

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Foxborough Town Hall
Andrew Gala, Jr. Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Elfman, Chair
Leah Gibson, Vice Chair
Ed O'Leary, Clerk
David Feldman
Chris Mitchell

Also Present:
William Keegan Jr., Town Manager
Christina Metcalf, Community Info. Specialist

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input – No input.

2. 7:05pm Informational Update on Coronavirus -Assistant Health Inspector John Robertson, Deputy Chief of EMS Tom Kenvin, Rob Verdone Executive Director of SEMRECC.

T. Kenvin – We have been asked to address the state of Foxborough as it relates to the coronavirus, where we're at and how we are approaching this rapidly emerging potential pandemic. From an EMS or public health perspective most of our patients are referred to use through 9-1-1.

R. Verdone – Most of the cases are presented through 9-1-1. We are using a SEMRECC dashboard and monitoring specific calls to Mansfield and Foxborough. We are able to present this to the fire departments and public health departments to better advise their decision making. We are a conduit that allows information sharing between SEMRECC and EMS with those presenting signs and symptoms.

TK – That gives us a lot of information and as the Public Health Nurse I'm in constant communication with DPH and able to look at the MAVEN (**M**assachusetts **V**irtual **E**pidemiologic **N**etwork). Essentially when the CDC puts out memos or info to help departments in local states and then the states then filter that information down as health care providers report in test results or data so that the local boards can do the follow up. John (Robertson), myself, and Pauline (Zajdel) are monitoring this and we're in constant communication. The state lab has just achieved status to do testing for COVID-19. The test kits are approved by the CDC and take about 24 hours for test kits. There are 2 cases of coronavirus in Massachusetts. One is a 21 year old woman on her way to recovery. There 6 deaths nationally and 13 reporting states. The corona virus is not just a cold virus and it's a misstatement to say. There is a 2 week incubation, about 4–14 days to show symptoms. When you show symptoms you are much more contagious and that's when the disease is the most prevalent. However it's that period before that we're most worried about. The CDC made recommendations to the DPH for surveillance and monitoring. Outside of excellent hygiene, excellent washing hands, if you have to sneeze or cough you do so into your elbow which can help provide protection from droplet spread. It is believed that Covid-19 is spread by droplet or respiratory secretions. So keep your space between people when sneezing or coughing. It's believed to go through the mucus membranes. It presents like influenza and we have 32 million cases with 3100 deaths nationally. The risk is there but very low in Norfolk County. Patients who have been suspected to have been exposed to coronavirus are subject to a home monitoring system that has been put in place by the DPH. Doctors required to report who have been exposed to coronavirus or have traveled to a list of specific countries. Essential travel only to some areas

I'm emphasizing strong situational awareness. Don't go to work or school if you are sick. Schools have their own course of action and some of our first responders may be N95 wearing masks. The average person wearing mask not required. Only sick should wear masks and for health care providers. As of right now there is no vaccine and the CDC and other countries are working on vaccine. There are no cases in Foxborough that require monitoring, which would be 2 week quarantine and calling public health officials. Right now just have good hand hygiene and good social awareness.

J. Robertson – We're working closely with Deputy Chief. I would echo what he said and spreading the word of what would be typically flu protocols and good hand hygiene, flyers at Town locations and links on website. The CDC and Mass DPH are updating regularly for questions. The Health department is doing regular phone calls with DPH and they are updating us with information.

3. 7:10pm - Public Hearing - New England Revolution Home Games

Jess Enos- 25th season. There are no significant changes in operations, season tickets trending higher, and we are including different elements and pageantry. Standard season 17 games, condense the overall season. Games early in spring instead of late fall. Revs 2 is the farm team, feeder for season like AA baseball. Revs did open a state of the art training facility where operations are housed and is their dedicated training facility. Gillette has an updated bag policy and will be doing an

educational campaign. Clear bag and small bag only with a locker system in place. There will be a detailed screening process for these bags in the holding area, giving opportunity to not have to throw away personal items. Private company will do the screening in concert with security team. Visual screen and or metal detection component.

George Bell – did a very good job vetting the and unanimously voted to approve.

J. Enos – gives them own space and operate and build their brand

Motion to close public hearing by E. O’Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved, 5-0.**

Motion to approve the Kraft Soccer LLC Applications for the 2020 New England Revolution home games including potential playoff games as well as international matched and double headers that include the Revolution by E. O’Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

4. 7:15pm Public Hearing - Earth Removal, Bob Baker, Partner of River Ridge holding and RebCo.

B. Baker – before the Board looking for permit for excess fill that will be created during the construction on the road and all the lots.

B. Keegan – We having this permit process in place because as developments were occurring the topsoil conditions were eroding. A lot of towns have these bylaws in place.

B. Baker – There will be about 12-13k excess coming out of the physical road and the lots will probably have the same amount. We are going to reuse everything as much on site and reuse it for our means. We will screen and reuse on all lots. It is inevitable that is going to be extra. Didn’t have a contractor as of permit submission. Stumps backfill is not mulch material. LG – There was a part in the application that says stumps will be removed offsite and then there is another areas of the application it says that you would be grinding them and using them.

B. Baker – We didn’t have a contractor on board so we were going to go either direction. The company we hired will take them and grind them up. We can keep some of the mulch or they will take it and sell it but there will be no stumps used as backfill.

B. Keegan – Did any of the conditions laid out by Chris Gallagher give you any concern?

B. Baker – No.

Motion to close the public hearing by E. O’Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

Motion to approve River Ridge Holdings, LLC application for an Earth Removal Permit to be exercised at East Belcher Road, Foxborough, MA under the conditions set forth by the Board of Selectmen by E. O’Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman.

Discussion: C. Mitchell –Will the site work be done in phases or all at once?

B. Baker – It will be done as we work through the build.

D. Feldman – Will you stockpile then haul or haul as you go.

B. Baker - We will load right out of the site as we work through the build.

Approved 5-0.

5. 7:20pm -Change of Manager - Kitchen Partners LLC d/b/a Union Straw – Craig Carreira

C. Carreira - Originally from Framingham. Has spent the past 8 years in graphic design merchandising company and looking for a change. Brother is an owner of the restaurant. Steve had stepped away and now I’m able to take this opportunity to grow my career. In 2008 worked at a fine dining restaurant in Mississippi in back of house and moved up to front of house for 3 years. Customer service – taking that experience from restaurant and graphic design. This is first time managing a restaurant with an alcohol license. I have taken all the courses before starting this position. I understand the value of the license for the restaurant and community. Chef Dan is the head chef and runs the back of the house and assistant manager. Sous Chef/Assistant Manager who has a business degree and we have an assistant bar manager as well. I will be working approximately 50-55 hours a week.

D. Feldman – Are you aware of Fox Cares? A group of restaurant owners that reach out and do self-policing. Will have someone reach out.

Motion to approve Kitchen Partners LLC d/b/a Union Straw for Change of Manager from Steven Pesek to Craig Carreira by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 4-0-1, L. Gibson abstained.**

6. 7:25pm Assistant Town Manager's Update – No update.

7. 7:35pm Town Manager's Update

Annual Town warrant is in draft form and will be on the next meeting agenda, will send out first thing in morning. There is not any zoning, expect to see those articles in fall.

Letter from Steven P. Sacco, Vice President, Safety, Environment and Real Estate, Schneider Electric. Schneider Electric will be donating \$250,000 to the Town. \$150k will be for the electrical distribution for Town Common to provide electricity in a safe and sustainable manner. \$100,000 will be for a scholarship fund for Foxborough Students in STEM fields. Planning on formal acceptance at next meeting. We will take away from CIP funding request and can put it toward other projects. The Town is very grateful.

C. Mitchell- this is a no brainer.

L. Gibson -Unbelievable

B. Keegan – We will bring them into formally thank them and accept.

AAA Bond rating – This is not done very easily and our rating is higher than the US Federal Government. With our economic development and finance management – personally proud of and the community should be too. We could not have picked a better time for school and water, the bonds will come in at lowest rates since 1886. Will have an impact on how much we planned for and give us an opportunity to restructure the debt. Look at existing debt and possibly refinancing at lower rates. If we were able to shave a point or so off our rate would save significant dollars. George Samia is looking into that.

8. 7:45pm - Selectmen's Update

Proposal to add New Business and Old Business to Selectmen's update agenda item. Sometimes old business can get lost and if new business needs to be brought up during next meeting, this would allow it to be put on the agenda and bring up old business. This will give us a chance to reset and refresh on old business.

L. Gibson – example of Old business would be about the train.

8.01 Discussion - Old Business

8.02 Discussion - New Business

LG – Some people are under perception that the Town owns trash removal. Town doesn't own the trash removal and we need to be able to educate residents.

B. Keegan – Presently the Town doesn't have formal trash program. Dooley, now United Materials Management is the most commonly used hauler in town for trash. We do not pay and do not contract for a trash program, they do pick up Town offices trash. The market is evolving and changing and prices change all the time. People receiving the service can buy and contract with whomever they want based on family size vary and how much trash is generated. The town would have one said value regardless of size and not for trash generated. This encourages people to recycle more and have less trash. We are not the only town with this arrangement. If we were to get into this it would be a significant cost and not advantageous to the community. Want to encourage them to participate so that it remains orderly.

9. Action Items

9.01 Motion to approve a donation of \$250.00 to Veteran's Services from Jeffery R. and Christina M. Shewry and George W. and Frances A. Bell in memory of Edith Butler by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.02 Motion to approve a donation of \$25.00 to Veteran's Services from Janet F. Haynes in memory of Edith Butler by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.03 Motion to approve a donation of \$20.00 to Veteran's Services from Christina R. Baker in memory of Edith Butler by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.04 Motion to approve a donation of \$300.00 to Veteran's Services from Kathleen P. and Peter F. Arico, Maxine R. Hargrave, Alan D. and Meredith B. Lee and Walpole Outdoors LLC in memory of Edith Butler by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.05 Motion to approve \$100.00 donation to Council on Aging from John Schleyer in memory of Antoinette Schleyer by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.06 Motion to approve a \$1,050.00 donation from the Friends of Boyden Library for Museum Pass purchases by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**

9.07 Motion to Approve the November 26, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.** Thank you to Cynthia Tracy for her excellent work on the November BOS minutes.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by E. O'Leary, 2nd by D. Feldman. **Approved 5-0.**