

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 12, 2009
Needham Town Hall**

6:45 p.m. Informal Session: No Activity

7:00 p.m. Call to Order
A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Daniel P. Matthews. Those present were Gerald Wasserman, John Bulian, Denise Garlick, Maurice Handel, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and recording secretary Mary Hunt.

Chairman Matthews read a letter from the Good Shepard Christian Fellowship informing the board that members of the church had prayed for the leadership of the Town of Needham on May 7, 2009. Mr. Matthews expressed his thanks to the Fellowship.

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing - NSTAR
Mr. Richard Merson, director of Department of Public Works appeared before the Board on behalf of NSTAR with a request to install conduit to serve 371 West Street.

**Motion by John Bulian that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign petition from NSTAR to install approximately 19 feet of conduit @ Pole 18/36 West Street, Needham in order to provide new overhead/underground electric service @ 371 West Street, Needham.
Second: Mr. Wasserman
Unanimously approved 5-0**

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

**Consent Agenda *=Backup attached
1. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Free Public Library for the period of April 9, 2009 - May 6, 2009:**

- Newton Author Anne Ipsen gave the library copies of two of her books:
 - *Karen from the Mill* (\$17.00)
 - *A Child's Tapestry of War: Denmark 1940-1945* (\$13.95)
 - Jackie Lundell donated a copy of the DVD, *The Boy in Striped Pajamas* (\$17.99)
 - Emily Salaun donated the following items:
 - *N.C. Wyeth* by Kate Jennings (Crescent Books) \$20.00
 - *N.C. Wyeth* by Kate Jennings (Chartwell Books) \$13.95
 - *American Artist: Special Issue-Three Generations of the Wyeth Family* \$1.00
 - *N.C. Wyeth: A Book of Postcards* \$9.95
 - Two Illustration House Auction Promos
 - Brandywine River Museum, Museum Shop Brochure
 - *Needham Chronicle: Bicentennial Number*, September 11, 1911
 - *Needham Chronicle: 250th Anniversary Edition, 1711-1961*
 - Penny Vaughn gave the library \$30.00, which represents 10% of the selling price of the painting she sold as a result of it being on display in the Friends' Gallery.
 - Lyn Hadden donated 25 gardening books (\$556.00)
2. Accept the donation of \$600 to the Needham Youth Commission from the Needham Community Council. The monies will be used to fund the Youth Commission's 2009 Project VAN Summer Program.
 3. *Approve May 4, 2009 minutes.
 4. *Approve one day special Wine & Malt license application from Thomas O'Connor for the Needham Pool & Racquet Club's New Member Reception. The event will be held on Friday, June 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Needham Pool & Racquet Club located at 1545 Central Avenue, Needham, MA 02492.

5. *Approve one day special Wine & Malt license application from Thomas O'Connor for the Needham Pool & Racquet Club's Summerfest event. The event will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Needham Pool & Racquet Club located at 1545 Central Avenue, Needham, MA 02492.
6. *Water & Sewer Abatement Order #1089.
7. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:
Michael Fuchs, 92 Grant St., Party Location - Grant Street, Date - 6/12/09, Raindate: 6/13/09, Time - 4-8 pm.
Tracilee Messina, 16 Gage St., Party Location - Gage Street, Date - 5/24/09, Time - 1-8 pm.
Davora Peck, 39 Donna Rd., Party Location - Donna Road, Date - 6/23/09, Raindate: 6/24/09, Time - 11 am - 5 pm.
Daniel Mantell - 10 Hazelton Ave., Party Location - Hazelton Ave., Party Date - 6/6/09, Raindate: 6/6/09, Party Time - 3:30-8:30 pm.
John Garnhum, 25 Whiting Way, Party Location - Whiting Way, Date - 6/13/09, Raindate: 6/14/09, Time - 2-6 pm.

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

7:10 p.m. Field Naming Request
Mr. Brian Nadler and Mr. Bruce Herman appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request the Board's approval of the naming of five(5)fields at DeFazio Park.

Mr. Nadler told the Board that the Park and Recreation Commission unanimously voted in support of this request at its April 13, 2009 meeting. The Chairman reviewed the suggested motion and stated that the motion would be considered at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting, in accordance with the Board's policy.

7:15 p.m. Public Works Update

Mr. Merson, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board of Selectmen and provided an update about on-going public works projects. Specific projects discussed were:

Projects Nearing Completion

1. Chestnut Street Reconstruction
2. Route 128/Water Relocation
3. Dedham Ave Parking Lot Improvements

Projects Currently Ongoing

1. 500 Dedham Ave - (PBSA)

Mr. Matthews asked Mr. Merson to elaborate on the geothermal process.

Projects Getting Underway

1. Cleaning & Lining 14' Water Main
2. Webster St. Rehabilitation Phase 2 - Kingsbury St to Hunnewell St
3. Road Paving Program
 - a. Chapter 90 Funding

Mr. Merson informed the Board of Selectmen that flyers were distributed regarding an informational meeting regarding the Webster Street project to be held May 19, 2009. Mr. Merson also distributed a list of current Chapter 90 roadway rehabilitation projects.

7:35 p.m.

National Public Works Week Proclamation:

Mr. Matthews read a proclamation stating that May 17 - May 23, 2009 as National Public Works Week in Needham.

The Board of Selectmen thanked the DPW staff for their hard work in completing so many projects throughout the town.

Mr. Merson informed the Board that Saturday, May 16, 2009 is the annual Touch the Trucks event to be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at DeFazio Park.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a proclamation acknowledging May 17 through May 23, 2009 as National Public Works Week in Needham.

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

7:40 p.m.

Town Manager Update:

1. Pensions for Municipal Employees:
Ms. Fitzpatrick appeared before the Board with an update on the Pension Reform Committee and the town of Needham's Contributory Retirement System.

2. Relay For Life:

Ms. Fitzpatrick reminded the Board that the Relay for Life is this weekend, May 16 and 17 at Newman School.

7:50 p.m.

Committee Reports

1. MMA Hearing - Mr. Wasserman and Ms. Fitzpatrick attended a hearing today and updated the Board on municipal relief efforts at the State House.

2. Meal Tax - Mr. Wasserman discussed the meal tax proposal. The proposal would call for a 2% increase on meals with 50% of the tax going to the state. Mr. Wasserman suggested that this approach is problematic.

3. Telecommunications - Mr. Wasserman stated that the current proposal does not favor the town of Needham.

8:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the May 12, 2009 Needham Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Second: Maurice Handel
Unanimously approved 5-0**