

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 9th, 2016

Committee Members Present: Sue Dring, Bernard Dumont, Kristin Papianou, Thom Freeman, Sean McCarthy, Stephanie McGowan, Seth Ferguson, Rob Canfield, Javed Hussein, Brent Ruter

Members Absent: Heidi Krockta, Jessica Allen.

Others Present: Bill Casbarra, William Keegan, Barney Ovrut, John Rhoads, Randy Scollins, Chris Mitchell, Virginia Coppola, 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 Bernard Dumont presented on the Foxborough Zoning Bylaw Amendment 11.1 or Article 4.

Resuming the discussion from last session, Bernard asked Bill Casbarra, John Rhoads of the Planning Board and Barney Ovrut of the Zoning Board of Appeals to speak before the committee to clarify the wording of the article and the kind of impact it would have on the community. Bill clarified that the definition applied specifically to Normandy Farms due to the wording of the article mentioning the facility being located upon campgrounds not less than seventy-five acres. John stated that a public hearing would take place to review the application for any projects on the land and establish conditions of approvals such as decibels levels and traffic controls. The public would be made aware and that they have the right to have their voice heard as the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and in some cases the Conservation Commission would have to have additional public hearings. There are many opportunities for the public to be involved according to John. Sean McCarthy was concerned with the wording of "buildings" in the article. Barney stated that every instance would require Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board hearings. Bill stated that any additions over one thousand square feet required permitting from the town. Finally, Barney stated that the change in the bylaw does not give the property owner in question carte blanche.

7:28 PM Sue asked members from the Board of Selectmen to speak on their position in regards to Article 16.

Chris Mitchel and Virginia Coppola provided the Board of Selectman's (BOS) position on the article. At the time of their meeting with the Advisory committee on November 9th 2016, BOS still had not voted one whether or not to pull the article from the warrant. The committee asked the BOS about the process of transferring licenses, the length in which the town can hold them, and current regulations to request new licenses from the Commonwealth. The most current practice is that liquor licenses can only be located within certain nodes and the town may hold on existing licenses indefinitely. Following up on the request for additional information from last session on November 2nd 2016 of the Advisory Committee (AdCom), Kristin spoke with Lorraine Brue from the Economic Development Committee (EDC). The EDC reported that at the time of that Nov 2nd meeting a unanimous vote of five members was recorded, however upon further review five members was not an official quorum so the EDC would revote in the time between the Nov 2nd and Nov 9th meetings with the AdCom. Additionally she asked for the data regarding grievous harm to the community to be presented to the committee for review.

8:12 PM Sue asked the EDC to speak. The EDC, represented by Lorraine Brue, reported that they held a vote with eight of its members and recorded a unanimous vote to not support the article and draft a letter to the BOS for its removal from the warrant. Lorraine stated that after the approval of the liquor license to Trader Joes, located on or about the area referred to as Route One in the Patriots Place Plaza, there was a detrimental fifteen percent business impact to local liquor stores. Representation for both sides spoke concerning their positions again.

8:27 PM Representation for Hops and Grapes presented again on their position. Peter Clarke, legal representation for Hops and Grapes, suggested that the southern end of town would benefit from the opening of a store and that the business in the center of town would not be affected.

8:37 PM Representation for the opposition presented on their position. Neil Patel and Jim Civilinski, representation for the opposition to article 16, stated that Mr. Patel invested half a million in the center of town. They repeated the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) guideline of one all liquor license per every five thousand residents. They claimed that the allowance of this license early was creating unhealthy competition due to supply and demand.

9:03 PM The committee moved to table the discussion till the next meeting. Members of the committee made a suggestion to the BOS to leave the article on the warrant during their next meeting.

9:06 PM Bill Keegan presented on Article 13, or the Downtown Sewer Design and Preliminary Testing. This article will help the town assess the kind of work needed to be done to increase capacity for sewer lines in the center of town and its associated cost. Bill reported fifty thousand would be spent for design and testing. After the testing the town is estimating five hundred thousand dollars for construction. Randy Scollins stated that Sewer is always seen as a gain for home owners. The town will take the money from free cash and gain money back from the sales of town owned properties such as the old Fire Station.

9:28 PM The committee invited Chief Hatfield to discuss revisions made to article 15 or the Fiscal Year 17 Capital Budget Adjustment. Total amounts changed to reflect true and exact needs of the Fire Department. From the warrant article draft 3.0 to 8.0 the following corrections were made with the latter values reflecting the most accurate and recent needs: the Adjust values changed from 575,000 to 565,000, and the Revised FY'17 Budget values changed from 912,103 to 902,103.

9:30 PM The committee voted on Article 15. Kristin motioned to recommend as purposed, seconded by Rob.

Vote: 8/0/2

9:33 PM The committee voted on Article 3, or the Site Plan Review. Brent motioned to recommend as purposed, seconded by Thom.

Vote: 10/0/0

9:34 PM The committee voted on Article 11 or to Rescind Borrowing Authorization. Bernard motioned to recommend as purposed, seconded by Stephanie.

Vote: 10/0/0

9:38 PM The committee reviewed **Article 12 or the Building Demolition Bylaw Amendment**. Seth recommended a word change in the article from “for the preliminary review” “to “inform the preliminary recommendation.” Sue stated she would reach out to the historical commission. Vote postponed.

9:42 PM The committee voted on minutes from 10/19/16. Changes were proposed. Kristin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Brent.

Vote: 10/0/0

9:45 PM Sue briefed the committee on preparing for the special town meeting.

9:48 PM Randy Scollins briefed the committee on the budget review schedule and long range financial contrasts. Randy discussed how town leadership will review budgets before they go before the Advisory Committee.

Next meeting to be held in the McGinty meeting room in the Public Safety Building.

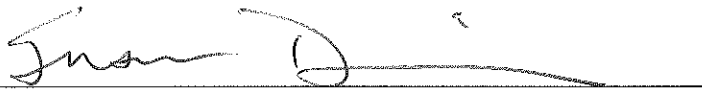
PM Adjourned. Seth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sean. 12/0/0

Notes taken by Matthew Mackenzie.

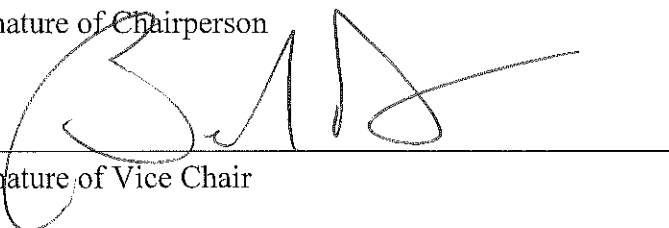
November 9, 2016 Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

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