

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for February 26, 2013
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 Vice Chairman Daniel P. Matthews. Those present were John A. Bulian, Maurice P. Handel, Matthew D. Borrelli, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt. Gerald A. Wasserman was not present.

7:00 p.m. Certificate of Appreciation - Bob Timmerman:
Mr. Matthews read a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Bob Timmerman recipient of the Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award 2013.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to sign a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Bob Timmerman for his long-standing involvement with the youth and families of Needham that resulted in his being awarded the Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award 2013. His dedication is to be commended. Congratulations.

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

7:03 p.m. Proclamation - Gerald A. Wasserman Day:
Mr. Handel read a proclamation recognizing Chairman "Jerry Wasserman Open Mic Night in Roslindale" day in Needham.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen vote to sign a Proclamation recognizing Monday, March 11, 2013 as "Jerry Wasserman Open Mic Night in Roslindale" day in Needham.

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

7:05 p.m. Community Preservation Committee - Proposals Under Review:
Mark Gluesing, CPC Chair, Janet Bernardo, CPC Vice Chair, and Patty Carey, Director of Park and Recreation appeared before the Board to provide an update on projects currently under review by the Community Preservation Committee for the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Gluesing reviewed eight projects under consideration.

Mr. Borrelli noted concern for the Community Farm Soil Improvement project and suggested funding by donation.

Mr. Bulian commented on the Community Housing Specialist project and said he is supportive of the request.

Mr. Matthews commented on the Community Farm Soil Improvement project and noted the property may be put to a different use at another time.

7:20 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. **Approve Open Session minutes from January 22, 2013, January 29, 2013, and February 5, 2013; approve Executive Session minutes from January 22, 2013.**
2. **Approve a request from Michelle Geddes of the Greene's Field Fundraising Committee to hold its "Go Greene 5K Run" road race on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The route that starts and ends in Needham has been approved by the following departments, DPW, Police, Fire and Park and Recreation.**
3. **Accept a donation made to the Town of Needham Consolidated Trust Funds on behalf of the 350th Needham, MA Birthday Celebration Trust Fund in the amount of \$5,000 from the Needham Tercentennial Committee.**
4. **Accept donations made to the Town of Needham Consolidated Trust Funds on behalf of the 400th Needham, MA Birthday Celebration Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,341.21 from the Needham Tercentennial Committee.**
5. **Approve a request from the Exchange Club of Needham to sponsor 4th of July fireworks on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 (rain date of July 7, 2013) and activities on Thursday, July 4, 2013. Coordination of all additional activities will be made with appropriate Town Departments.**

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

7:22 p.m.

Director of Public Works:

Richard P. Merson, DPW Director appeared before the Board to discuss 2 items:

1. Sewer Betterment Assessment Estimate
Rick Merson, DPW Director and Tony Del Gaizo, Town Engineer explained that some un-sewered areas of Town may want to connect to public sewer. Mr. Merson said there is a betterment process for residents who petition to have the sewer main extended to share costs. He briefly explained the Town's sewer system history. Mr. Merson said the last time sewers were expanded by petition was in the 1980's, but there are now areas of Town that may need to have sewer mains extended. He recommended the fee be updated to reflect current costs based on the Proposed Fixed Uniform Rate.
2. Traffic Management Advisory Committee

Rick Merson, DPW Director, Tony Del Gaizo, Town Engineer, and Jeff MacMann, Chairman of TMAC appeared before the Board to discuss the role of the TMAC, formed in 2001. Mr. Merson said the Committee was formed to address education, enforcement, traffic concerns, and to meet informally with residents and neighborhood groups on traffic issues.

Mr. Bulian said he has referred many people to the TMAC to discuss traffic concerns. He said the TMAC has been a success.

Mr. Matthews said the TMAC has been a great help to the Town.

7:45 p.m.

Town Manager:

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with 4 items to discuss:

1. Approve RTS Rates

Dave Davison, ATM/Director of Finance and Evelyn Poness, Treasurer/Collector appeared before the Board to discuss RTS Rates. Mr. Matthews commented on the public hearing held February 5, 2013. He asked Mr. Borrelli for comment and his offer of a slightly revised draft motion. Mr. Borrelli indicated his concern regarding the 2013 rates and proposed the 2013 standard sticker fee increase to \$95, the 2013 additional standard sticker fee increase to \$25, the 2013 standard sticker (half year) fee increase to \$57. He also proposed sale of large bags at \$1.90 and small bags at \$1.05.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board approve the Proposed Recycling and Transfer Station Charges as presented on Schedule A, but that the new rates for the pay-per-throw bags and the minimum over the scale rate do no take effect until July 1, 2013.

And that the Board approve a senior discount (age 65+) for 2013 standard sticker of not more than 21.1%; a senior discount for 2014 standard sticker of not more than 10%; and no senior discount for a 2015 standard sticker.

And that the Board approve the Proposed Recycling and Transfer Station Charges as presented on Schedule B, and that the rates take effect of April 1, 2013.

And that the Board reaffirms its policy “Distribution of RTS Stickers and Pay-Per-Throw Bags to Low Income Households” as approved on August 17, 2010.

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

2. Close the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed the draft warrant and recommended the Board close the warrant for the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board approve and close the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented by the Town Manager subject to minor technical corrections to be made by the Town Manager, Town Counsel, and Bond Counsel.

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

3. Approve 40B Technical Assistance Grant Application

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the Town is eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. She recommended the Board endorse an application for a Chapter 40B Technical Assistance Grant as it will assist the ZBA, the Selectmen, and other Boards and Committees engaged in the review of the proposed Needham Mews project on Greendale Avenue.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Ch. 40B Technical Review Assistance Application.

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

4. Accept Conservation Restriction

Ms. Fitzpatrick told the Board the Conservation Commission voted to accept a conservation restriction at 1509 Central Avenue and that 44 approval from the Board is now required.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the grant of Conservation Restriction from Daniel V. Capasso, Jr., Trustee of the Dancap Realty Trust to the Town of Needham, acting through its Conservation Commission. Such restriction was recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on March 1, 2011 and appears in Book 28636 at page 280.

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

8:15 p.m. Board Discussion:

1. MAPC Sub-region Participation

The Board discussed the Town's MAPC Sub-region designation and considered seeking additional participation in the Inner Core Committee. It was noted the Town has numerous relationships with Inner Core Communities and may benefit from this collaboration.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board approve and sign a letter to MAPC requesting participation in the Inner Core Sub-region of the MAPC.

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

2. Committee Reports

Mr. Matthews reported he attended a meeting at the Minuteman Regional High School regarding possible revisions to their district agreement. He said the Needham committee dedicated to working on issues regarding Minuteman High School will meet in April.

8:20 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of February 26, 2013.

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

A list of all documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting are available at:
<http://www.needham.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=99&Type=&ADID=>