

Foxborough Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

In attendance:

Bernard Dumont, Seth Ferguson, Thom Freeman, Jr., Jack Martin, Larry Ooi, Dennis Keefe, Paul Ivanovskis, Dan Peterson, Brian Guild, Sharon Weiskerger

MINUTES

7:00PM - Meeting called to order by Seth Ferguson

The first order of business is for ADCOMM to discuss and approve Committee Meeting Minutes from May 6th 2020 - May 20th 2020.

Seth F – made the motion to Accept ADCOMM Meeting Minutes of May 6th 2020

Brian G - 2nd

Vote: 9 – 0 – 0

Seth F – made the motion to Accept ADCOMM Meeting Minutes of May 13th 2020

Brian G - 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Seth F – made the motion to Accept ADCOMM Meeting Minutes of May 20th 2020

Brian G - 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

7:11PM Open Discussion

Seth began the conversation by stating that the ADCOMM should be prepared for a different Town Meeting with deference to social distancing protocols and less pomp. Bernard advised members to read through the Motions that were distributed and for those who will be reading from the podium, to prepare to relay the Article in plain English for the voters. After making the Motion, debate and voting protocols will ensue. Read it word for word, then give the ADCOMM vote and a brief synopsis as to how the Committee came to its decision.

Jack M – For the lengthy Article #10, is it possible to get the reading waived?

Larry O – In those cases, Frank Spillaine (Moderator) will ask the assembled to waive the reading.

Paul I – What do we know of any special ‘mechanics’ of the meeting in regard to COVID-19?

Larry O – You should at least bring your mask. There will be organization to prepare a safe environment, it just has not been shared yet.

Seth F – I will share that info when I get it. What I do know is that I sent in the Committee’s recommendation statements to the Town Clerk and there were no edits requested.

Brian G – Has the quorum limit been lowered from 200?

Thom F – The quorum for Town Meeting is 100.

Dennis K – The Article #5 has a confusing Table A for funding and a less confusing Appendix A.

Seth F – Are they redundant?

Dennis K – Parts of the Motion are not funded (i.e. police).

Jack M - The Motion does not match the Warrant.

Seth F – We will catch up with Bill Keegan to resolve this.

Thom F – The Motions are the legalese versions of the Warrant Articles; they are what is actually voted on, so they can be altered by amendment at Town Meeting. Sharon W and Bernard D concurred.

Bernard D – As a reminder, the ADCOMM only voted on spending side of items.

Dennis K – Article #5 has Water/Sewer Enterprise in the Table for CIP vote but won’t vote for borrowing power until Article #9.

Seth F – Is it being suggested to take Water out of Article #5 and put it in #9?

Jack M – The spending in Article #5 requires 50%, while the borrowing in Article #9 requires 2/3.

Thom F then reminded the Committee that there needs to be one more meeting at the end of the Fiscal Year 2020 for the Reserve Fund appropriations. The Reserve Fund is dedicated for any 'unexpected' expenses incurred during the year (i.e. – legal fees, prior year bills). It was suggested that June 24th being the last Wednesday of the month would work and was agreed to. Seth F said he would send the schedule to Bill K and George S.

8:00PM - Adjournment

Seth F – made the motion for Adjournment

Thom F - 2nd

Vote: 10 – 0 – 0

Minutes approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting: 3 June 2020

Vote:

Signature of Chairperson

Signature of Vice Chairperson