

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 4th, 2018

Committee Members Present: Thom Freeman, Seth Ferguson, Jennifer Frank-Bonnet, Michelle Raymond, Sean McCarthy, Sharon Weiskerger, Larry Ooi, Robert Canfield, Brent Ruter.

Members Absent: Sue Dring, Bernard Dumont, Stephanie McGowan.

Others Present: Bill Keegan, Police Chief William Baker, Mary Beth Bernard, Randy Scollins, Lorraine Brue, Representation and support for Hops and Grapes, Representation for and members of current All Alcohol License Holders.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:11 PM by Seth Ferguson, acting Chair for the meeting.

First order of business was to elect Sharon Weiskerger as the interim Vice Chair for the meeting.

Motion made by Seth, seconded by Robert.

Vote: 6/0/0

7:13 PM Petition to Upgrade existing Off Premise Annual Package Store License from Wines and Malt to All Alcohol (Article 18). Jeff Lovely represented Hops and Grapes and presented his client's wish to petition the voters of town meeting to request the BOS to petition the State Legislation to increase the number of All Alcohol licenses within town.¹ The party claimed concerns about over regulation, further claiming that local business would increase and draw attention to the Foxboro Plaza area. Mark Stopa represented the current All Liquor license holders and rebutted the claims made by Hops and Grapes Representation, stating that it goes against existing controlled substance statutes and was unfair to other business owners who underwent the process of obtaining the license. Thom inquired if there was an end to this system in sight, and what the common practices by the town were. Discussion followed on the following: ABCC regulations, economic theory and practice, zoning and nodes, as well as alcohol and controlled substance licensing.

¹ Note: 7:12 PM: Larry Ooi joined the session after the vote to make Sharon Weiskerger interim Vice Chair. 7:17 PM Michelle Raymond joined the session. 7:19 PM Brent Ruter joined the session increasing the total voter count to 9.

8:02 PM Hawkers and Peddlers and Bylaw Updates. Police Chief William Baker reported that he rescinded the article from the warrant. Michelle asked if there was any information online on the town website regarding this. Chief Baker stated that yes there was and he encourages citizens to call the police department for related policies and questions they may have.

8:04 PM Act to Regulate take-offs and landings of unmanned aircraft. Chief Baker presented the article, its need and history, and its design. The primary concern is with drones possibly getting into the stadium and dropping payloads, whether they are a nuisance or malignant in purpose. The article restricts drone activity within a geographic area during specific times when sporting or entertainment events occur, stating the article is meant to impose reasonable restrictions without being onerous to hobbyists or general use. Drones can be dangerous. Discussion followed on permitting, commercial versus private drone use, and law enforcement recourse.

8:21 PM Transfer for available funds a sum to fund the cost for fire contract (Article 7). Bill and Mary Beth presented on the article, the challenges that led to the lengthy negotiation, and the methods used during the negotiation. Discussion followed on Foxborough core policies in negotiation.

8:38 PM Transfer for available funds a sum to fund the cost for DPW contract (Article 9). Bill and Mary Beth stated that in two weeks they will present to the ADCOM with multiple language changes.

8:39 PM Brent discussed the CIP vote and see if there was a need to reopen the discussion on the CIP. Sean stepped down and recused himself. Discussion followed on open meeting law and bringing the item to the agenda.

9:00 PM Larry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Seth.

Vote: 9/0/0

Next meeting to be held and located at the Andrew Gala Jr. Meeting Room on April 11th 2017, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes Taken by Matthew Mackenzie

Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting:

Vote:



Signature of Chairperson



Signature of Vice Chairperson