approve a request from the Needham Running Club to hold its annual New Year's Day 5K road race on Monday, January 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The race application has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire and Park and Recreation.
- 3.* Approve a One Day Special Wines & Malt Beverages License for Anne-Marie Bajwa of the Charles River Center to host its Charles River Center 5K Run/Walk after party on September 22, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Charles River Center, 59 E. Militia Heights Drive, Needham.
- 4.* Approve a Special One Day Wines and Malt Beverages License for Susan Shaver, of the Needham Community Farm to host its Needham Community Farm Annual Harvest Celebration & Auction event on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in Powers Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham.
- 5.* Approve a 20B Exemption for Stephanie Magni who is an employee at the Needham High School as a Needham High School Teaching Assistant and Needham Varsity Softball and Field Hockey coach engage in work with the Park and Recreation Department as an Activity Instructor for the Intro to Field Hockey Program.
- 6.* Approve a 20B Exemption for Dina Hannigan who is an employee at the Needham High School as the Freshman Field Hockey coach to engage in work with the Park and Recreation Department as an Activity Instructor for the Intro to Field Hockey Program.
7. Accept \$6,000 donation made to the Needham Public Health Division's Interface Referral Services Program from the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Needham.
8. Approve request from Park and Recreation Commission to host their annual "Spooky Walk" on Saturday, October 19, 2019 which commences on Town Common at 10:00 am, with a rain date of Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- 9.* Approve a request from Highrock Church Metrowest to hold its "Jog for Joy" 5K road event on December 8, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The race application has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
- 10.* Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1279
- 11.* Approve a One Day Special Wines & Malt Beverages license for Kalin Mitov of the New England Open, who is hosting its Ballroom Dance event on September 21, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in Powers Hall at Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham.
12. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Ratify – Emily Sloat	30 Mayflower Rd	Mayflower Road	9/7/19	9/8/19	3:30pm-10pm
Ratify – Ida Gorenburg	178 Richardson Drive	Richardson Dr. & Stonehurst	9/8/19	N/A	3pm-7pm
James Rochford	74 Rolling Lane	Rolling Lane	9/14/19	N/A	3pm-8pm
Liz Lawlor	76 Howland St.	Pleasant Street	9/14/19	9/15/19	4pm-7pm
Carina O'Neill	75 Kimball Street	Kimball between Grant & Lincoln St.	9/15/19	9/22/19	4pm-8pm
Jeffrey Cohen	48 Redington Rd.	48 & 51 Redington Rd.	9/15/19	9/22/19	4:30pm-6:30pm
Kara Collin	57 Broadmeadow Road	Broadmeadow (Greendale end)	9/21/19	9/22/19	3pm-10pm
Laura Rosen	25 Bennington Street	Bennington Street	9/21/19	N/A	5pm-7:30pm

Lori Whyte Fernandez	19 Bradford St.	Cleveland Rd.	9/22/19	9/29/19	4:30pm-6:30pm
Jessica Karlin	36 Wilshire Park	30 Wilshire Park	9/22/19	N/A	4pm-8pm
Sue Pouliot	54 Eaton Road	54 Eaton Road	9/28/19	9/29/19	4pm-8pm
Beth Champagne	37 Ware Road	Ware Road	9/28/19	9/29/19	3pm-9pm
Adriano Varano	30 Bonwood Rd.	30 Bonwood Rd.	10/5/19	N/A	3pm-9pm
Rhonda Silva	7 Berkshire Rd.	34 Berkshire Rd.	10/5/19	10/6/19	3pm-7pm
Julie Dananberg	36 Rosemary St.	Rosemary St. between Webster & Highland	10/6/19	N/A	3:30pm-6:30pm
Kevin Keane	88 Lexington Avenue	Burnside Rd. (between Lexington and Concord)	10/19/19	N/A	6pm-9pm
Jill Cotter	15 Holland Street	Holland St.	9/22/19	10/6/19	4pm-7:30pm
Amy Hurley	154 South Street	Needhamdale Ave.	9/22/19	N/A	4pm-8pm
Denise Arrondo	21 Prince Street	Prince Street	9/28/19	9/29/19	4pm-8pm
Jill Oetheimer	75 Coolidge Ave.	Coolidge Avenue	9/22/19	10/5/19	4pm-7:30pm

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

Mr. Bulian notified the Board that Ms. Patricia Carey, Director of Park and Recreation has given notice she will be retiring in 2020 after working 46 summers for the town. He commented on her long career and her incredible track record working for the Town of Needham.

7:18 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Select Board vote to adjourn the Select Board meeting of Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

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

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

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