

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 30, 2009

Committee Members Present: Christina Belanger, Lauren Bitar, Elizabeth Blair, Jim DeVellis, Kevin Donase, Michael Fitzmaurice, Bob Garber, John Gray, Cynthia Khalifa, Jeff Rudd, Jenna Strickland, Brian Walton, Gary Whitehouse.

Members Absent: Steven Udden and Thom Freeman

Others Present: Jeff Lovely, Boyden Library Trustees, Chairman
Jerry Cirillo, Director, Boyden Library
Janet Pineault, Boyden Library Trustees
David Brown, Zoning By-Law Review Committee
Bill Grieder, Planning Board

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Jim DeVellis, Chairman.

7:30 – Boyden Library Expansion Project – Jeff Lovely, Jerry Cirillo and Janet Pineault came before the Advisory Committee to present plans for a library addition and renovation project. Jeff Lovely asked for the support of the Advisory Committee in their goal of putting this project on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May, 2010. He said the Library Trustees, Director Jerry Cirillo and staff have worked hard in their efforts to keep this old building functioning while trying to keep up with advancements in technology. He explained that in 2005 the library received a grant for \$3.4 million. The estimated contribution by the Town is \$7 or \$8M. With the renovation of the High School, the Library took a step back and put everything on hold. Now they are facing a deadline of December 31, 2009 to submit documentation that they have the support of the Town to move ahead with this project. He expects, before November 16th, to file for an extension to June 20, 2010 and feels this can be accomplished if he can show the support of the BOS and Advisory Committee to put this on the Warrant for next May.

Janet Pineault gave a visual presentation showing what the Library would look like with the addition, the changes in floor plans and the new entrance. She mentioned the new elevator. Like many other areas, the elevator has to be brought up to code. Janet also pointed out that the Mass Board of Library Commissioners requires that the plan must incorporate growth needs for the next 20 years. Jerry Cirillo, Library Director, gave some statistics relative to library activity – serving a population of over 16,000, over 100,000 items in circulation, participation in the SAILES program and meeting rooms that are always in use. He said there has been a tremendous increase in the circulation of CDs, DVDs, etc.

A discussion ensued with questions about parking spaces, use of the library while construction is going on and the expected groundbreaking date and possible completion. Janet Pineault pointed out that with the new construction parking would be under the building using basically the same space that is now provided for parking. She said they might lose one or two spaces. She added that they are constantly looking for the possibility of buying property in order to increase the availability of parking. Jim DeVellis asked about the cost estimate. Janet Pineault said they had a professional do the cost estimate and given the fact that construction costs have dropped some, she feels the \$10.4M is still a good figure. Jeff Lovely explained that funding would come through several sources – grants, a trust fund, debt exclusion and fund raising campaigns.

8:45 – Zoning By-Law Review Committee Presentation – David Brown, Chairman of Zoning By-Law Review Committee and Bill Grieder, Planning Board, were present to discuss the final report on changes in the Zoning By-Laws as they will appear on the Warrant. David Brown explained that his Committee was asked to look at the Zoning By-Laws to do a recodification.

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There are six Warrant Articles to be put before the voters at the Special Town Meeting. He said there are no substantive changes in Article 1. He said an Attorney experienced in zoning had been hired to assist in this project. David Brown said some of the changes are to correct typos and misspellings and in some cases making unclear statements more readable. Some of the language has been taken out of the By-Laws to be adopted under Rules & Regulations rather than the By-Laws. Another area the committee addressed was to make sure all terms and references are uniform throughout the document.

Bill Grieder pointed out that these articles have to be passed by a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. He said this is a working document and are out of compliance when changes are made at the State level. David Brown said changes in Section 1 refer to local regulation as well as some changes in the language have been made. In Section 2 definitions are clarified and some new definitions have been added. Section 3 some language defining district purposes has been deleted and paragraphs have been renumbered. Section 4 Use regulations – this is Section 3 in the revised By-Laws. He said some uses have been added that were not covered under the existing By-Laws. There are no changes in the dimensional requirements.

Home occupation and in-law apartments were discussed. These are allowed by Special Permit only. Bill Grieder said this is an area that is still being "tweaked". He pointed out that the Special Permit is in the name of property owner and is not transferred upon sale of the property. David Brown explained that Warrant Article 5 makes some adjustments in the S1 district. The Economic Overlay District was set up for very large lots. The changes would loosen up the requirements to encourage development on Route 1. Bill Grieder pointed out that the tendency seems to be moving toward smaller business development and these changes would be beneficial for that.

A brief discussion was held. The Planning Board will appear again before the Committee for further discussion because they are still finalizing some of the articles. Jim DeVellis said he would not want to vote on these Articles until the Planning Board had made their final decision. He felt the Committee had a responsibility to say "yes" or "no" on the support for the Library project. Some members of the Committee expressed concern about the use of space given that the use of technology, CDs, DVDs and the Internet etc., has advanced rapidly and requires much less storage space than traditional books and other publications. John Gray said he believes the project has enough merit to be put on the Warrant for ATM in May of 2010.

Motion by John Gray to support the Library Trustees' efforts to bring this project to Town Meeting in May, 2010. Seconded by Bob Garber.

Vote: 13-0-0

9:30 - OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Jim Devellis reviewed the liaison assignments. Jeff Rudd asked to have a representative from the Charter School make a presentation before the Board.

Minutes: The Minutes for the Advisory Committee meeting of September 23, 2009 were reviewed.

Motion by Garry Whitehouse to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 23, 2009 as submitted. Seconded by Lauren Bitar.

Vote: 13-0-0

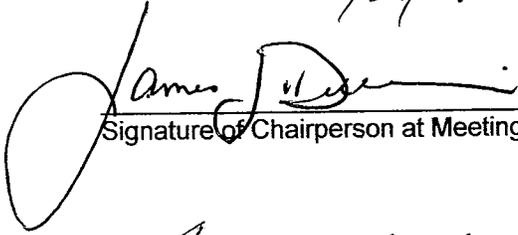
Motion by Lauren Bitar to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Garber.

Vote: 13-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Vote of the Advisory Committee.

Date of Meeting 10/21/09 Vote: 14-0-0

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Signature of Chairperson at Meeting of Vote:

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Signature of Secretary at Meeting of September 30, 2009