

Foxborough Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2016

In attendance:

Susan Dring, Robert Canfield, Kristen Papianou, Heidi Krockta, Thom Freeman, Jessica Allen, Stephanie McGowan, Sean McCarthy, Bernard Dumont, Seth Ferguson

Minutes

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

7:07PM - Paige Duncan, Town Planner addresses the ADCOMM to summarize the Articles the Planning Board is sponsoring for Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 1 – This is a housekeeping issue, intended to update the FCOD Zoning Map to include the Keating Funeral Home property in the General Business district.

\*Sean M asked if this mislabeling had any effect on the bidding process. Ms Duncan said “No, it did not”.

Article 2 – This Article is meant to update the Table number in the Zoning Bylaw.

Article 3 – This Article is meant to update and more clearly define the Zoning Bylaw regarding the initiation and conclusion timeframe for applications heard by the Planning Board.

\*Susan Dring asked for further explanation. Ms Duncan stated that the original 15 days did not leave much latitude for hearings by a board that no longer meets on a weekly basis; that this will accommodate more time for applicants and board alike, especially when holidays and vacations are at odds with scheduling.

Article 4 – This Article is meant to update the Bylaw definition of what constitutes a commercial campground. The owners of Normandy Farms made a short presentation to explain that they are attempting to expand the usage of their property to allow for a larger reception/banquet facility in order to meet the requests of many patrons to hold lifetime events (weddings, etc) on site. This current Bylaw

does not allow for the campground to accommodate non-campers on site. The new facility would be entirely on the current site, as will its associated parking.

\*Sean M asked about a potential liquor license. NF reps stated that they do not want to apply for a liquor license, but for caterers to be able to apply for a single-day permit for an event.

\*Heidi K presented her concern for traffic patterns on the entrance's narrow road. Robert Boette (PB member) added that the current statute allows for events by special permit, but only for patrons.

\*Robert C inquired as to the proposed definitions of 'spas'. It was stated that there is already a spa onsite.

\*Robert C also asked about police details. NF reps stated that regulations that apply to other venues (i.e. Lakeview Pavilion) for noise and traffic, etc., would apply to their facility as well.

\*Seth F asked about the design/size/capacity. NF responded that it is being modeled after existing halls at other currently operating campgrounds in the region.

Article 7 – This Article is meant to authorize the BOS to petition the DCAM for the repurpose of 4.53 acres on the State Hospital grounds beyond the current recreation restriction.

\*Thom F asked if the town could condemn the 2 buildings on the site due to liabilities or could they be repurposed for field storage/maintenance.

PB stated that Foxborough could, but it may be cost prohibitive. It would make more sense to have a developer purchase the property and be responsible for those concerns. It was postulated that an Assisted Living facility may be a logical option for new purpose.

Ms Duncan suggested that the Article 7 be switched with Article 5 as the question could become moot depending on how the town votes on Article 5. If 7 = NO -> 5 = NO If 7 = YES -> 5 = POSSIBLE

New numbering was suggested as follows:

#6 to #5 - #7 to #6 - #5 to #7

\*Sean M asked who brought the Article forward.

Ms Duncan: Developer D King & the Planning Board

\*Sean M asked if there is capacity for an Assisted Living facility

BOS David Feldman: indicated that he believed that the market is saturated right now.

\*additional Qs: Would any other use require an additional special permitting process?

PB: This could lead to open discussion under zoning restrictions. D King owns all access to the parcel.

\*Stephanie M asked if the town Asst Living facility redistricting to get rid of the liabilities could it change the actual road usage? Would DCAM require a defined use?

Ms Duncan inferred that from what little response she could extract from DCAM, they seemed to like flexibility in a proposal.

Article 6 – is meant to maintain consistency with intent and other Bylaw language.

7:55

Bernard D gave a report on his trip to the MA Association of Town Finance Committees.

The presentation lent itself to the topic of Charter Schools, wherein Randy Scollins raised some issues.

Randy reported that a new Charter School is proposed for Brockton – where a large number of FRCS students travel from. This could affect the financial stability of town requirements for payment to the school per pupil. Randy also gave a cursory explanation of how town money is spent per pupil to the Charter system, along with a description of how Foxborough has had to maneuver the budget with regards to this funding.

8:35

Vote on Article 8

Heidi K 1<sup>st</sup>, Bernard C 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 - 0 - 0 to accept

Vote on Article 9

Heidi K 1<sup>st</sup>, Susan D 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 - 0 - 0 to accept

Vote on Article 10

\*Susan D asked if Town has to reissue new checks. Is there a STOP placed on the old checks?

Randy: Yes, this starts the notification clock. No, they are still valid.

Heidi K 1<sup>st</sup>, Bernard C 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 - 0 - 0 to accept

Vote to accept minutes from previous meetings:

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 [with R Canfield name removed]

Thom F 1<sup>st</sup>, Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 - 0 - 0 to accept

8:45

Susan informed the ADCOMM that the next meeting would be on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Boyden Library.

Write-ups will be due by Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

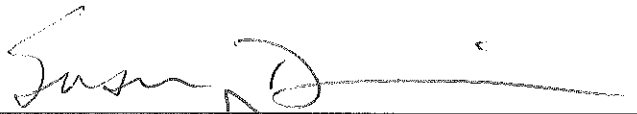
Motion to adjourn:

Jessica A 1<sup>st</sup>, Heidi K 2<sup>nd</sup>

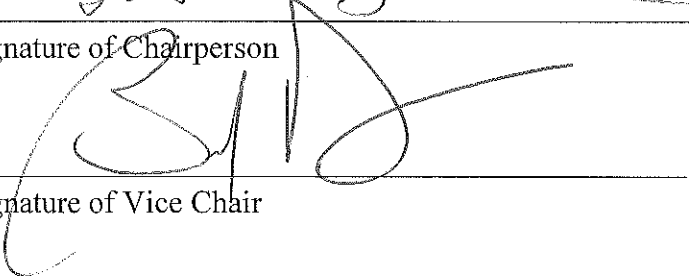
October 26th, 2016 Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting: 11/16/16

Vote: 8-0-1

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Signature of Chairperson

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Signature of Vice Chair