

Foxborough Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 25th 2017

In attendance:

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

MINUTES

7:10PM - Meeting called to order by Bernard Dumont

Randy Scollins addressed the ADCOMM to update the status of Article 8: that since there is no borrowing/funding needed, the item may simply require a BOS vote.

Bernard next outlined the Warrant Article agenda going forward.

7:15PM – Randy resumed the Town Finance orientation for all ADCOM members.

*Bernard: asked for the total town appropriation (73.44M)

*Randy said to subtract out the water/sewer enterprise (6.59M)

This leaves approx. \$67M as the true budget figure. Then, break down by addressing fixed costs first, as a whole, get us to \$50.5M

Randy then explained the Debt Exclusion rule (vs Overrides)

*Seth inquired about Charter enrollment. Randy responded with approx. 130 students @ \$1.7M.

Randy was asked about the MBTA town assessment – it is currently \$130K. The funding formula is established though State law. Randy indicated that Foxborough has been told that its assessment would not increase with new service.

Additionally, the solar field at the former landfill on E Belcher St is online, and the Elm St array is 'set to go live'. \$45K is expected as PILOT for 2018.

8:20PM – Bernard reset the agenda for the next 2 weeks.

11/1/2017 - Article 12

11/8/2017 - Articles 3&4

8:25PM – Sue raised a question concerning the appropriation for a consultant to investigate, among several Public Safety issues, appropriate staffing.

In response, it was stated that the 'COFF' (sp) Report found that 1 additional Police Officer is required at Patriot Place. It has been 10 years since PP opened and it makes good policy/budgetary sense to evaluate what staffing is required due to the expansion of facilities there.

Ginny Coppola stated that this consultation can provide the town with a tool for measuring mitigation. In response to Sean's question: the BOS has not voted yet on this item.

8:30PM

Article #1

Bernard made motion to Accept + Sean 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Article #2

Robert made motion to Accept + Stephanie 2nd

Vote: 8 – 0 – 2

Article #5

Sue made motion to Accept + Larry 2nd

Vote: 9 – 0 – 1

Article #6

ADCOMM agreed to table this Article per request of Jennifer (sponsor)

Article #7

Bernard made motion to Accept + Seth 2nd

Vote: 9 – 0 – 1

Article #9 (Brunch Bill) - (Now Article #8)

Bernard made motion to Accept + Sean 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Article #7

Jennifer made motion to Re-vote + Brent 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Bernard made motion to Accept (again) + Seth 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Article #10 - (Now Article #9)

Sue raised a question about imposing a lien without going to court.. (due process?).

Randy asserted that the citizen would still have the privilege of contesting the charge prior to the lien being imposed; the lien would only be attached after the violator has had a chance to challenge, address or pay.

Sean, Seth, Brent and Sue pushed for more info from DPW, Legal and Bill K

ADCOMM agreed to table this Article.

Article #11 - (Now Article #10)

Bernard made motion to Accept + Seth 2nd

Vote: 8 – 0 – 2

Article #13 - (Removed from Warrant)

Sean raised a concern for Section 2: Sean called for the transaction to require proof presented showing a free release from the state. Additionally, it was postulated whether the DPW could provide alternative analysis on big municipal projects. Where does the town's responsibility lie on Section 4.

ADCOMM agreed to table this Article.

Article #14 - (Now Article #12)

ADCOMM agreed to table this Article

Article #15 - (Now Article #13)

Bernard made motion to Accept + Robert 2nd

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

9:43PM - Bernard presented Minutes from prior meeting.

Bernard made motion to Accept + Robert 2nd

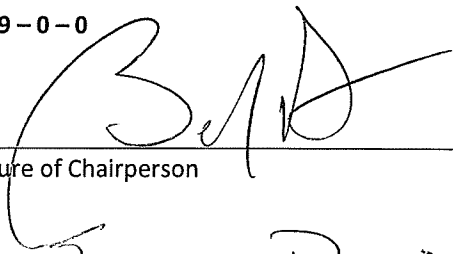
Vote: 6 - 0 - 3

9:45PM


Thom made motion to Adjourn + Seth 2nd

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Signature of Chairperson

 11-15-17

Signature of Vice Chairperson

 11-15-17