

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Foxborough Town Hall
Andrew Gala, Jr. Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input - David Coffey, 8 Washington Street

DC - Something that disturbed me and others at town meeting. I supported the motion to make a cut to town agencies. This was turned as an attack. Understanding the heart of the motion I approved, all we are asking our servants is to take upon the financial burden that has been experienced by the citizens of Foxborough. If they have the hearts of servants. Our [public] servants used the idea of children as a baseball bat against us. We do not need to cut services to cut the budget and that to help the citizens of Foxborough absorb the pain and burden that Covid-19 has forced upon us that to sacrifice 10% of one's salary would not be too great a sacrifice to save the town critical expenses. Using an emotional argument was not the right thing to do. Nobody understood the heart of the motion and a sad result, placed yourselves above the people. I implore our town manager and each one of you and show the town of Foxborough the heart of true leadership. To whom much is given much is required. I call on the most noble and higher self in each one of you and give 10% of your salaries back to the town.

ME – Thank you for making your statement, right now there is not a lot of feedback can be given at this point.
DC - the only feedback that I want is that you take upon yourselves and give back to the town so we don't have to raise taxes.

ME – Can we set up a meeting with Bill, myself and you to discuss this further?

DC – Yes.

ME – Under Citizen's input, I received notice from Clean up Foxborough that the September event is canceled.

2. 7:05pm COVID-19 Informational update - Our numbers continue to remain low, we have 8 active cases and no hospitalizations. A total of 125 cases since March 15th, total 1,589 people tested negative, and 226 people tested for antibodies. Statewide we continue to do well, we are one of 10 states that are not showing a significant growth in cases. Cases continue to grow in Florida, Texas, and Arizona. We will continue do what we need to do to maintain our safe practices. We are in a good position.

An important staff member was fairly seriously injured, Mike Johns broke both of his wrists. He had surgery yesterday and it went very well. He is expected to be home by the end of the week and he would like to be back as soon as possible.

3. 7:10pm Phased Re-Opening Update - The Library will be voting to open for July 27th. The COA has been providing limited programs and will be putting up a tent and doing outdoor programming and allow for appointments to be made for services.

4. 7:15pm Introduction of New Building Commissioner - Introduction of Mark Dupell – happy to have Mark Dupell on board. He is a Certified Building Official

Mark Dupell – I was in the Marine Corp, went into the trades after I got out in 1982 and became a building inspector in 1999 and I enjoy the work.

5. 7:20pm Economic Development Committee - Recommendation of 3 new EDC members

Lorraine Brue – here to bring forward 3 candidates. The committee was formed in 2000, went dormant and was then reinstated in the fall of 2015 with 9 members, in spring of 2016 we added a 10th member. In 2018 we had a member resign and we've had 9 ever since and stayed at 9 members because it was easier than a quorum. This year we had Mark Grebbins Sr. and Steven Coote resigned and I thank you for your service over the years. We were fortunate enough to have 3 apply. Those 3 candidates bring different skills set. We talked through and John Gray had the most votes. John brings his entrepreneurial spirit. Heather created a website for all of the other business in Foxborough. Catherine comes with experience at a state and local level and has experience with land use project and revitalized a mill and things on the south coast and the concord project in Everett. Leah had the idea to bring forward all 3 candidates and I confirmed we could have 10 member EDC per the EDC charter.

ME – The work that Lorraine did was phenomenal. Thank you Heather and Catherine for volunteering.

LG – I was there to meet all 3 of them. We should never turn away volunteers. It's the same usual suspects and it's great to have new faces. Everyone brings different pieces to the table. Looking to formalize the group a bit more.

BK - There is a mission statement for the group. There was information from 2015.

LG – Not sure if there was a charter. Is the mission statement from 2015 or 2000? **2015**

EO – We all know the work that Heather and John have done. Great to see a new face and looking forward to the input you can provide for Foxborough.

SM – I watched the meeting to see all the candidates, I knew Heather and John and with Catherine's credentials I knew this would be tough. I'm glad we were able to have all those people.

LG – There is an EDC website.

ME – How long have you been in town?

CS – I've been in town for 4 ½ years and married someone who has grown up in town.

CM – I looked through all candidates and they are all great.

Motion to approve Catherine Rollins, John Gray and Heather Harding on to the Economic Development Committee with their terms expiring May 1st, 2023 by L. Gibson 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

6. 7:30pm Foxborough Common Business Collaborative -BOS to discuss and possibly vote on Foxborough Common Business Collaborative Banners for Common

Cindi Haddad-Drew – representing the FCBC to go up on the Common and nearby surrounding poles. The purpose of doing this to show that we are doing the Branding and Wayfinding. Looking to have the signs be Welcome to Foxborough signs as they come into Town and having them sponsored. Put on when the Founder's Day and Jaycees holiday banners aren't up so the poles aren't bare.

LG – Who will put them up? Foxborough DPW will put them up, they will not be changed out every week. CH – We will work into the DPW schedule. January to May and middle of June to November.

ME – How much to sponsor a banner?

CH – It is \$100.00.

LG – Thanks to FCBC and Hawk Marketing for all the work that has been done. It will be nice to have banners.

CH – One sponsored logo banner per business.

CM – Of the 24, will they all have picture of memorial Hall?

CH – Yes with Welcome to Foxborough and the Sponsored by logo on the bottom half.

Motion to approve the proposed banners for the Foxborough Common Business Collaborative for Foxborough Common and surrounding area by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

LG – As a closing comment, we are looking for people to join. Contact us on the Facebook page or Heather Harding for an application.

7. 7:35pm West Street Dam - Article 97 Land Swap - Discussion and possible vote to authorize a petition to Norfolk County Commissioners to layout West Street in Foxborough as a county highway to allow for the proper permitting and subsequent construction and repairs for the West Street Dam project

CG – Here to give an updated on the West Street Dam Project and also ask for a motion shortly. We are moving forward with the project and have received a grant for \$708,000 to do that work. We've received the majority of our permits, including the Conservation Commission last week, and looking to do that construction summer of 2021. We are finalizing all of our permits, getting all of our bid documents pulled together to put out to bid later this fall so that next spring we can have our water main project ready in conjunction with the Dam. One of the things we are looking to do as well as widening the road and add a sidewalk. We are swapping a piece of land to the Conservation Commission in order to build the roadway out the way we're planning. In 1971 Norfolk County was petition by Foxborough to abandon the existing layout where the road still. They were going to get rid of the curve and straighten it out. Norfolk County, who owns the layout, discontinued the existing road and has a road on the layout that was never built. The Town owns it but it was deeded to Conservation which restricted the use. We can avoid an Article 97 land swap, but we need to petition the County to reverse what was done 40 years ago. They need to layout the existing roadway where the pavement and dam is and at the same time discontinue the 1971 layout through the wetlands and roads that will never be used. The road that was going to be built will never be built. We are doing what we could have done in an Article 97 land swap but cleaner. Conservation is getting the swamp land. Motion presented was done by Joe McNickels who is the Norfolk County Engineer. The town will fund the plan prep as part of the project then the county board will vote.

ME – They will be done in time for the spring construction?

CG – Yes, it will go to their board and have it done by Labor Day.

LG – Will affect neighbors?

CG – There is some impact to 2 properties but their properties is roadway. We will check with Town Counsel to do appraisal property. There is negligible impact.

CM – I've walked this property with Chris and Roger and thanks for all the hard work.

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to petition the Norfolk County Commissioners to layout West Street in Foxborough as a county highway between; the easterly end of the Norfolk County of the June 26, 1973 layout of West Street and the northerly sideline of the November 23, 1971 layout of West Street at approximately centerline station 48 and 50 by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

8. 7:45pm Assistant Town Manager's Update – No update.

9. 7:55pm Town Manager's Update

- Town Meeting procedure review for next meeting
- Town Manger TRUCK binder for transition process for the next few years and explain it in practice not just theory
- Meeting with staff tomorrow in Conservation
- Meeting with FEMA about the flood plane maps
- Received request to raise the Indian flag on August 14th or 15th along with a social distancing plan. They are doing it around the state instead of Boston. We haven't said no we just need more information. The board doesn't need to act.

LG – Who else has looked at the Town Meeting Procedure plan?

BK – Town moderator and Town Clerk looked at it and revised it based on their input.

10. 8:00pm - Selectmen's Update

10.01 New Business –

LG - Paige asked to share about the Virtual Housing open house

BK – There was an inquiry about development being proposed on Cocasset and will be looking into it. History some of the area, Conservation is looking at it as well.

10.02 Old Business – None.

11. Action Items

11.01 Motion to approve a \$440.00 donation from Foxboro Seniors for Senior Tai Chi for January February and March and trash stickers for Seniors in need during shutdown by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

11.02 Motion to extend business hours, to include food service, until 2:00am on August 15, 2020 for CBS Sporting Club. Alcohol service to remain as stated on existing license by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

11.03 Motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from May 26, 2020 by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.

12. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell. Approved, 5-0.