

**Foxborough Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, September 19th 2018**

In attendance:

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

**MINUTES**

**7:04PM** - Meeting called to order by Susan Dring

**Article #5** - Acceptance of King Phillip Place as a public way in the Town of Foxborough.

Sue D - The Town Engineer, Chris G., as promised, notified Sue D (ADCOMM Chair) that all the proper work and documentation is complete and the warrant article should be allowed to proceed.

Jennifer B-F - proposed that **Article #5** be accepted as written

Stephanie M - 2nd'ed

Vote: **11--0--0**

**7:06PM** --

**Article #2** - Supplemental Base Pay for Active Military

Sean M -- referenced independent research via the Town of Canton. Cited that they have \_\_. A Reservist on the Police force cannot live on his base pay and contends the he and other officers need the base pay plus details to make ends meet.

Seth F -- stressed that base pay plus the details is a significant amount of money. Other board members responded that the warrant is on base pay, so extra income is not taken into account.

Sean M -- the police officer Reservist he interviewed, stressed the he just want to be "made whole" if deployed so the family can make ends meet, understanding that while deployed police forgo details. Department to department the amount of base pay will vary greatly and that also varies greatly from final (total) pay in some departments, such as police.

Brian G -- This would seem to argue that the financial exposure to the town is less when a police officer is deployed, so that is not a reason to vote against the warrant.

Sean M & Brent R -- Mr. Johns shared a written list of states and towns that adopted the same or similar measures from the greater metro area. Brent R asked that those towns be read into the record.

Attleboro, Arlington, Belchertown, Braintree, Brockton, Cambridge, Douglas, Easton, Everett, Hingham, Lynn, Medford, Medway, Milton, North Andover, North Attleboro, North Reading, Norfolk, Northbridge, Norton, Randolph, Raynham, Stoneham, Sutton, Taunton, Uxbridge, Wareham, Westford, Whitinsville, Wrentham,

Seth F & Brent R

Seth F: Does it matter what is done in other towns?

Brent R: It may, to some citizens for looking at comparables, but to other citizens, it may not matter, so it's worth listing the other towns who have adopted it.

Stephanie M -- was given pause by the open-endedness of the bill and looking at the issue free of emotion leads her to feel that it is not responsible to vote for the warrant as proposed.

Rob C & Larry S -- in response, conjointly stressed that members should avoid speculation about intentions.

Seth F -- asked if members were comfortable calling a vote.

Sean M & Rob C

Sean M: asked if we could propose rewriting with a sunset clause.

Rob C: reminded Sean and the committee that we have to vote on the proposed warrant and if a change is desired, members should vote against the measure.

Bernard D -- commented on the 'dollar-wise' range of amounts possible from his own analysis and from the variant high and low probable numbers presented by Mr. Johns.

Sean M -- Mr. Johns did share some analysis from reading the state statute. Is anyone else in favor of holding off and adding a sunset clause?

Jennifer F-B -- said she would like to hear from members planning to vote against the warrant; what is your rationale?

Steph M -- it is the 'right thing to do', but it's too open-ended.

Sean M -- I'm for the article, but I'd prefer to see it added via collective bargaining.

Larry S - proposed that **Article #2** be accepted

Seth F - 2nd'ed.

Vote: 7--2--2

***Follow-up discussion & Revote:***

Seth F -- I'd like to hear from those who abstained. Is the reason due to a lack of information or some conflict or something else? I would like to see members strive to vote warrants up or down and only abstain for a specific reason.

Sue D & Larry S -- stressed that 'our vote is our vote' and that being uncertain is a valid reason to abstain.

Brent R & Steph M -- the write-up can and perhaps should indicate why members abstained if the information is germane to voters making an informed decision. Bernard D (article liaison) and Sue D (chair) agreed.

Sean M -- asked if people would consider voting no action of that were an option. He stressed he was generally in favor of the spirit of the warrant but uncertain about its implementation.

Seth M - Proposed to revote **Article #2**.

Sue D - 2nd'ed.

Vote: 9--2--0

Sean M - Proposed to vote "**No Action**" on **Article #2**

Larry O - 2nd'ed

Vote: 6--5--0

7:53PM

**Article # 4 - Brew Pub Definition**

Sue D - respect the work of the water department and their efforts to improve water and its availability. Feels we have limits on our water use by state limits and/or town's availability and that moving from 20% to 50% is too large a jump for the town at this time.

Paige D – Paige Duncan (Town Planner) stressed the definitions in question and the goals of the town in proposing the change are not to build a brewery in town but to focus on retail and on-site consumption, where brewing, per the article, is “ancillary” (less than) to food and sales of other items.

Sue D - asked about reports of a brewpub going into Patriot Place and asked Paige D about this. Paige stressed that the town was not aware of this proposal prior to reading it in the newspaper recently and that the Kraft Group wanted to check that the newly proposed definition did preclude their plans. It does not.

Larry O – Proposed that **Article #4** be accepted as written

Rob C - 2nd'ed.

Vote: **10--1--0**

8:05PM

Sue D -- would like to add Randy S, Finance Director, to the agenda to look ahead to the budget on 10/10 and 10/17. Randy is scheduled to present on these two dates.

Seth F -- asked Randy to present budgeted vs. actual numbers for each year shown. Randy answered: YES.

Sean M -- asked Randy to present a graphic with 5-year trend lines of operating budgets by category. Randy answered: YES.

8:12PM

Steph M - made the motion to adjourn

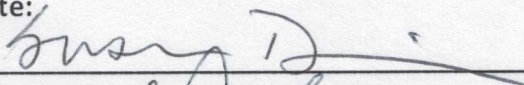
Larry O - 2nd'ed

Vote: **11-0-0**

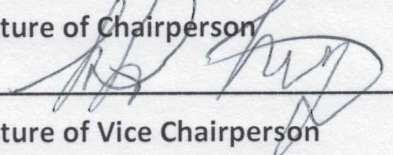
**Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.**

**Date of Meeting: 19 September 2018**

Vote:

  
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Signature of Chairperson

  
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Signature of Vice Chairperson