

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
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*
*Attended remotely

1. 7:00pm Citizen's Input - None

2. 7:05pm COVID-19 Informational update

We have 37 cases, which is a significant drop. No hospitalizations currently and still only two deaths since the beginning. There is copy of the report from Director of Public Health Matt Brennan with the reopening stages Phase 3.2 and going into Phase 4. The new guidelines for restaurants, event venues and other recreational facilities capacities were updated and are now in effect. We are in the yellow currently and have been for 2 weeks. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine most likely will not be widely available in the state until the end of March. As of March 1st there have been 1.7 million vaccinations in state of Mass with all those in Phase 1 and Phase 2.2 now eligible, with the next phase coming. They are adding appointments at mass vaccination sites and can register at mass.gov/covidvaccine or call 211 for help in getting an appointment. President Biden is hoping to have all vaccinations done by May.

3. 7:15pm Norfolk County Sheriff – Patrick McDermott*

Thank you for having me Mr. Chairman to speak about the Norfolk County Sheriff's office. I am a resident of Quincy and served on the Quincy City Council in the 90s. I have been an attorney for 20 years the last 18 of those years serving as the Register of Probate in the county. I welcome the opportunity to serve as the Sheriff. My mission is for the office to serve as a public safety resource. After this last year we want to look at and reconsider what we mean by the term public safety. I want to push pass the limited understanding of what we do besides care and custody of inmates and want to expand the approach of improving conditions to make community safer including prevention, intervention and education. We will be expanding our programing and community outreach. We making our ropes courses more available to more than just our youth services programs. I want to expand and replicate that in Franklin, Foxborough, and Wrentham area for the residents in the southern part of the county. We want to focus on the at-risk juveniles. We want to increase our senior program: Are you okay? Program. We have seen success with this program that was implemented by my predecessor and that has saved two lives in the past few months alone. We will continue to make our security resources to more communities like our canine and mobile command units as well as MetroLEC. We want every resident in Norfolk County to feel safe from crime and other challenges. The pandemic has created challenges and we want to be a resource for that and help tackle all the issues facing our County head on. At the same time, each community experiences these challenges in different ways. My office is uniquely positioned to coordinate responses to public safety challenges across the county. This will only be successful if guided by your community needs. As Sheriff, I want to work with Foxborough to get your needs and expectations met through partnerships with the Board Police, Fire, Veterans, Council on Aging and Schools to work together to tailor our public safety experts to Foxborough. I look forward to working with you as a partner and that Foxborough and Norfolk County remain safe. Dan Manning who is my director of external affairs and working with seniors to make sure we have robust outreach in the town. Foxborough has taken advantage in the past of our inmate assistance program. This programs was suspended because of Covid but is back up and running.

EO – Our Sheriff works with our public safety on stadium events and it is nice to see a sheriff with a clear-cut vision of working with other communities.

PM – I've talked to the Chief about the re-opening that is going on and we have about 80 officers that will work those events as they start happening again.

ME – I didn't realize how many officers participated in those events.

PM – We can be deployed whenever we are needed to be deployed as a resource for the Town

4. 7:25pm Affordable Housing Trust Funds Expenditure Request – Paige Duncan,* Chris Gallagher,* Greg Spier*

Subject 4.1 Discussion and possible vote to allocate a total of \$37,500 for the Walnut Street Housing Authority project and the Walnut Street/Route140 design project by Planning Director Paige Duncan, DPW Director Chris Gallagher

PD – While having the conversation on housing and thinking about this housing production plan we also been thinking about the Walnut Street project. We on 16 acres on Walnut Street. We've been working together on this and starting to see a bit of progress. We got a Housing Choice Grant a few years ago for \$200,000 we were able to get a design grant for the Walnut/Commercial Street intersection. The Selectmen at the time, those selectmen approved \$50,000 for this light but was never spent. The SERPD study said it's a dangerous place if there is not a light. It also covers \$47,000 to design the sewer as well for the area which leverages the property.

The days of the governmentt doing these housing authority projects are over. We have been grappling with how to get this property off the ground. We have a technical assistance grant from MassDevelopment that will do the RPF and give us a consultant to do this work. We have 16 acres and this consultant will help us solicit proposals and help us evaluate the plans. It's a balancing act to get what the community needs and the developer gets something out of it.

I'm here for 2 things. When we received the \$30,000 for the consulting services. If the town sells or conveys the property, we have to pay it back. There is a clause that if the town pays it back within 1 year that we would only have to pay 25%. We have \$320,000 in the Affordable Housing Trust fund from Chestnut Green and figure this would be a great use of this resource. We would save money and the Board has already approved \$50,000 that hasn't been spent. The second motion. With this part Mass DOT required extra work and Chris Gallagher will explain further.

CG – As Paige said we received \$200,000 for the design. The SERPD design looked at of the Common from Norton. We hired TEC who is doing the design for us. Looking at what we are looking to do and feedback and scope of services and we started the 25% design on the intersection. We did that and submitted that to Mass DOT and when we go the comments back, they had a number of additional things they wanted to look at. They wanted to look at the off ramp from exit 7 they initially wanted to do a design. They also wanted us to look at doing a roundabout and we had to shift that in scope of services. After redesign with the off ramp and light design work. They decided not to have a light and then they just wanted us to re-shift the ramp. Right now it is a 50% design and we are trying to get to 75% design plan and put us in a much better spot to apply for the MassWorks grant to construct the signal and the upgrades to the intersection to the DOT. To do that, we received an additional amend from TEC for \$30,000 to cover all the extra costs that we didn't have before.

PD - This is directly related to the Affordable housing project and is why we are requesting the money. Projects with affordable housing tend to score high for MassWorks Grants. The grants usually go in August and they

changed the process to submit it by April 1st. If we don't get this we won't be able to get the funding to keep the project moving.

ME – Remind everyone where the money is coming from.

PD – We are requesting the money come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We are asking for \$7,500 for the MassDevelopment payment and \$30,000 for the additional scope that was required by MassDOT to make sure we get to 75% plans.

LG – Can you confirm the AHT committee approved this? Will this get us to 75% without an additional cost?

PD – Yes, they approved this.

CG – This will take us there and we met with Mass Dot and they confirmed that this will get us to 75% plans.

CM – So the town owns the land, we put it out for RFP and then as a town we decided which developer is going to build what we envision?

PD – This is a Housing Authority project. They will issue the RFP. I'm not sure what they will be doing or the framework. From a permitting perspective, a developer would have to go through the 40B process. We don't have to go through 40B but it would be more favorable to do this and this would go to review by the ZBA. I'm anticipating that we'll put out an RFP with a vision and/or parameters and we qualify what we want and set the framework. That is the early visioning of this project. It's early on and a leap of faith. The housing authority.

SM – To make sure I understand correctly - this money will be used for the changes for Walnut and 140 to make it much safer intersection?

BK – We aren't able to start this project up until this work is done.

SM – So nobody will approve this project with such a dangerous intersection?

PD – That's correct. It's leveraging the project that is already happening, without the project we wouldn't be getting the signal. This Walnut Street property has been around since 2000. It is a big and slow project.

BK – These types of projects are typically done in phases.

SM – Is there a timetable or we get to 75% and apply to have this done. Does that have to coincide?

CG – We are looking to apply for MassWorks and if we get it, we will move forward, finalize design, get DOT approval, go through BID process and get it done. Paige will then work with the RFP for the design of the housing project.

Greg S – This is one of the cogs on the wheel to get this to be a shovel ready project. This is still a ways away, but getting that intersection safe for whenever this is developed. If we have 16 acres of land permitted with a signal it will be ready to go. If we signalized this and we'll get the sewer in as well and get it connected with Walnut Street. And steward hospital. We just keep chipping away.

Upon recommendation of the Affordable Housing Trust Committee, Motion for the Board to approve the allocation of \$7,500 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for payment to MassDevelopment for technical assistance to develop a 30B compliant Request for Proposal for the Walnut Street Foxborough Housing Authority project. This payment will be made upon completion of the consultant services associated with RFP development; or within one year of contract date, whichever is sooner by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Upon recommendation of the Affordable Housing Trust Committee, Motion for the Board to approve the allocation of \$30,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for additional costs associated with the design of the Walnut Street/Route 140 intersection project by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

CG – Before moving on, I wanted to let the Board know, I did talk with Seth Ferguson and he made some good points. With the snow continuous it was hard to get to the common and remove snow. Within the snow bylaw, it shouldn't be on just the DPW but just having the homeowner not put snow on the sidewalk that was plowed by DPW.

5. 7:40pm Foxborough Common Traffic Sub-committee – Chris Gallagher* & Paige Duncan*

CG – We came before the Board a few meetings ago looking at pedestrian safety around the common. The 4 of us plus Lt. Ken Fitzgerald and Town Engineer Lance Delpriore and met with the engineers with Kittleson and had the discussion in depth about the design. The back in parking was a concern with the BOS members and FPD. Hearing those concerns, Kittleson went back to the drawing board and we are looking at the School Street stretch and the South Street interchange. Kittleson came up with concepts to go forward with the Shared Winter Streets grant application to do a demonstration for parallel parking for School Street as well as delineation of that lane line as you come down School Street. These are concepts that we are focused on and Kittleson is finalizing the application for Shared Streets. That would allow us this spring to do that demonstration along with some planters to delineate where the sidewalks and the striping would go and for the trial using similar cones that we had for the North end of the Common.

EO – I think the revised plan that Chris is talking about will serve the safe movement of traffic, which is also cautionary on School Street.

SM – This concept allows us to move forward with the grant and the best we can do right now. Paige and Chris are you happy where we are heading

CG – This is a good direction and will be a good trial to see if we as a community can do this. The time crunch is not a bad thing because this allows us to move forward.

PD – The key benefit here is that get the Central Street intersection conflict resolved while resolving the pedestrian experience around the Common. The benefit is that it's a trial, paid for by the state, and to see if the pedestrian benefits are worth offset that could occur on School Street. Worse comes to worse we take it all down if it doesn't work but we are continually trying to improve the pedestrian experience around the Common.

6. 7:55pm Foxborough Country Club - Change of Manager: John R. Gray Jr. to Tracey Goulet* Bruce Gardner*

BG – Thank you to all of you for your public service, we appreciate it. John Gray came before the Board a few meetings ago with his willingness and at my request to fill a gap we had as the Liquor License holder and House Manager. We had a few things change and we reorganized at the end of the year. I listened to what the Board had for feedback last meeting. Chris, Leah, and Stephanie, had questions regarding how long John would serve and how Johns would work. After those questions, our board decided with Tracey Goulet being the House Manager and being there every day we decided that she would address the questions you had from last meeting. You may know here from her work from Rodman Ride for Kids. She manages our house and bar staff. Now that she has been there for an ample amount of time we'd like to put her forward as our liquor license manager and House Manager

TG – As Bruce mention, I worked as the Executive Director for Rodman's ride for Kids for 14 years and previously the Patriots for 16 years in various community relations roles. I started working at the Country Club 16 months ago and have progressed to managing the bar and wait staff.

CM – Bruce, I commend you for this setup and it make more business sense.

SM – I concur with Chris.

LG - I think this better fits the model we are used to seeing and there is full confidence that things will continue to run smooth.

ME – Your TIPS certified and know about Fox Cares?

TG – Yes, and I did reach out to Tom.

Motion to approve the Change of Manager for the Foxborough Country Club Inc. from John R. Gray to Tracey Goulet by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

7. 8:05pm Dept. Head Update – Conservation Department – Conservation Agent Jane Pierce*

JP – The Conservation Department has two staff, myself as the Conservation Agent and Diana Gray as the land use administrator. We have seven Commission members. Our Commission three-part mission is Wetland Protection and Permitting, Conservation Land and Open Space Management and Public Education and Engagement. Our Commission endeavors to lead by example. We seek to maintain the ecological integrity of the Town’s natural resources, provide accessible open space and passive recreation experiences for residents and others to enjoy and prepare for predicted climate change issues. We have various responsibilities, which include administering wetland protection laws, managing around 2,000 acres of town-owned open space, maintaining the town’s Open Space & Recreation plan, providing environmental education and seeking grant funds for conservation purposes.

Wetland Protection Permitting – any proposed work that is within 100 feet of wetland or 200 feet of a stream must receive a wetlands permit. Call the Conservation office to find out if you are not sure. There is a process that the office will help you go through. If you don’t go through the process and you do work near wetland, the Conservation Commission can issue a cease and desist order and be required to restore the area as needed.

Managing Open Space – Managing the nearly 2,000 acres of permanently protected conservation land. We rely on volunteers to help us manage our property. The Story Book Trail was vandalized in June but was repaired by Joe Gonsalves who originally started the Story Book Trail. Our newest conservation project is the Edwards Road Conservation Area Small Boat Access. New Open Spaces from OSRD (open space residential development) are River Ridge, Durham Park and a prosed Water and Conservation Land Swap that is being proposed at Town Meeting this year. Other problems on conservation land is encroachment onto Town Conservation Land, illegal ATV activity and unpermitted campfires and camping on

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) – It’s a blueprint for action on a community’s open space and recreation resources. It has all the data and information on the towns natural assets, educates residents about Conservation and Recreation issues, identifies actions that will protected and manage natural resources. It is a 7 year action plan and also lists all the maps of open space and conservation areas. We are in the process of updating the OS

Public Education and Engagement – Our “Guide to Foxborough’s Conservation Land & Open Spaces,” the Lane Learning Center and Vernal Pool Programs.

Current Conservation Projects – Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, Community Resilience Building, OSRP plan update, West Street Crossing Project, water pipes between Sprague Road and Witch Pond and the Lan Learning Center native landscaping plan.

Continued Conservation Challenges – Educating residents about wetlands, address wetland violations and protecting permanently protected conservation lands

SM – It's amazing what you and your group do, that booklet is amazing.

CM – Question on Cocasset River Park and that land swap. I had a discussion with Chris a possible fence for West Street. But on Cocasset River Park, is there any thought to taking that fencing down? It's one of the only conservation areas that I know of that is locked.

JP – There is a whole history behind that, it is supposed to be kept closed and it was open because it was a great fishing spot. It was being vandalized and there was partying going on there with lots of trash. In order to take down the fencing, it would be cost prohibitive or very difficult. It's one of the only sandy areas that turtles go to and nest. It's also locked due to the lawsuit that happened there as well. If you have a suggested solution, I'm happy to consider it.

8. 8:15 The Kraft Group - Temporary Outdoor Entertainment License Application- Jess Enos*
for Hot Wheels Ultimate Drive Thru Event March 19-April 18, 2021

JE – The Hot Wheels Ultimate Drive Thru and the 3rd drive-thru we've done and been a pivot for us. We anticipate the attendance to be between Jurassic Quest and Magic of Lights. It kicks off March 19 and runs Thursday through Sunday and we expect around 40,000 total. This is a contactless 1.5 mile course to view the stationary monster trucks with a Bluetooth/radio component. Tickets are purchased date by date basis and hours will be Thursday 3pm-6pm, Friday 1pm-6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 10am-6pm. It has been in California and Georgia and have some good operational best practices and been very well received.

Motion to approve the Temporary Outdoor Entertainment License for The Kraft Group for the Hot Wheels Ultimate Drive Thru Event from March 19-April 18, 2021 by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

9. 8:40pm Special Town Meeting Warrant

Subject 9.1 Review of the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant to be held within the 2021 Annual Town Meeting

BK – We had opened a Special Town Meeting with four articles on it. After further review and looking into details, in consultation with Town Counsel and Town Moderator, it has been confirmed that we are able to add the articles to the Annual Town meeting. We didn't receive any additional article from any resident's as the deadline was today at 4pm. Effectively there is no Special Town Meeting Warrant for you to review. I am asking you to reconsider recalling the Special Town Meeting as it is not needed and those four articles can be done in the Annual Town Meeting.

SM – By doing this, we'll save some time and prevent confusion during Town Meeting.

BK – You can have a Special Meeting with in the Annual and did because we didn't have a Special Town Meeting in the Fall which is why we considered doing a special. It was agreed by the three of us that we didn't have to have a Special Meeting and that we could do all of the articles within the Annual Town Meeting.

LG – Do you mean you, Frank and Bob?

BK – I mean myself, Frank and Town Counsel.

Subject 9.2 Reconsideration of vote to call for a Special Town Meeting within the 2021 Annual Town Meeting should no additional articles be submitted

Motion for reconsideration of the vote calling for a Special Town Meeting that was taken on February 16, 2021. Move that the Boards rescind its vote to call for a Special Town Meeting within

the 2021 Annual Town Meeting that was taken on February 16, 2021 by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

10. 8:20pm Annual Town Meeting Warrant

BK – Now moving to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and now we have to open the warrant and add the articles that we were going to have on the Special Town Meeting and now put it on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion to reopen the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to add an article for the Request for funding the Steelworkers Collective Bargaining Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021- Unit A to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to add an article for the Request for funding the Steelworkers Collective Bargaining Agreement for Fiscal 2021- Unit B to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to add an article for funding the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for Fiscal 2021 to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to add an article for amending the Bylaw for revolving funds, current Annual Town Meeting draft Article #6, to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to amend the language for current 2021 Annual Town Meeting draft Article #7, to include in the table of Revolving Fund two new categories and spending limits for IT and for the Board of Health by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to close the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

11. 8:30pm Annual Town Meeting Citizen Petition Discussion- Shelby Kornbluth*

Discuss the Citizen Petition article regarding a new CIP committee. Raphela Feinstein* also attending

SK – We are representing a group of concerned Foxborough voters and residents who want to ensure that town continues to maintain fiscal responsibility. I has been a tough year for everyone with Covid and we want to ensure that the town continues to maintain the fiscal responsibility it has shown in the past. We are proposing a revision to the CIP committee similar to that of Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee's goal is to represent the

Foxborough community. Currently the CIP committee consists of 5 members and 2 of those members are not town residents or registered voters. This could result in the CIP committee making recommendations to the residents at Town Meeting where the majority of those committee members are not residents of Foxborough. We want to make a change to this committee so that all of the voting members are Foxborough voters. We would maintain the current members as non-voting members. There is a language in the petition about terms and the revolving of those terms.

SM – A very similar article came before Town Meeting a few years ago. At the time I supported it, no disrespect to Department heads they do a great job with their budgets

You want to turn this committee into Foxborough residents

SK – The department heads would be a part of the committee and make their presentations. We want to make sure that this town is being run in the way we want it to be run. If all department heads are making recommendations and there isn't a check and balance before somebody goes to a vote then it's a bit of a conflict of interest. I have seen all the budget presentations this year and everyone has been fiscally responsible and to ensure. We want to make sure that is maintained.

BK – The recommendations that were set forth by Town Charter and by-law that was voted upon. This was put in place as the first step of the process. The process is made up of these five steps. They make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee for consideration before it goes to Town Meeting. Nobody including me makes a decision but we make a recommendation. Those people serve on the committee are the most knowledgeable about the equipment and purchases that are being made and understand the greatest need for the departments. It is structured purposefully that way as a 4 step process. It goes to the CIP Committee, they make their recommendation then it goes to the Board and Advisory Committee and then goes to Town Meeting on recommendation from the Advisory Committee. All things you are looking for are already included in the process. You would be adding a 5th layer to the process. I have read the article but have not seen anyone at the CIP meetings in the past, which have been open for residents to attend and debate the recommendations.

SK – I did start attending meetings last year and have been watching them online during Covid. I think that the meetings being televised are wonderful, especially that I can watch it any time. I fully understand the department heads know what they need for their budgets. But by the time anything gets to town meeting it's too late to debate, so all debates need to happen during Town Meeting. I have been to Meetings that have had some discussion but at the end of the day there is little that moves the needle at that point. The only way to impact change is to get involved earlier in the process. If the voters and citizens of Foxborough are more involved earlier in that process then we will have more of an impact. That is all we are trying to do because honestly once it gets to Town Meeting, and last Town Meeting was a rubber stamp of everything, there wasn't a single thing debated at Town Meeting last year. The citizens are really relying on these committees that make these recommendations and we want to make sure that we have another level of review.

BK – I understand your point about Town Meeting but there is a reason why that occurs is because there is a lot of debate that occurs in the previous meetings. Advisory Committee is an arm of Town Meeting and is designed to ask a lot of those informative questions and the debate of the articles before it gets to town meeting. I believe you are adding a layer that already exists.

SM – The problem is the votes are taken there of what is going to come forward and the goes to AdCom and BOS.

BK – That is the process, I have not seen anyone question anything that has come forward or should come forward.

SM – Isn't it all or nothing by the time it gets to them?

BK – Absolutely not, maybe that is the misunderstanding. The Board can make an adjustment and the Advisory Committee can choose not to recommend what is presented by CIP. It can be changed by either Board.

SK – It appears that it is an all or nothing thing and it seems like there is very little in impact by the time it gets past the committee. Perception is reality and it may not be the process that was intended but that is the perception. It's not adding the step it is modifying the step to have Foxborough registered voters on the committee be voters because we are the ones who [you all do a great job in managing the Town and that it is not an easy task] have the responsibility as voters to make sure we are in alignment with everything. We are not adding a step, we are changing the voting members of that step so when it gets to town meeting it's well vetted by the voters. If there are voting members and there are 3 department heads who are voting on a capital improvement plan it's almost a conflict of interest.

BK – Anything that gets recommended is not approved, it may appear that way but everything has been vetted before getting to town meeting. Ultimately, the Town Meeting makes the decision, not any of the previous boards.

SK – I understand what you are saying but by the time it gets to town meeting the residents of the Town who attend that meeting assume that those recommendations are coming from people from the Town.

BK – They do. CIP Committee makes a recommendation to the BOS and AdComm and then they make the recommendation to the town members at Town Meeting.

ME – This does seem like another hoop to jump through and the way the CIP committee is now is a bylaw in a chartered committee. Also things have been changed on Town Meeting Floor. We did take a couple things out of CIP Committee, which was a police patrol car. The Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen have vet the recommendations of the CIP Committee.

SK – It was not intended to be duplicative but take the people who are on the committee today who are not Town residents and replace them with residents. I do remember the car being taken out and being slipped back in at the fall special town meeting.

ME – It was not and there was a lot of discussion regarding that on Special Town meeting to bring it back up again.

CM – If the Town Manager and Superintendent were town residents would you be okay with that?

SK – Yes, as long as they are town residents. As residents we all pay our taxes and want that spent in certain ways.

CM – I've been at CIP Committee meetings and went into it with concerns and then seeing the process up close, I think the process is good. There is a lot of stuff that doesn't come forward and put off until next year. The assets that we are purchasing are necessary things. No matter if they live in Foxborough or Seekonk or wherever Dr. Berdos lives, the process is good and provides enough opportunity to reject part of it.

LG – I commend you two ladies and bringing this article forwards. I think with CIP around the corner. I'm rusty on the process. To make clear your article wouldn't change the decision of what spent on CIP, not how big the pie is but how it's spent.

SK – My understanding is that department heads make recommendations and the CIP Committee reviews the recommendation. There is debate and questions and then they make a recommendation that would then go to the next step of the process. It's really making the recommendation about the size and what it goes towards. At the end of the day it does get voted on at town meeting and wanting impact earlier on about what gets recommended.

ME – Is this the proper way to change the by-law or charter? The way it's presented now and at Town Meeting it seems like a 5th layer.

LG – I did go back and look at the minutes from last Town Meeting that this was presented at and it only lost by 10 or so votes. I see pluses and minuses on both sides of this and see how this process can remain the same or be changed.

BK – I get concerned when I see process questions brought up about the way things work. I'm not sure that I see where the problem is and where this hasn't worked. Look at the results with the CIP process and point out the problem. We don't buy anything unless we can afford it. We are deferring a lot of things because we can't afford it right now. We have to be careful because if you defer things they become more expensive the second time. Things like the town hall cost twice as much to build. Nobody has pointed out the process is broken and what has to change

SK – I have to respectfully disagree, I do understand the process. As residents, we have the responsibilities to be involved and to make sure the recommendations are in line with the strategic direction of the town. We are trying to get involved earlier in this process and recommendations. As town residents it's our responsibility to maintain fiscal responsibility. I have heard all the budget conversations from this year and for the most part I have been pleased with what the departments that are doing and believe there is always room for improvement. This is for the future not just this year. This won't have an impact for this year's budget.

BK – If you watch the process on Saturday, you'll see how the discussion goes and the consideration given. The items voted on don't mean anything personally and I'm doing what is best for the Town of Foxborough. At the end of the day I don't gain anything by these decisions. I'm concerned because ultimately we know how the operations and finances go to be able to make the recommendations and why we have a Board of Selectment. The Town Meeting doesn't take my or the Superintendents it's the Boards and Advisory Committee recommendations that they consider.

SM – I'm not here to do Shelby's job, but it was an Ad Comm member who brought it forward originally with Shelby bringing it about now. It is not my job to pitch the article but where I do know is that I listened extensively that this was presented to Advisory committee and Chris mentioned would it be different if the department head lives in town. The original proposal was it being a committee similar to Advisory but the department head presents the article and then votes on it, if I'm the Superintendent and I need new computers do you think I'm not going to vote for it? There was more to this and the person who put this article together originally put a lot of time into researching this article. The meat of this is to have a committee of people in this town to vet the CIP recommendations like Advisory Committee. At the time it wasn't fully supported by Advisory Committee and it Town Meeting it was defeated by a narrow margin. It deserves to get to Town Meeting and let the people vote.

BK – The democratic process is that because it is a citizen petition article it will absolutely go on the warrant. I wanted to clarify the process for people.

ME – Thank you everyone and with the CIP Committee meeting Saturday morning and watch the process.

12. 8:50pm Assistant Town Manager's Update – Michael Johns

- I wanted to say how proud I am of the employees that are showing up and working and thank you to all our wonderful employees.

ME – To piggyback on that, I've talked to a couple of senior citizens who have been vaccinated at the COA or have had our vaccination crew come to Carl Annon Court. Also the job being done at Gillette Stadium as well. I've heard the paramedic side of Gillette runs a bit smoother than the other side.

13. 9:00pm Town Manager's Update

- I agree with the tremendous work that our Fire, COA and DPW staff especially.

- Remind everyone that the Capital Improvement Planning meeting is on 8:30am on Saturday March 6th on Foxboro Cable Access.

- We are working on an employee guidebook to have all our information in one place. Working on having a draft to the personnel board in the next few weeks as well as HR counsel to review.

LG – I think the personnel board has not even met in a long time. That board has been rather inactive and is an important piece and need to make sure it is the right process.

BK –The personnel board is a sounding board and then it goes to the BOS for approval.

LG – They then make a recommendation and it comes to our board?

MJ – Yes, it's the same as we did for the Covid polices. It is a full board with an appointed members from Ad Comm. There is one Ad Comm member on the board and then one as an alternate.

- The budget process continues to move forward and we have trimmed back the budget even further.

- I had the chance to meet Jake Auchincloss and presented him the letter in support of the federal aid package for Covid relief

- It's been awhile since the board has looked at the liquor fees and will be taking a look at that, doing that research.

LG – I would recommend to not increase during a pandemic and wait a year.

BK – I wouldn't bring it forward until next fiscal year.

- Annual Town Report is under way.

- We are working on getting a policy about the EDC fund policy

- Looking to get together my review and set the review process since it's a new process. It needs to be done by the end of April.

LG – I think it would be pretty easy, would we be able to do it online.

MJ – We're on track for the applicant tracking system but did not fund the evaluation.

14. 9:10pm - Selectmen's Update

Subject 14.1 New Business

SM- On Facebook Scott Rodman put that it was 20 years since Jerry Rodman's passing and I wanted to acknowledge that and that he was a pretty special guy for to the Town of Foxborough

Subject 14.2 Old Business –

ME – Anybody who is thinking of running for elected office is March 15th at 5pm to the Town Clerk's office.

15. Action Items

Subject 15.1 Jake n Joes Sports Grille - Extended Hours Request 3/6/21 and 3/27/21

Motion to approve extended occupancy hours for Jake n Joes Sports Grille on March 6 and March 27, 2021 until 2:00am with food and alcohol service to remain as in existing license. Approval may be rescinded for any and all dates requested if Covid restaurant operating regulations change, the

Board of Health deems it unsafe to extend the hours, or Jake n Joes Sports Grille is found to be in violation of current Covid restaurant operating regulations by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Did the BOH see this?

Christina Metcalf – Yes and they approved.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Subject 15.2 Recreation - Acceptance of \$200.00 Donation from the Friends of Foxboro Rec for Easter programs

Motion to accept a \$200.00 donation from the Friends of Foxboro Recreation for Easter Recreation Programs by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Subject 15.3 BOS - Approval of BOS January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by S. McGowan, 2nd by C. Mitchell.

Roll Call: CM – Yes, SM – Yes, ME – Yes, EO – Yes, LG – Yes. Approved 5-0.