

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 2nd, 2016

Committee Members Present: Sue Dring, Bernard Dumont, Kristin Papianou, Heidi Krockta, Thom Freeman, Sean McCarthy, Stephanie McGowan, Seth Ferguson, Rob Canfield, Jessica Allen, Javed Hussein,

Members Absent: Brent Ruter

Others Present: Randy Scollins, Chris Mitchell, Paige Duncan, Lorraine Brue and members of the Economic Development Committee, Representation for Hops and Grapes, Representation to the Opposition of Article 16.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Susan Dring.

7:01 PM Sue Dring assigned members of the committee to liaison with the departments in town. She advised the committee that this was an opportunity to reflect on how money is being spent in the town. Randy Scollins requested the liaison list for electronic dissemination amongst the department heads.

7:08 PM Sue Dring asked the committee about the articles presented for comments and opinions.

7:10 PM Committee began voting on articles as presented.

7:11 PM Foxborough Center Overlay Map or Article 1 Vote. Thom made a motion to recommend article 1 as proposed, seconded by Kristin.

Vote 11/0/0.

7:14 PM Foxborough Zoning Bylaw Amendment or Article 2 Vote. Jessica made a motion to recommend article 2 as proposed, seconded by Kristin.

Vote 11/0/0.

7:15 PM Site Plan Review or Article 3 Vote. Vote was suspended until next session.

7:16 PM Foxborough Zoning Bylaw Amendment 11.1 or Article 4 Vote. Bernard proposed to discuss on article 4 before voting. Sue Dring recused herself from voting and running this particular discussion for transparency as she has a conflict of interest. Heidi Krockta advised a careful approach to rezoning and asked if the community was aware of purposed article 4. Sean McCarthy advised caution for crossover traffic between camping and functions. Chris Mitchell stated that the property owners in question could build within the definitions already in place, however in the interest in transparency the owners are seeking to follow the proper procedures. Sean was concerned about the language of building versus buildings in the event that the property changes hands. Javed Hussein was concerned about the freedom of the language as well. Seth mentioned noise complaints as a potential concern. Kristin Papianou stated that permitting acts a sufficient control measure. Virginia Coppola, from the Board of Selectmen, mentioned that any function halls had to request an event license from the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Bernard Dumont asked if the zoning board should be invited to a meeting to clarify the situation.

7:58 PM The committee decided to table Article 4 until answers were sought from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Paige Duncan, Town Planner, suggested that speaking with Building Commissioner Bill Casbarra, Barney Ovrut, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Chairman of Planning Board Kevin Weinfeld, would be helpful in gathering more information about the proposed article.

7:59 PM DCAMM Use Restrictions Release Request or Article Committee discussed what the roll of DCAMM was, and the kind of uses the land could be used for. Concerns of exposure to the town were brought up in the event of a single bidder

8:30 PM The committee voted on the Chestnut Payson Overlay District Map or Article 7. Kristin made a motion to recommend as purposed, seconded by Javed.

Vote: 11/0/0

8:31 PM The committee voted on the DCAMM Use Restrictions Release Request or Article 6. Sue made a motion to recommend as purposed, seconded by Thom.

Vote: 11/0/0

8:32 PM The committee voted on the Municipal Conversion Permit or Article 5. Stephanie made a motion to recommend as purposed, seconded by Thom.

Vote: 11/0/0

8:36 PM All Alcohol License Request or Article 16 discussion. The article supports the addition of another full liquor license, for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off premises, to the town. Lorraine Brue of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) reported that it unanimously decided to not support this article, suggesting that it would negatively impact businesses within the municipality. Kristin requested follow up information from the EDC.

8:55 PM Representation for Hops and Grapes spoke on their behalf in support of Article 16. The representation in support of article 16 stated that there was a substantial need and growth in the community to support the business and claimed that a package store supports restaurants which supports the meals tax. No statistics were presented that supported that claim throughout the discussion.

9:15 PM The opposition was given a chance to rebut. The opposition stated that it was akin to opening Pandora's box by allowing the applicant to petition the BOS for a full liquor license without adhering to a pre-established guideline of one full liquor license per every five thousand residents. This guideline, however, is not a law. They further claimed that the dispensation of the license would hurt the licensed individuals operating within the town center.

Next meeting set to meet at the Donald Cotter Recreation Hall at 68 Mill St Foxborough, MA.

9:45 PM Adjourned. Bernard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heidi. **Vote: 12/0/0**

Notes taken by Matthew Mackenzie.

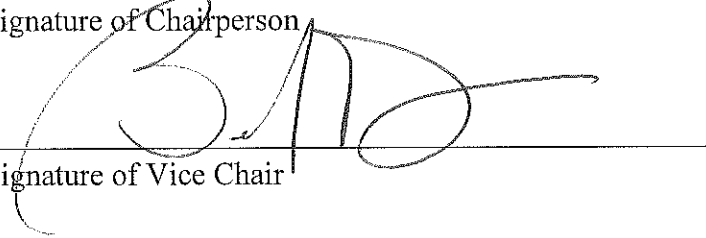
November 2, 2016 Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting: 11/16/16

Vote: 8/0/1



Signature of Chairperson



Signature of Vice Chair