

**Town of Needham
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for July 24, 2018
Needham Town Hall
Selectmen's Chamber**

6:15 p.m. Executive Session:
Exception 3 - Collective Bargaining: ITWA, NIPEA, BCTIA, and Potential Litigation
Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into Executive Session.

Exception 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Second: Mr. Handel. Mr. Matthews polled the Board. Unanimously approved 5-0.

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

7:00 p.m. The public portion of the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 24, 2018, was convened by Chair Daniel P. Matthews. Those present were John A. Bulian, Maurice P. Handel Matthew D. Borrelli, Marianne B. Cooley, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Mary Hunt.

7:00 p.m. Pianos in the Park:
Sandy Cincotta, Support Services Manager, along with members of the Needham High School Public Art Group Masha Kupaeva, Thalia Neebe, and Natalie Lawrence appeared before the Board to discuss the Pianos in the Park initiative.

Photographs were shown to the Board.

Ms. Neebe explained the meaning of the various decorations on the piano, including a quote "Exist to be Happy." She said the messages on the piano are simple and important for people to remember.

Motion by Mr. Matthews in recognition of your creative and artistic talent and interest in bringing the joy of art into public places in Needham. The decoration of the "Piano in the Parks" located in the Town Common reminds us of the joy to be found in music, in art and in all people.

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

Ms. Cooley recognized Ms. Cincotta's effort in saving the piano from being destroyed.

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted the women spent many hot days in the basement of the Stephen Palmer building painting the piano.

7:05 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

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

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. Human Rights Committee | Jared Pizzuto (Term Expires 6/30/2021) |
| 2. Solid Waste and Recycling
Advisory Committee | Brian Newbury (Term Expires 6/30/2021) |
| 3. Council of Economic Advisors | Adam Meixner (Term Expires 6/30/2021)
Tina Burgos (Term Expires 6/30/2020)
Anne Marie Dowd (Term Expires 6/30/2021) |
| 4. Community Preservation
Committee | Joe Barnes (Term Expires 6/30/2021) |
| 5. Election Workers | See attached listing. |

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Notice of Experimental Traffic Regulation in accordance with the Needham Traffic Rules and Regulations Section 3-6 for A Street, Food Vendor Parking Only, East sideline of A street 80 foot section across from 40 A Street- Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and for 4th Avenue Food Vendor Parking Only, West sideline of 4th Avenue 50 foot section in front of 115-117 4th Avenue- Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the period July 26, 2018 to August 25, 2018.
2. In accordance with Section 20B of the Town Charter, and upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Personnel Board, adopt a classification and compensation plan for fiscal year 2019.
3. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Community Revitalization Trust Fund for the Brenda Stark Celebration Bench: \$25 from Janice Klein, \$25 from Chari Dalsheim, \$100 from Robert Larsen, \$100 from Highland Glee Club of Newton Inc, \$25 from Philip and Carol Murray, \$25 from Ford H. Peckham, \$500 from Vita Needle Company, \$100 from Friends of Denise Garlick, \$25 from McKernan Family Living Trust, and \$100 from Dressing Well Charitable Foundation. Also accept a donation for \$1500 from the Needham Public Library.
4. Accept the following gifts received by the Needham Public Library for the period of February 9, 2018, to June 30, 2018: Ellen Knizeski made a donation in memory of her father for the purchase of mystery books (\$150.00); Keith Rockwood gave the library a copy of his new book, Irobu's Odyssey of Deceit (\$14.99); Naomi Wilsey donated \$30.00 commission from the sale of her paintings that were displayed in the Friends' Gallery; Cathy and Barbara Collishaw made a donation in memory of Richard E. Johnson (\$30.00); Sandra Jaszek made a donation in memory of Richard W. Bonney (\$50.00); Lois and Bill Bacon made donations in memory of Char Sidell and Richard Bonney (\$50.00); Marilyn Coughlin gave the library a copy of Sue Grafton's book, S Is

for Silence (\$26.95); Recent Community Room speaker Paul Christian donated two autographed copies of his book, *South Boston on Parade* (\$37.90); Sandra Jaszek donated a copy of the July 1991 edition of *National Geographic*. It contains the article "The Wyeth Family"; Margaret Pantridge donated \$1,000.00 to the library; Sara, Dave, Lyla, and Eli Dussault donated twenty-two Madame Alexander dolls, plus a display case, to the Children's Room (\$2,000.00); Amel H. Alawami gave the library twenty-two children's books in Arabic and a copy of the Koran in Arabic (\$150.00); Barbara Reynolds donated an art print sale commission (\$45.00); Rosalind Tractenberg donated an audiobook, *What the Dog Saw* by Malcolm Gladwell (\$34.00) and three puzzles: Artist Series, Tender Ministrations (\$20.00), Ravensburger, The Artist's Desk (\$20.00), and Springbok, Route 66 (\$20.00); Cathy Collishaw made a donation in memory of Shirley L. Perreault (\$25.00); Joseph D. Tydings sent the library a copy of his autobiography, *My Life in Progressive Politics: Against the Grain* (\$30.00); Ami Saarony donated four puzzles: Cinque Terre, Italy (\$14.00), The Craft Cupboard (\$20.00), Cape Cod and the Islands (\$17.00), and Presidents of the United States (\$20.00); Mary Jo Hollender and Michael Burns gave the library seven framed book posters (\$70.00); Ann MacFate made a donation for large print books in memory of Irene MacFate (\$250.00); and the Friends of the Needham Public Library made a donation in memory of Carol S. Knapton (\$100.00).

5. Approve Open Session minutes of June 12, 2018, June 13, 2018, and June 26, 2018.
6. Accept a \$1,000 donation made to the Needham Public Health Department's Traveling Meals Program from Darshana and Sandeep Thakore, Needham residents.
7. Accept the following donation made to the Needham Park and Recreation Commission for its Children's Theatre Series: \$600 from Parent Talk, Inc.
8. Accept the following donations made to the Needham Park and Recreation Commission for its Arts in the Parks Series: \$800 from the Friends of Denise Garlick; \$500 from the Exchange Club of Needham; \$500 from Louise Condon Realty, Inc.; and \$800 from Dedham Institution of Savings.
9. Accept the following donation made to the Needham Park and Recreation Commission for Health and Wellness Items for The Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex: \$1,000 from Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham Campus.
10. Water & Sewer Abatement, Order #1258
11. Sign the Warrant for the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.
12. Approve a request from Allan Eyden, Road Coordinator for the Pan Mass Challenge, to have a portion of its ride to go through Needham. The event is scheduled for August 4, 2018 and August 5, 2018 starting at 7:00 a.m. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.
13. Approve a request from Anne Marie Winchester, Race Director of South Shore Race Management to hold its SIM 5K Road Race in Needham. The event is

scheduled for October 13, 2018 starting at 6:30 a.m. The route of the race has been approved by the following departments: DPW, Police, Fire, and Park and Recreation.

14. Approve a 2018 Class II Used Car Dealer License for Chestnut Motors located at 40 Highland Avenue, Needham.
15. Grant permission for the Newton Needham Regional Chamber to use the Town Common and surrounding area for its Fall Harvest Fair on Sunday, September 30, 2018. They would like to request a rain date of Sunday October 7, 2018. Permission includes: Town Common for local businesses' booths; parking lot behind Town Hall and for one handicapped accessible portable toilet and one hand washing station (to be delivered and picked up on the same day); close Chapel Street from corner of Great Plain Avenue to the Chapel Street parking lot for food court, and children's activities from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; trolley ride that will start at Highland Avenue by the Town Common and loop back around the town via Great Plain Avenue, Webster Street, May Street, and back to the Town Common; and any changes as recommended by the Needham Police Department. Also grant permission for meter free parking in the downtown area for that day.
16. Grant permission for the Newton Needham Regional Chamber to use the Town Common and surrounding areas for the Blue Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
17. Approve a One Day Special All Alcoholic Beverages License for Chris Hoffmeister of Needham High School's Class of 1963 Reunion to host its 55th Reunion event on October 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Avenue, Needham.
18. Grant permission for the following residents to hold block parties:

Name	Address	Party Location	Party Date	Party Rain Date	Party Time
Christine Holland	104 Newell Ave.	Corner of Newell & Prospect	9/15/18	9/16/18	4pm-8pm
Katherine Calzada	9 Morton Street	9 Morton Street	9/16/18	9/23/18	1pm-5pm
Jeanie Martin	139 Plymouth Rd.	Plymouth Rd. ext	9/08/18	9/09/18	1pm-7pm

Second: Mr. Bulian. Unanimously approved 5–0.

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing: Eversource Energy Grant of Location - Morley Street
Maureen Carroll, Eversource Energy representative appeared before the Board with one item to discuss:

1. Morley Street

Ms. Carroll requested permission to install approximately 7.2 feet of conduit in Morley Street. She said this work is necessary to provide underground electric service at 15 Morley Street, Needham.

Ms. Fitzpatrick indicated all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Matthews invited public comment. No comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. Borrelli that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a petition from Eversource Energy to install approximately 7.2 feet of conduit in Morley Street. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service at 15 Morley Street, Needham.

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

7:07 p.m. Public Hearing: Transfer of Hotel All Alcoholic License - Needham 365 Bev, LLC Residence Inn by Marriott, Needham.

The applicant requested this application be withdrawn.

7:07 p.m. Public Hearing: Recycling and Transfer Station Fees
Jeff Heller, Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Advisory Committee, David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Finance, Richard Merson, Director of Public Works, Evelyn Poness, Town Treasurer/Collector, and Gregory Smith, Superintendent of Solid Waste and Recycling Operations appeared before the Board to discuss Recycling and Transfer Station fees. It was noted the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Advisory Committee met on June 19, 2018, and voted to recommend the rate proposal as presented. It is anticipated that Board of Selectmen will vote on rates at its meeting on August 7, 2018.

Mr. Davison explained the proposal is to change the price for a package of 10 large pay-to-throw bags from \$19 to \$20. He said the charge for the small bags would remain the same at \$10.75 for a package of 10. He noted the rate increase for the bag is proposed to be effective September 1, 2018. Mr. Davison commented the rate proposal includes increasing the commercial single stream charge to \$85 per ton from the current \$45. He noted this change would be effective August 13, 2018. Mr. Davison said the Town is now paying substantially more for the processing and removal of single stream recycling.

Mr. Bulian asked, "What are the current scale rates of other towns and if Needham is losing scale revenue?"

Gregory Smith indicated Needham fees are on the high side when compared with other municipalities. Mr. Davison said he doesn't see Needham as losing business from higher fees, but is conscious of fees in order to be competitive. He noted being able to dispose of trash is becoming more difficult, but Needham is an available resource, in essence, the competition is disappearing. Mr. Davison commented a higher scale fee helps subsidize a portion of the bag fee paid by residents. Mr. Smith said it is a balance, and fees must be carefully considered.

Mr. Borrelli asked, "What increase in revenue is expected from a \$40 increase in commercial single stream recycling fees?" He asked, "How many tons are from private haulers?"

Mr. Smith said the amount of commercial single stream recycling currently at the RTS is a fairly minor amount. Discussion ensued on existing and proposed fees, and the Town's role of subsidizing the cost for commercial single stream recycling. He said the proposed increase to \$85 will close the gap between what the Town is paying and what the Town is gaining in revenue. Mr. Borrelli commented he would like more time to consider the proposed increase, suggesting the commercial single stream recycling fee could be raised to \$80 and the Town would still make money.

Discussion ensued on the cost of single stream recycling, the role of China, sorting contaminated loads, and community compliance including education and surveillance.

Mr. Matthews invited public comment. No comments were heard.

Mr. Matthews thanks everyone for their work and said a vote will be taken at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on August 7, 2018.

7:45 p.m.

Approval of the Sale of Bonds and Notes:

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Finance and Evelyn Poness, Town Treasurer/Collector reviewed with the Board the results of the Bond and the Bond Anticipation Note sales, and discussed upcoming borrowings.

Mr. Davison stated the Town will issue a \$31 million bond which will finance several Town projects, most notably the Williams School, the Rosemary Recreation Complex, and the Needham High School expansion. He commented each project is at a different stage of completion. Mr. Davison said the Town maintained its AAA rating as reported to the Board in June when it acted on the sale of Notes, maturing on August 1, 2018. He commented Standard and Poor's reaffirmed the Town is seen as a reliable issuer of debt, as shown by the 11 bids received for the \$31 million bond. He noted the large number of bids has never happened before and is remarkable. Mr. Davison commented on coupon and interest rates, recommending the Board act on the sale. He said the Note issued by the Town for \$1.5 million relates to the public safety building project, acknowledging the possibility of a debt exclusion override vote, hence a maturity date of July 2019, after the November election.

Motion by Mr. Bulian that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Sale of Bonds and Notes presented in Motions A-J below:

Motion A

Move that the sale of the \$31,000,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2018 Bonds of the Town dated July 31, 2018 (the "Bonds") to UBS Financial Services Inc. at the price of \$32,854,900.96 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on July 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2019	\$2,430,000	5.00%	2030	\$1,245,000	3.00%
2020	2,105,000	5.00	2031	1,245,000	3.00
2021	1,950,000	5.00	2032	1,245,000	3.00
2022	1,395,000	5.00	2033	1,245,000	3.00
2023	1,395,000	5.00	2034	1,245,000	3.00
2024	1,395,000	5.00	2035	920,000	3.00
2025	1,395,000	5.00	2036	920,000	3.125
2026	1,395,000	5.00	2037	920,000	3.125
2027	1,395,000	5.00	2038	920,000	3.25
2028	1,395,000	5.00	2040	1,440,000	3.375
2029	1,245,000	3.00	2043	2,160,000	3.50

Motion B
Move that the Bonds maturing on July 15, 2040 and July 15, 2043 (each a “Term Bond”) shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

<u>Term Bond due July 15, 2040</u>			
Year	Amount	Year	Amount
2039	\$720,000	2040*	\$720,000

<u>Term Bond due July 15, 2043</u>					
Year	Amount	Year	Amount	Year	Amount
2041	\$720,000	2042	\$720,000	2043*	\$720,000

***Final Maturity**

Motion C
Move that net premium received by the Town in connection with the sale of the Bonds, in the amount of \$1,745,330.96, be allocated to the Hillside School project costs, which project was originally authorized in the amount of \$57,542,500 and approved by a vote of the Town passed on

October 5, 2016 (Article 2), excluded from the limits of Proposition 2½, so-called, on November 8, 2016 (Question 5), pursuant to G.L. c.44, §20, as amended, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project be reduced accordingly.

Motion D

Move to approve the sale of \$1,500,000 2.50 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town dated August 1, 2018, payable July 15, 2019 (the “Notes”), at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$8,792.67.

Motion E

Move that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated June 27, 2018 and a final Official Statement dated July 17, 2018 (the “Official Statement”), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Motion F

Move that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated June 27, 2018 and a final Official Statement dated July 17, 2018, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved, and adopted.

Motion G

Move that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Motion H

Move that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver continuing and significant events disclosure undertakings in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such forms as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertakings shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds and Notes, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Notes from time to time.

Motion I

Move that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Notes.

Motion J

Move that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Mr. Davison noted the attendance of Theodora K. Eaton, Town Clerk as witness.

7:56 p.m. Town Manager:
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager appeared before the Board with five items to discuss:

1. Rules and Regulations for the Use of School Facilities

Dan Gutekanst, Superintendent of Schools, Anne Gulati, Assistant Superintendent/Finance, and Carys Lustig, Director of A&F, Public Services provided the Board with a proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations for Use of School Facilities. These regulations guide the Building Maintenance Division in it's permitting of school facilities in accordance with School Committee policy. Modifications to some of the permitting requirements, and proposed changes to the fee structure were discussed.

A PowerPoint presentation was viewed.

Ms. Lustig described changes being made include a revised cancellation policy, the policy for using AV equipment, and the policy for having appropriate staff available at an event. Mrs. Lustig said the main change concerns the rate for staffing an event, custodial services, and use fees for gyms, auditoriums, and performance centers. Ms. Lustig compared Needham rates with those of surrounding communities.

Dr. Gutekanst commented Needham is very generous in providing students and families wonderful facilities, noting the priority is to provide a great educational environment. He commented the community, however, has a reasonable expectation that if facilities are available after hours, they would like to use them. He said data from surrounding towns showed Needham was simply not charging enough to cover the cost of maintaining the facilities.

Ms. Lustig commented on the rotation of use, noting the plan is to have one secondary and two elementary schools closed to all uses in the summer to allow time for major repairs to be made and deep cleaning to be done before schools open in September.

Ms. Fitzpatrick proposed a public hearing be held allowing user groups the opportunity to comment. The Board agreed to hold public hearing, to be scheduled for September 2018.

2. Bike Share Program Roll Out

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager, Director of Finance, Carys Lustig, Director of A&F, Public Services, and Rick Merson, Director of Public Works, and Scott Mullen, Director of Expansion, Lime Bike's updated the Board on the roll out of the Bike Share Program.

Mr. Davison noted the Board previously voted to support the Town's participation in the regional bike share program.

Ms. Lustig gave a brief timeline of program implementation. She referred to the Statement of Work, noting the goal is implementation in August 2018. She discussed the elimination of bike parking in the main downtown area, bike racks, and staging locations. Ms. Lustig said a decision was made to limit the program seasonally, as there is concern for the amount of snow plowing in Needham. She noted the See-Click-Fix app used by Needham is also used by Lime Bike's and is, therefore, an easy method of communication for the Town and residents should an issue arise.

Mr. Bulian expressed concern with how riders will comply with rules of use and the use of police assisting with safety, should a bike be left on a sidewalk. He asked how helmets will be made available.

Mr. Davison said the expectation is citizens will be responsible, whether they are renting a bike or using their own bike. He noted folks who usually participate in a bike share program tend to be proactive and aware of their responsibility.

Scott Mullen said many of the questions have been addressed in other bike share programs across the country. He commented bikes parked improperly are infrequent, noting 35,000 vehicles operate nationwide. Each bike, he said, has a placard reminding riders of the rules of using a Lime Bike. He said the operations team at Lime Bikes is always circulating, making sure the bikes are positioned properly. Mr. Mullen said if issues arise with specific riders, Lime Bikes is able to reach out through their app and/or restrict access. He stated riders are reminded to wear a helmet, and a list of locations where helmets are available within the service network is on the app.

Mr. Bulian said he was satisfied with the answers given by Mr. Mullen.

Discussion ensued on how the program works using the Lime Bike app, as well as the cost of renting a bike (\$2/hour).

Mr. Handel said he thinks it's great Needham is a part of this experiment.

Mr. Borelli said it is a great idea, but roll out should be slow.

3. Approval of Public Safety Project Debt Exclusion Override

Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Davison presented the Board with a facility financing plan update based upon previously authorized debt, proposed capital projects in the FY 2019 - FY

2023, and assumptions regarding other possible major building projects. The report is for planning purposes; it is expected that the actual projects and sequencing will differ from the analysis.

Ms. Fitzpatrick recommends the Board vote to place the debt exclusion override question on the November 6, 2018 State ballot for the Public Safety Building and Fire Station #2. She said Mr. Davison prepared a tax impact report for the Board's review.

Mr. Bulian asked what is the dollar amount of money to be raised?

Ms. Fitzpatrick said the estimate is \$69 million.

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board vote to place the following debt exclusion override question on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

“ Shall the Town of Needham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue in order to pay costs of engineering and design services for the reconstruction and/or construction of the Public Safety Building and Fire Station #2, as well as the costs of reconstructing and/or constructing each of such facilities, including the costs of temporary relocation and all other costs incidental or related thereto?

“YES or NO”

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

Mr. Matthews commented a lot of work and planning has been done, and this is the largest project by the Town without State subsidy, noting this is a big step requiring public approval. He said the significant cost is lower than if attempted in a piecemeal fashion, hoping voters will agree.

4. Special Town Meeting Warrant

Ms. Fitzpatrick reviewed with the Board the preliminary list of warrant articles for the October 10, 2018 Special Town Meeting. She noted the Board is scheduled to open the warrant at its August 7, 2018 meeting and close the warrant on September 11, 2018. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the list includes articles pertaining to the Emery Grover Feasibility Study, Mitchell School Modular Classroom Design, Stormwater By-law, and Public Safety Communication Zoning, among other items.

Mr. Matthews stated no action is required at this time.

5. Facility Financing Plan Update

Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Davison presented the Board with a facility financing plan updated based upon previously authorized debt, proposed capital projects in the FY2019 - FY2023, and assumptions regarding other possible major building projects. The report (which is based on the bond issue voted on by the Board earlier in the

meeting) is for planning purposes; it is expected the actual projects and sequencing will differ from the analysis.

Mr. Davison said the update is the most current information and incorporates the bond approved from earlier this evening. He said a lot has happened since the last update in April, 2017, and that more is known today. He commented the Rosemary Pool Recreational project, NHS Expansion project, the new Memorial Park building are in various stages, and the Public Works Storage Facility is now a known cost. Included in the update are several major projects expected within the next 10 years such as the Mitchell School project, Public Works overall, including operations at 470 Dedham Avenue, and the Emery Grover building. Discussion ensued on forecasting debt impact and revenue growth.

Mr. Borrelli commented the more money put into the Debt Stabilization Fund will help the entire plan. He commented it would be great to restore the Emery Grover building, acknowledging it is not currently known what will be done.

The Board thanked Mr. Davison for the update.

9:10 p.m.

Board Discussion:

1. Town Meeting Start Time

Mr. Matthews said a recent public hearing was held considering a 7:00 p.m. start time for fall Town Meeting. He commented testimony received, both written and at the public hearing, for and against a change, was extensive.

Mr. Handel said he was impressed by the number of people who expressed difficulty in starting Town Meeting at an earlier time. He said Town Meeting Members, in general, want a more efficient meeting, and there may be ways to address those concerned with how late meetings last.

Mr. Borrelli said enough people who spoke indicated starting at 7:00 p.m. would impact them. He commented starting at 7:00 p.m. would be great, but not to the detriment of someone unable to get to Town Hall. He suggested leaving the start time at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bulian said email responses overwhelmingly favored changing the start time to 7:00 p.m. He agreed with Mr. Handel that there are ways to make Town Meeting more efficient, and bring Town Meeting into 2018 from 1711. He commented he would favor an earlier start time. He said leaving the start time at 7:30 p.m. is not an option that should be considered, as Town Meeting should not be the only element of how the Town operates- “stuck” in the 17th century. Mr. Bulian favors a 7:00 p.m. start time, but said if that does not happen, there should be ways to make the meeting more efficient.

Ms. Cooley concurred there was an overwhelming response to change the start time. However, she said, it is hard for the Board to make the change based on some of the

specific objections heard. She agreed there are other mechanisms and ways to make the meeting more efficient, including moving the Melick event start time earlier and/or how to handle specific member questions. She commented she hopes options are tried sooner, rather than later.

Mr. Matthews said he agrees with most comments, noting he favors experimenting with an earlier start time. He noted people strongly opposed to an earlier start time included the elected moderator, who expressed concern that an earlier start time may limit access to participation. Mr. Matthews said the role of the Board of Selectmen is to construct the warrant, but the time and date are set in the Town's by-laws. He said further discussions are necessary, but he is not willing to override the recommendation of the elected chair of the meeting. He commented the late ending time of the meeting is not under the control of the Board of Selectmen, acknowledging there is interest in ending the meeting at an earlier time and being more efficient. Mr. Matthews said there are fair ways of sorting out member questions. He concluded it is Town Meeting members who are the judge of how long Town Meeting runs, with the Board of Selectmen having a role in how organized and efficient information is presented. He said while there is interest on both sides for an earlier start time, there is also interest in achieving an earlier ending time, not adding additional sessions, and having a fair, efficient process.

Mr. Handel said Town Meeting is a unique form of democracy, concurring with Mr. Bulian that times are different and the meeting must adapt to the times we live in.

2. Committee Reports

No Reports were made.

9:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 24, 2018.

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