

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 24th, 2018

**Committee Members Present: Bernard Dumont, Thom Freeman, Seth Ferguson, Jennifer Frank-Bonnet, Sue Dring, Sean McCarthy, Sharon Weiskerger, Larry Ooix, Robert Canfield, Brent Ruter.**

**Members Absent: Michelle Raymond, Stephanie McGowan,**

**Others Present: Bill Keegan, Mary Beth Bernard, Virginia Coppola, Paige Duncan, Kevin Weinfeld, William Buckley, Frank Spillane, Gary Whitehouse, Lorraine Brue.**

**The meeting was brought to order at 7:17 PM by Bernard.** Briefed the committee on the schedule for the evening, the write ups, and the double session this week.

Bernard stated that he and a few members of the ADCOM went to the last Board of Selectmen, recommends listening to other meetings to enhance productivity.

**7:19 PM Amend Zoning Bylaw Residential Large Scale Ground Solar (Article 13).** Frank Spillane began the presentation, gave a brief overview including current practices and uses of the R40 districts. Discussion included special permit-special uses, land remediation of certain properties and a brief history of Foxborough land use. Kevin Weinfeld stated the solar panels are a benign use of land that will generate income to help clean up the area. Additional discussion included special permitting as a good control, and the theories/practices behind solar panel construction, usage and ownership.

**7:42 PM Route 1 Zoning Changes (Article 10).** Lorraine Brue briefed the ADCOM on the summary of events. Kevin stated that the Planning Board feels this will be strongly beneficial to the town further stating that there are too many restrictions holding back development, and this could be the potential economic engine that will drive the community forward. Paige and Kevin opened up for questions. Sue was concerned about the potential impacts these changes would have to the community including possible spread of development, the impact to water resources, and traffic congestion. Sue stated that the special permit process for many of these uses was an excellent control to provide safety for the town. Discussion followed on water capacity, traffic, residential impacts, and clarification of uses.

**8:50 PM Amend Town Zoning Bylaws-WRPOD (Article 11).** Paige briefed the ADCOM on current and future uses of the WRPOD, including all three zones of water use. Paige stated that this is nothing that is required by the state, but is something Foxborough wants to develop to be ahead of the curve. Discussion included storm water, recycling, and history of the different water zones.

**9:05 PM Accessory Structure-Single Article (Article 12).** Barney stated the purpose of this article was to limit an accessory structure's building materials to be the same as the principle use material. Bernard stated this is in keeping with the aesthetic of the principle use mostly, to which Barney agreed.

**9:10 PM Street Acceptance of Weston Avenue (Article 23).** No discussion, straightforward article.

**9:11 PM DPW Contract (Article 8).** Mary Beth briefed on the DPW contract stating the contract was in line with other bargaining units with 2% steps and 2% COLA. Mary Beth stated they added a light duty provision which allows the town to gain MIAA credits and is a best practice. The town put a provision in to eliminating sick leave buy back.

**9:35 PM Amend Sewer Service Map (Article 22).** Roger explained the history and purpose of the article to assist with tying in the Burrell School to the system. Roger stated the development was in accordance with a previous town meeting vote that established the Foxborough/Norton/Mansfield system. Sue and Roger discussed usage within the downtown area. Jennifer inquired into the fiscal cost and schedule to which Chris stated the school would have a onetime buy in fee, and then they pay a usage bill similar to other entities tied into the system.

**9:38 PM Discuss and revote on: Capital Improvement Planning Committee Bylaw (Article 20).** Sue asked the ADCOM to move to reconsider the vote on the Revised CIP Bylaw. She provided a bit of history on a warrant article for a sewer improvement that turned into a CIP and Sean and Sue felt this needed to be changed. Discussion followed on the makeup of the committee and the history of the process. There were also concerns that the new make of the committee was counterproductive, and could be less efficient than the current system.

Larry made a motion to reconsider the vote, seconded by Thom.

**Vote: 9/1/0**

**10:15 PM Brent motioned to adjourn, seconded by Larry.**

**Vote: 10/0/0**

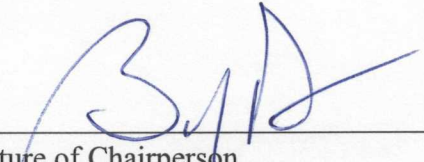
**Next meeting to be held and located at the Foxborough High School Library Media Center on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, at 7:00**

**Minutes Taken by Matthew Mackenzie**

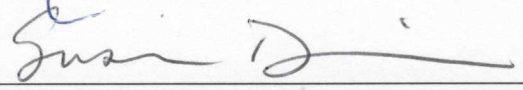
Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting:

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Signature of Vice Chairperson