

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Committee Members Present: Sue Dring, Bernard Dumont, Thom Freeman, Sean McCarthy, Stephanie McGowan, Seth Ferguson, Javed Hussein, Brent Ruter, Jessica Allen.**

**Members Absent: Rob Canfield, Kristin Papianou, Heidi Krockta**

**Others Present: Roger Hill, Chris Mitchell, Virginia Coppola, Randy Scollins, Mary Beth Bernard, Lorraine Brue**

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

**7:01 PM Susan Dring recused herself from discussion of Article 4, due to a conflict of interest. Bernard recapitulated on Article 4, otherwise known as the Foxborough Zoning Bylaw Amendment 11.1.** Bernard summarized the history of the article beginning with the initial request by Normandy Farms, and the language presented in the article. He then described the actions took by the Advisory Committee (Adcom) during its sessions on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Adcom held a discussion on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in which it optioned for a more cautious approach in its recommendation, as it was unclear whether or not the citizens of the town would have an opportunity to voice their concerns, if they were properly notified and if the language was giving the property owner carte blanche. The Adcom requested that experts on the article were consulted and they were invited to the next session on November 9<sup>th</sup>. During that session Bill Casbarra, Barney Ovrut, and John Rhoades clarified the language of the article and the procedures in place, such as permitting and public hearings, to act as reasonable controls to prevent undue hardship to the citizens of the town.

The Committee briefly spoke about liquor license findings with the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). Stephanie received one answer from the ABCC, while Sean received another. Sean passed on his information to town council to review.

**7:22 PM The Committee voted on Article 4.** Bernard made a motion to recommend as purposed, seconded by Javed.

**Vote: 6/0/3**

**7:25 PM Seth recapped on Article 12, the Building Demolition Bylaw Amendment.** The article underwent the purposed changes from last Adcom session. Sue called for final discussion. Javed asked what is typically historically significant. Sean replied that structures are preserved for their building methods, historical value, or potential artifacts.

**7:32 PM The Committee voted on Article 12.** Seth made a motion to recommend with the changes, seconded by Sue.

**Vote: 9/0/0**

**7:33 PM Thom summarized on Article 13, encompassing Downtown Sewer Design and Preliminary Testing.** Thom wanted to clarify where the funding would come from to support the project outlined in the article, to which the answer was Free Cash. Roger Hill stated that as the project was horizontal design it did not need to go through DCAMM. Roger explained the process the town uses to secure and employ competent help to complete public works projects. First they look at the topography and price. They rank firms from qualifications relating to the project, put out a bid, and then negotiate accordingly.

**7:40 PM The committee voted on Article 13.** Sue made a motion to recommend as purposed, seconded by Thom.

**Vote: 9/0/0**

**7:41 PM The committee reviewed minutes from 10/26.** Changes suggested: replace Brent with Kristin's name in one paragraph to reflect correct individual, Bernard led the meeting not Sue. Thom made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, seconded by Sue.

**Vote: 8/0/1**

**7:44 PM The committee reviewed minutes from 11/02.** Changes suggested: modify one sentence to "no statistics were presented at all". Javed made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, seconded by Sean.

**Vote: 8/0/1**

**7:45 PM The committee reviewed minutes from 11/09.** Changes suggested: Incorrect spelling of Kristin's name on page 2. Javed made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, seconded by Sean.

**Vote: 8/0/1**

**7:47 PM The committee reviewed minutes from 6/26.** Sue made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Javed.

**Vote: 3/0/6**

**7:49 PM Sue asked the committee if they had any questions concerning town meeting.**

**7:50 PM Sean and Seth asked about procedures and clarifying department head liaisons making contact.**

**7:52 PM Randy Scollins presented the timeline of department head budgets.**

**7:53 PM Sean requested a discussion of whether or not the Adcom had any interest in getting involved with the Commuter Rail discussion item at the last Board of Selectmen meeting.** Bernard asked about the value of the Adcom being involved. Randy suggested forming subcommittees on topics of interest. Sean volunteered to head the subcommittee. Virginia Coppola clarified the events of the Board Of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to the Adcom, stating the BOS requested the item not to be discussed as it was not an agenda item, and stated the chain of events and schedule the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) was taking within the coming year. Chris Mitchell stated that the subcommittee would need to expedite its meetings as MBTA was planning on starting the pilot program soon. Mary Beth stated that the MBTA is out of zoning control. Randy stated that the financial impact was positive. Mary Beth stated that the town compiled a list of questions and sent to the MBTA executives to answer. Jessica asked what the roll of the subcommittee would be. Sean claimed that the committee would review the commuter rail during that year. Virginia Coppola brought up the need for public opinion and to ask questions as there are concerns about logistics and maintenance facilities. The Economic Development Committee stated the financial impact would be positive.

**8:10 PM The committee voted on creating a subcommittee.** Brent made a motion to create the committee, seconded by Sean

**Vote: 9/0/0**

**Next meeting to be held in January 4 in the McGinty Room.**

**PM Adjourned.** Thom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica.


**Vote: 9/0/0**

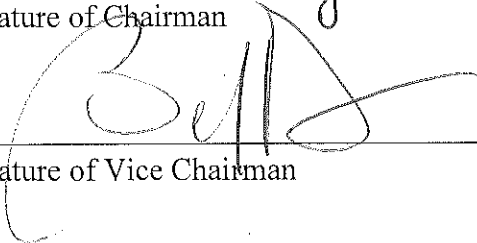
Notes taken by Matthew Mackenzie

November 16, 2016 Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting: 2/1/17

Vote: 8-0-2

  
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Signature of Vice Chairman