

# Foxborough Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting

Wednesday January 12, 2022

**In Attendance:** Paul Ivanovskis, Jack Martin, Dan Peterson, Jay Mahoney, Dennis Keefe, Sharon Weiskerger, Salina Chowdhury, and Marlowe Farrar.

**Minutes:** Taken by Tony Colangelo

## **7 p.m. Update from Town Manager**

Bill Keegan, Town Manager, walked the Advisory Committee through the Annual Town Meeting calendar for the spring. He also noted that he had asked departments to target no more than a 2.5% budget increase, and that so far it is at 2.7%.

Paul asked, regarding negotiated contracts, aren't a lot of those up this year? Town Manager: yes, in fact all of them are up for review this year.

Jack asked regarding the spreadsheet, shouldn't the date for the Advisory Committee final review be June 29<sup>th</sup>? Town Manager: yes that's correct, I will check and update if needed.

Paul asked regarding department heads, – will they be scheduled to come and talk to the Advisory Committee? Town Manager: yes, we will review and set up a calendar for that.

**7:22 p.m. Paul - Approval of Oct. 20, 2021 minutes from last year.** There were six votes for approval (Paul, Jack, Dan, Jay, Dennis, and Sharon) and two abstentions (Salina and Marlowe).

## **7:24 p.m. Paul – Agenda Item- Financial Policy Document**

Jack recommended that the Committee take no action and defer approval until the financial budget plan reflects promises made at the Town Meeting to use of a portion of meals related taxes for repairs and improvements of sidewalks.

Dan pointed out that the language also isn't clear around the timing and amount of when meals taxes should be applied to roads.

Paul suggested that the Committee shouldn't approve the document given the amount of uncertainty, and that the Committee could have the Town Manager in to further clarify the intent of the language. Other members also voiced discomfort with approving the document in its current form.

Jack made a motion to table review of financial document pending review with the town financial authorities. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

**7:45 p.m. Paul I. - Asked for motion to adjourn meeting.** Dan gave motion to adjourn, Jack seconded and all members voted yes.