

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
June 10, 2014

Members Present: Lorraine Brue, Chairman
John Gray, Vice Chairman
James DeVellis
David Feldman

Members Absent: Ginny Coppola, Clerk

Others Present: Town Manager Bill Keegan
Town Planner Sharon Wason

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Lorraine Brue.

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. and to return to regular session at the conclusion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:12 p.m. and the meeting continued.

Ms. Brue reviewed the agenda.

Board of Selectmen Update

Ms. Brue noted that there was a great turnout for Founder's Day and a wonderful time was had by all. The recent Zip Trip was also very successful with great attendance. Ms. Brue also wanted to congratulate Mike Johns being named a Town Hero.

Mr. DeVellis stated that the dedication of the turf field at the high school will be on June 12th at 5:45 p.m. It will be dedicated to Sam Burns who recently passed away from Progeria. The turf field was a privately funded effort which also received donations from the Kraft Organization and monies left over from the high school renovation. The School Committee voted on naming the field after Sam after being approached by the high school students.

South Coast Rail Grant Application

The Board met with Town Planner Sharon Wason in regards to the FY15 South Coast Rail Grant application. This is the fourth year that the town is applying for this grant. The first three were used to update the Housing Production Plan, develop Downtown Zoning and to update the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. This time Mr. Wason is applying to look at the zoning on Route 1. It has not been looked at since 1989 and there is now twice as much retail as there was then. The town consultant for the Master Plan looked at some aspects during the Master Plan process and found that there is not a demand for more retail and office parks are not as popular as they once were.

This grant would look at the community needs, the potential tax returns and appropriate uses considering the environmental constraints of the area.

Ms. Wason also noted that if sewer becomes available there will be a greater demand. Ms. Wason worked with the MAPC and Kraft Group representatives on the application. The application needs to be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town.

Mr. DeVellis noted that there is not a lot of town land on Route 1 and asked if the business owners have been consulted. Ms. Wason worked with the business owners during the Billboard Committee process and anticipates a similar process for any zoning changes that may be proposed. The MAPC will do work in house on the project so no consultant will be necessary. The typical grant amount is for \$25,000 worth of work.

Mr. Gray asked if this is to see what could be done on the Route 1 corridor. Ms. Wason explained this process would come up with suggestions for zoning on Route 1. Any proposed changes would still need to go through the regular Public Hearing and Town Meeting approval process.

Mr. Feldman asked if the State Economic Development Council would be asked for their input. Ms. Wason stated that she has spoken with that office, they deal with out of state businesses looking for transit locations but usually not suburban locations. They receive occasional inquiries but not many.

Ms. Brue asked if this would be incorporated into the Master Plan. Ms. Wason stated that Route 1 was not looked at in depth during the Master Plan but this could be added as a supplement.

The South Coast Rail is the rail service from Providence to New Bedford and any surrounding impacted communities. Foxboro is an impacted community due to its proximity to Easton.

Ms. Wason also noted that no housing is currently allowed on Route 1 right now and that the state has designated this area as a Design Priority Development Area.

Mr. Keegan stated that this is a great program, the railway system is vital to the region and one of the keys to economic development in the future.

The application is due July 1, 2014.

A motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the FY15 South Coast Rail Grant Application as submitted by the Town Planner was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Billboard Advisory Committee Update

The Board met with Town Planner Sharon Wason who is on the Billboard Advisory Committee. Ms. Brue thanked Ms. Wason, the Route 1 business owners and the Kraft Organization for all of the work done, it was educational for everyone.

Ms. Wason stated that the committee was appointed last summer and included Lorriane Brue, Randy Scollins, Bill Grieder, Bob Garber, Barney Ovrut, Bill Casbarra and Ms. Wason. The Zoning Board of Appeals had received two applications for electronic billboards looking for Variances from the Zoning Bylaws and as a result of those applications, this committee was established.

The committee decided that the whole Sign Bylaw needed review as it had not been updated since the 1990's. An RFP was issued and a consultant hired. Surveys were sent out and 142 were returned, that information was used throughout the process. They hoped to be able to have a new bylaw ready for the Spring Town Meeting but were unable to finish it in time.

They are proposing three sign districts; the town center, Route 1 and the rest of town. Other changes include addressing new technology, regulation by sign zone not zoning district, equity for all Route 1 lots with greater sensitivity to the needs of the business community, incentives for better signs and a more readable bylaw.

They will be meeting on Thursday to recommend the draft Bylaw and will soon be submitting the bylaw to the Board for consideration at a future Town Meeting. As part of the process they will be having public meetings to explain the bylaw hopefully in early September.

This does not address the Board of Water and Sewer Billboards directly but will allow for a clean slate moving forward.

Town Hall Committee Update

Mr. Feldman updated the Board on the progress of the Town Hall Committee. They met on June 3rd with fifteen members including members of the Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen, DPW, Building Commissioner, Finance Department, Planning Board, Town Planner, Ad Hoc Committee and the School Building Official. They had a good meeting with participation by all and are staying focused on the task.

They will be identifying all of the potential sites owned or for sale and a subcommittee will be looking at all of these sites and rank them. They will also be testing the parking lot at Town Hall to identify the viability of building on the granite foundation from an old school that was there.

They are also working on a space study for all departments as well as financing solutions. They also plan to keep the public informed through the Town Manager's cable program as well as establishing a website and possibly a Facebook page.

They have established a preliminary timeline which includes an RFP for architectural services in September 2014, requesting soft funding costs at Fall Town Meeting 2014 and requesting a construction funding package for Fall Town Meeting of 2015.

The use of subcommittees is helping to streamline the process.

Mr. Keegan stated that they are working together well and are all committed to the process, getting an answer and community support.

Mr. DeVellis suggested that the three businesses who submitted rental proposals be contacted as they only information they received was read in the newspaper.

Mr. Keegan stated that a letter was sent out to those businesses two or three weeks ago but after the information was in the paper. The information those businesses provided was helpful but it was decided to focus in a different direction at this time.

Town Manager Update

Mr. Keegan noted that the Senate recently passed the Budget Bill which includes a \$53,000 increase over the amount that was estimated and the school assessment could also be changing.

Mr. Keegan wanted to congratulate the members of the Founder's Day Committee for another successful Founder's Day.

He has been in touch with Rep. Barrows in regards to the Amtrak Fencing and is trying to set up a meeting with Senator Kennedy for the first week of July.

He attended the International Soccer Match at the stadium recently to observe stadium operations, there were minimal arrests and medical services. He also attended the recent country concert.

A new Technical Director has been hired and will start on July 1st.

He will be discussing Goals and Objectives at the next Department Head meeting and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Veterans Agent Mike Johns has been accepted into the Government Leadership Program through the MMA and Mr. Keegan wanted to offer his congratulations to Mr. Johns for this accomplishment.

Action Items

A donation in the amount of \$500 has been received by the Historical Commission from the Foxboro Lions Club for the restoration of the Civil War Statue. Mr. Gray read the letter from the Lions into the record.

A motion to accept the donation of \$500 on behalf of the Historical Commission from the Foxboro Lions Club with thanks was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The minutes of May 13, 2014 were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A request for a citation has been received from Nicholas Calnan whose Eagle Scout Ceremony was held August 18, 2013. The Board members apologized for not attending as a notification was missed.

A motion to create a citation for Nicholas Calnan for his Eagle Scout status was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The 99 Restaurant is notifying the Board that they will be closed for five days beginning on July 20, 2014 for a refresh of the restaurant. The Board noted that the plan includes a new seating plan so the ABCC needs to be notified of a Change to the Floor Plan.

Elaine Biggieri has submitted her resignation from the Council on Aging/Human Services.

A motion to accept the resignation of Elaine Biggieri from the Council on Aging/Human Services and to thank her for her past work was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The 99 Restaurant is requesting a One Day Entertainment License for July 24, 2014. The Board would like to know if this is the re-opening after the renovations as it falls within the five days they notified the Board that they would be closed. Mr. Keegan will have them in at a future meeting to explain.

David Elias of North Street is requesting a streetlight at the intersection of North Street and Putnam Path. Mr. Elias explained that it is dark in the area at night when he or his wife walk their dog. Mr. Keegan will speak to the DPW Director about the request; he also noted that there is a transformer on the pole so he is not sure it can handle the additional weight of a streetlight.

First and Goal is asking for One Day All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses for eight dates during the Patriots Regular Season from September to December for Patriots Tailgate Parties. This is an annual request by Fred Smerlas.

The Board noted that the times of the September 21st and October 26th dates seem early.

A motion to approve the request for eight One Day All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses provided the opening times are consistent with past requests for First and Goal at 59 Washington Street was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Commercial Parking Lots on Route 1 need to be approved for FY 2015.

A motion to approve the Commercial Parking Lots from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 as submitted was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Gillette Stadium is requesting a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Private Reception being held on June 17th, June 18th and June 19th at Lot #10. They are expecting about 40 people per day.

A motion to approve the request for three One Day Beer and Wine Licenses for Gillette Stadium Lot #10 on June 17, 2014, June 18, 2014 and June 19, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Planning Board is notifying the Board that applications have been received for an Accessory Apartment on 94 West Street and a mixed use Building on 14 Mechanic Street as well as a Preliminary Subdivision at 204 East Street called Forge Estates.

Paul DeFazio would like to be appointed to the Personnel Wage Board. He is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee but will be stepping off of that committee at the end of June.

A motion to appoint Paul DeFazio to the Personnel Wage Board effective July 1, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Historical Commission has received a MA State Grant for the restoration of the Civil War Statue in the amount of \$5,000 Mr. Gray read the letter accompanying the grant into the record.

A motion to accept the \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Civil Way Sesquicentennial Commission FY13 Preservation Grant program on behalf of the Historical Commission with thanks was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Notice has been received from Cumberland Farms of the Response Action Plan in regards to a leak in one of their gas tanks.

The Hot Line Observation Log was submitted from the George Strait Concert with no complaints received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

Virginia M. Coppola, Clerk