

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Needham Town Moderator Michael Fee to Host Election Eve Program on Town Meeting with Guest Speaker Professor Arthur Brooks of Harvard Business School**

**Needham Massachusetts:** Needham Town Moderator Michael Fee announces an election eve educational program for Town Meeting Members and members of the public entitled “Needham Town Meeting: People, Process and Purpose.” The program will cover all aspects of Needham’s representative town meeting. Topics will include a discussion of Town Meeting’s powers and the important role Town Meeting plays in the governance of Needham in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Moderator will describe the various participants in Town Meeting and their roles, as well as the process and procedures and rules used at Town Meeting. “I have received numerous questions from Town Meeting Members, many of whom have recently been elected, about Town Meeting,” Moderator Fee said. “It struck me that holding an educational program that is open to all Town Meeting Members and Needham residents will enhance the level of knowledge of this great institution which provides Needham citizens with the right to discuss important town issues respectfully and determine for themselves how Needham will be operated now and in the future.” The program will include Q & A with the Moderator.

The program will begin with remarks from **Arthur Brooks**, a *New York Times* No. 1 best selling author, prominent social scientist, and *Needham resident*. Professor Brooks is a sought-after speaker who shares insight and observations about how businesses and governments can thrive through respectful engagement. “Arthur Brooks is a world-renowned speaker who inspires his audience and reminds us of how important it is to respectfully engage with one another and by doing so, achieve the happiness our country’s founders envisioned,” Moderator Fee said. Dr. Books blends cutting-edge research in behavioral science and neuroscience with philosophy and wisdom traditions. At Harvard Business School, he is known as “The Professor of Happiness.” Dr. Brooks is a columnist for *The Atlantic*, and he has appeared in TED Talks, as well as NPR, Netflix, Good Morning America, CNBC, MSNBC, *The New York Times*, Forbes and other media.

**April 10, 2023: 7:00 p.m. at the Broadmeadow School Performance Center**

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