

Foxborough Advisory Committee

Bill Y – "From a physical plant perspective: @ 10 years. First and foremost, we try to be fair and equitable to all the
Wednesday, September 12th 2018

In attendance: ed that when the School Department begins the process to upgrade the Taylor, the building is in
much better shape than the Burrell is. That could translate into 1/3 the project cost.

Susan Dring, Stephanie McGowan, Sean McCarthy, Bernard Dumont, Seth Ferguson, Brent Ruter, Larry Ooi,
Jennifer Frank-Bonnet, Sharon Weiskerger, Larry Stern, Robert Canfield, Brian Guild

School Committee. If the Burrell has A/C installed, how soon will the parents of students at the other schools want
to have A/C installed?
MINUTES What are the projections for future student enrollment – birth rate/population growth don't seem to
match capacity.

7:00PM - Meeting called to order by Susan Dring

Bill Y – stated that in the 18 years that he has been on the board, he has never done a process according to future
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Minutes from September 5th presented for acceptance. Minutes accepted **12-0-0**
The design stage came out of discussion session which led to the Pre-K
open space plan. We work with the best-known info at the time.

7:05PM – Sue Dring introduced Bob Worthy to the ADCOMM to address further questions that the board had for
him regarding Article #6. Mr. Worthy explained that the State considers the addition/replacement of 2 wells as
part of the Treatment plant.

Larry S – asked if any properties will be adversely affected.
Concerns for every school building can be presented at public committee meetings. The School Committee would
consider the project for the betterment for our students.

Bob W – Letters have been sent to newly affected parcels to explain the new law. Uses are grandfathered in.
build things. The town's money is spent smartly and conservatively.

Robert C – asked that the meeting return the discussion to the actual Article.

Bernard D - motion for Approval of **Article #6**

Seth F – asked if the projected class size of 18 was a cap.

Jennifer F-B - 2nd

Amy B – Amy Berdos asserted that the School Dept tries to keep class sizes in the 18-22 student range.

Vote: **12 – 0 – 0**

Bill Y – said that the MSBA will not fund a project like this for more than 270 students.

7:10PM – Sue Dring thanked Dick Heydecker for his diligence in raising concerns for discussion on the massive
Burrell School project.

Dick H – explained how he worries about what unexpected problems may come down the road. Will anything be
left over to deal with later (ex. new heating plant).

Bill Y – Bill Yukna gave a synopsis of renovations that have been done on other school properties. Those included:
Taylor School had a new roof 15 years ago, a full generator, new heating plant, all regulatory upgrades, new floors
and tech lab. The town has consistently maintained all buildings to extend their useful lives. The Burrell School
was poorly constructed at the outset. The Taylor School is still in better shape than many other towns' schools
when leveling for funds.

Sue D – asked how long from now will the town be looking at renovating/replacing the Taylor.

7:30PM – Sue Dring brought up discussion on Article #1 – (Fire Truck)

Sue D – Will the new truck fit in the garage?

Bill K – The Ladder/Pumper truck will fit and prove to be a valuable asset to serve the community, including mutual aid agreements.

Bernard D – re-iterated while the grant is for 95% of the cost of the vehicle, the grant covers 80% due to the extra equipment included.

Sean M – brought up how the truck was not on the 5-year CIP plan.

Randy S – responded that it was not in the timeline for replacement until 2023 (1 year out) due to the repairs which had supposedly extended the life. Ambulance receipts will cover the difference.

Larry O – asked if other towns got similar grants.

Bill K – Some did, but not many.

Stephanie M – Made note that the Chief was very proud of his Deputies for finding and processing grants.

Bill K – Stated that database/tech upgrades have made such research and applications more accessible.

Robert C - motion for Approval of **Article #1**

Stephanie M - 2nd

Vote: **12 – 0 – 0**

7:45PM – Sue Dring Recognized Michael Johns (Veteran's Agent) to respond to further questions on Article #2

Mr. Johns proceeded to answer some questions that he stated at the previous meeting he would research for the committee. Approximately 35 towns are implementing this type of policy (ex: Easton, Norfolk, Norton, Uxbridge, Wrentham, Dedham, North Attleborough, et. al.). This Article stems from a State Law passed in 2003. All state citizens called to duty is eligible. It is not an unfunded mandate.

Mr. Johns further iterated that he is not eligible to be called back, so there is no personal benefit/connection to this proposal. This same Article was narrowly defeated at TM in 2012, so why bring it back? He wants to be sure that this is what the town wants. He supposes that there may have been extenuating circumstances 6 years ago when the Town Manager was eligible and would have carried a large potential cost to the town due to his high salary.

Stephanie M – I don't think I can support this. I don't see a cap – it's too open ended. I see this as a conscious decision/ there is no draft. Vets receive other benefits. In the end, is it what is best financially for the town.

Bernard D – “I felt comfortable with the comments from Mr. Johns.” Most issues we debate, are again debated at Town Meeting. We can make up our own mind – we aren’t a rubber stamp.

Michael J – The way this board bears down on the issues, I wish it was televised for the town to see your work. Tough questions make me work harder, to prepare better – like a dress rehearsal for Town Meeting.

Sue D – where did the \$970/yr figure come from? How many people does that represent?

Michael J – If the statute was in place for the last 10 years, it would have cost the town \$9700 in salary compensation. That’s looking at strict financials, not flag-waving. 4 employees were deployed in that time window – some cost nothing / some cost a little {1 person deployed 2X = \$4800}.

Sean M – It’s always going to be about 1 person, whether due to abuse or high salary.

Seth F – noted his misgiving about the indefinite duration of deployments and the arbitrary nature of pay raises.

Sean M – requested for time to research more.

8:15PM – Sue Dring raised Article #3 (School St. redistricting) for discussion.

Sharon W - motion for Approval of **Article #3**

Stephanie M - 2nd

Vote: **12 – 0 – 0**

8:16PM – Sue Dring open discussion on Article #4 (Brew Pub).

Sue D – As you all know, I have an obsession with water (as a limited resource). Raising the 20% threshold to unlimited has me concerned.

Bill K – stated the difference between a Brew Pub (restaurant w/capacity limits) and a Brewery (just brew).

Brent R – Those are subject to the number of barrels produced.

Sue D – passed out a news article regarding water bans.

Bill K – Bill K and Roger Hill commented that there is not a water shortage, but a State limit on how water can be drawn per day. There were 250 violators in the next 4 days after that news article.

Seth F – I don’t think the Brew Pub draws a substantial fraction of water compared to lawns watering.

Stephanie M – Watering will happen anyway.

Bill K - the Brew Pub is a restaurant, not a brewery. Most of the beer sold has been mass produced off-site and trucked in for retail sale. The brewing on-site is minimal and more for ambience.

Seth F – I'm thinking more water is used to wash dishes than to brew.

Roger H – The business wouldn't want to brew on site because of the cost to discharge the wastewater.

Sean M – Could the business be set up in another location in town?

Bill K – The limited amount brewed on site is for the attraction – for show. The retail brew comes from another location. If there was a business proposal, it would have to go through the Special Permitting process. I can have Town Counsel come to this committee for further questions.

Robert C – I think the Pub will make more money from tables/diners than they will from retail sales.

Brian G – (to Roger H) could you say that the average resident uses more water than a Brew Pub?

Roger H – YES – we are trying to educate homeowners not to OVERWATER.

Larry S – there is no limiting factor in this article.

Seth F – There are limits to demand and shelf space.

Sue D – There needs to be a limit.

Bill K – stated that setting a number would be deemed by counsel as 'too arbitrary'.

Robert C – in this instance, if I'm opening a new business, Foxborough is going to limit my success by not letting the market drive the business.

Sue D – But there is a finite amount of water, and there are new homes and apartments coming online.

Bill K – The town does not have a water problem – it has a pumping problem.

Sean M/Larry S – But if you can't access the water ... there is no water.

Roger H – You can tank it and hand water – you just can't set sprinklers (on non-designated days/times).

9:00PM – Sue D presented Article #5 (Street Acceptance) for discussion.

Brent R - motion for Approval of **Article #5**

Stephanie M - 2nd

Vote: **12 – 0 – 0**

9:01PM – Chris Gallagher informed the ADCOMM that the street was not completed yet

9:02PM – Stephanie M motioned to reconsider Article #5 vote

Brent R - 2nd

Vote: 12 – 0 – 0

9:03PM - Sue D motion to Table of Article #5

Stephanie M - 2nd

Vote: 12 – 0 – 0

9:05PM – Sue D brought Article #8 (Canvassing) up for discussion.

Sue D – “What do you think, Rob?”

Robert C – “Big picture? I think it holds water. Enough to water Larry’s lawn.”

Jennifer F-B - motion for Approval of Article #8

Seth F - 2nd

Vote: 12 – 0 – 0

9:10PM – Sue Dring advised the committee that there was a time crunch for publication of Article write-ups.

Larry S – asked if the ADCOMM could take a ‘straw poll’ for Article #2

Result: FOR = 8 / AGAINST = 2 / UNSURE = 2

Sean M – I still have HR issues: (1) People have felt discriminated against for leaving for active duty when they come back to their job. (2) the dollar amount could increase with no cap. (3) Injured on duty – the military pays, but is their any other obligation. (4) a stipend would avoid all the payroll tax issues.

Stephanie M – The State has also passed an Organ Donor statute. When presented to the town, it was voted down. That law was also labeled ‘the right thing to do’ and Foxborough residents didn’t do it. This Article has no fixed cap.

Larry O – I don’t think any Union would be against a stipend that was bargained for.

Robert C – An organ donation is not the same as a military deployment. The town does want to attract the best people to work for it.

Larry O – As for employee retention – generally, the Public sector is better than the Private sector if all things are equal.

Stephanie M – Despite military service, an organ donor sacrificed/risked just as much. No to the Military / No to Organ Donation ... the town has voted.

Brian G – noted the upswing in public support for the military.

Stephanie M – When voting with the mind and not the heart, it's not good for the town.

Sean M – stated that if there was no stomach for a Stipend, he would not be inclined to do the additional research.

Robert C – Maybe we could push this to the Spring TM

Sean M – It still wouldn't take effect until FY2020

Brent R – In fair democratic representation, both sides can be added to the write-up with reservations.

9:25PM - Brent R - saw an opportunity to motion for Adjournment

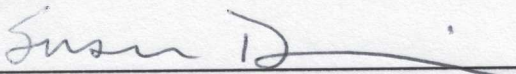
Larry O - 2nd

Vote: 12 – 0 – 0


Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2018

Vote:



Signature of Chairperson



Signature of Vice Chairperson