

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
May 27, 2014

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

Others Present: Town Manager Bill Keegan
Veterans Service Agent Mike Johns
Art Teacher Kelly Arcacha
Heather Harding, Gordon Greene, Judi Johnson, Edie Erickson and Bob
Boette of the Open Space Committee
Andrew Upton of Trader Joe's

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 5-0-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:11 p.m. and the meeting continued.

Ms. Brue reviewed the agenda.

The Finance Director Contract needs to be done in Executive Session first so this will be postponed to a future agenda.

The Board thanked Veteran's Agent Mike Johns for all his work on the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

The Common will be the location for the Fox 25 Zip Trip this Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Mr. DeVellis updated the Board on the results of Clean Up Foxboro Day. There were 300 – 400 volunteers of all ages and types of people. It was a successful day and thanks need to be given to A.J. Dooley and Jack Authelet as well as Jake and Joe's and the Kraft Organization.

Mr. Feldman stated that the Town Hall Building Committee met last week and they are working on reviewing the past space requirements requested and working on augmenting it. They would like to identify the true needs of the space requests made. He feels that they are a diverse group committed to getting the job done.

Mr. Keegan noted that he would like to have a set agenda with additional items as warranted and to prioritize based on the requests received. All requests will be handled by Mr. Keegan and the office staff in the Selectman's office.

Citizen's Input

Don Treannie of 4 Rothchild Drive and two of his neighbors, the Conahan's and the McCue's have a concern for the Board. They live on Rothchild Drive which is the last street off of Summer Street before the Mansfield line.

Mr. Treannie explained that their properties were developed in 2005 and the homes were built in 2007. The Amtrak line runs very near their properties and they were promised fencing once people were on the streets. The current fencing stops 500 feet from their street and the track has the high speed Acela train coming through on it. The Amtrak police have not been helpful so they prepared a letter for the town but are not sure who to submit this too. They have six children under five years old on the street and feel it is a big safety issue.

Mr. Keegan accepted the letter and read it into the record.

Mr. DeVellis suggested they look on the Amtrak website for information on who to contact. It was also suggested that they contact Representative Barrows and Senator Timilty as well as Congressman Kennedy.

Foxboro Cares

Jack Authelet was supposed to be addressing the Board on this topic, but he is not available this evening so Mike Johns is speaking on his behalf. With him was Kelly Arcacha of the Foxboro High School Art Department and students from the program.

Mr. Johns read a letter from Mr. Authelet. He had an idea that the town needs an image or icon to show who and what Foxboro is and felt it could be summed up as "Foxboro Cares". He asked the Art Department at the High School to come up with suggested logo designs for this project. Twelve designs were submitted, of which four finalists were chosen. These four designs are to be presented to the Board tonight so a choice can be made for a logo to be used by all to identify those who care for Foxboro.

Ms. Arcacha stated that she felt this was a good project for the students to work on as it shows the community coming together to support each other.

The four final logo designs were worked on by all the students in the art department and they embraced the project.

The students unveiled the four final logo designs for the Board for them to vote on. Although the Board appreciated all of the designs, one was ultimately chosen.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he has seen the Art Department work with the Middle School on projects and other sites throughout the town.

The Board members suggested that the winning logo be unveiled at the Zip Trip on Friday morning.

Open Space Committee Formation

The Board met with Heather Harding, Gordon Greene, Judi Johnson, Edie Erickson and Bob Boette in regards to the Open Space Committee. The Conservation Commission and the

Recreation Department have come up with suggested members for the Implementation Committee that they would like the Board to acknowledge.

This process was started in 2009 and was submitted to the state in 2011 and approved in 2013. This process was started before the Master Plan but Mr. Greene stated that it could be incorporated into the Master Plan.

They are not required to get approval of the Committee members by the Board but are asking for approval, the state approves the members.

Mr. Greene stated that the Planning Board is also concerned with stewardship of the open land in town and would like to incorporate it into the Master Plan and will encourage the Committee to work together to utilize what has been purchased over the years.

Mr. DeVellis stated that the Committee doesn't need the Board's approval as the membership is set by the state. He felt that the suggested members are all exemplary individuals from different backgrounds.

The Committee will be able to apply for grants, not just for trees but also for parking, PARC grants, etc.

Mr. Gray asked what the Goals and Objectives of the Committee are. Ms. Harding stated that they were written as part of the original application in 2009.

Ms. Johnson noted that this committee will enable the town to receive matching fund grants available from the state.

Mr. Boette also noted that the Community Preservation Act is an option to add to resident's tax bills, this will provide funding to purchase more land through Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Mr. Keegan stated that Community Preservation Act funds can be also be used for things such as recreational development, building improvements and preserving historic buildings; it is widely used by many communities in the state. The Senate added more funding to the program this year as it is a very popular program.

Ms. Johnson added that the community determines how the funds will be used.

Mr. Feldman stated that this is an impressive plan and wondered if they have been working on the seven year update yet. Ms. Harding stated that they have been keeping track of their updates so they will be ready for the 2018 update. This is still a work in progress, they would like to be able to offer educational programs and things such as a community garden or a farmers market in the future.

They helped the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Recreation Department on the Payson Road project, they will continue to work together with town boards and committees.

Ms. Coppola noted that some of the proposed members of the Committee are on other elected Boards and asked if they will have more weight on the Committee. This Committee is an advisory committee only.

Ms. Coppola asked if potential volunteers applied through the Board of Selectmen. A resident named Mike Kelliher has been in contact with Ms. Coppola as he stated he applied to be on the Committee.

Ms. Harding is hoping the exposure at tonight's meeting will bring more people and volunteers to their meetings.

Mr. Keegan noted that he met with Ms. Harding and other members and the plan has been developed under the approved process, in fact, they are a year behind in appointing the committee. The role of the committee will be to help other various Boards and Committees in town to implement recommendations, advise and provide information and to help to make the town eligible for more grants.

Ms. Harding noted that they will provide support to the other Boards and Committees, they will not take any actions themselves the individual Boards will still do that.

Ms. Coppola noted that Mr. Kelliher submitted an application to be appointed to the Committee on April 12th, when the reappointments were submitted to the Board of Selectmen at the end of April, his name was not on the list, he has received no contact from the town and she feels he should be appointed to this committee.

Ms. Harding stated that he was not excluded, but doesn't recall ever seeing anything from him.

Ms. Brue noted that there is a lot of detailed work that has been done on this over a long period of time. She questioned how best to have a review of all Boards involved plus residents. Ms. Harding stated that it will be distributed to all Boards involved for comments.

Mr. Grieder stated that this process was started before the Master Plan and now is a great opportunity to tweak the plan and to stimulate conversation with other Boards. It complements the Master Plan as it is a working document.

Mr. DeVellis noted that this process has been advertised and discussed for many years, they can't force Boards to participate, many volunteers have been working on it already, he suggests that they approve the submitted list and move forward.

Mr. Gray asked what the terms of the members are and if there is a limit on the number of members. There are no terms specified and this list is the recommended Core Committee, other members can be added. They are looking for the Board of Selectmen's support and to get more interest. This is an Ad Hoc Committee not a Bylaw Committee.

Mr. Keegan stated that they are looking for the Board's endorsement, the list is not finalized and more people can be added as they come forward.

Mr. Coppola feels that the process of applying for town committees needs to be looked at.

A motion that the Board of Selectmen appreciates the work done by the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee and supports the creation of the Implementation Committee as recommended by the Conservation Commission and Recreation Department was made by Mr. DeVellis and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Trader Joe's – New Officer/Director

Andrew Upton of Trader Joe's came before the Board to explain that this is for a Corporate Office change but the application is required by the ABCC. There will be no changes to the local store.

A motion to approve the Change of Officer for Trader Joe's per the application provided was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Town Manager Report and Goals and Objectives

Mr. Keegan updated the Board on activity this past week. He would like to thank the Veterans Service Committee and Agent Mike Johns for their work on Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony at the Igo School tomorrow as they are receiving a grant of \$30,000 for the redevelopment of the playground. It is a school assembly, not open to the public.

Mr. Keegan has toured the town's Park and Recreation facilities and is impressed by what's there and in development.

He will be meeting with all four shifts of the Fire Department in the coming weeks. He will also be attending the Council on Aging cookout on Thursday as well as the concert Saturday night at Gillette to observe the safety operation.

The first "Ask Bill Keegan" show will be shown on the Foxboro cable channel on Friday at 6:30 and throughout the weekend. If anyone has any questions they can be emailed to him to be addressed on his next broadcast.

In regards to Goals and Objectives, Mr. Keegan has created a list of issues from the past year and is looking for the Board to provide feedback, suggested additions, deletions, etc. He has categorized the issues but the list can be changed as necessary.

He feels that an important priority is establishing a Facilities Maintenance Program which will cover all town and school properties. Then if something needs to be repaired, it can be done with one phone call. He would also like to get the buildings on a maintenance schedule. The Department Managers should be running their departments not the buildings. He has already spoken with the School Business Manager and the Finance Director about this program. It will be funded through a Capital Plan. If the town buildings receive better maintenance, this will help to build public confidence in funding buildings when they can see that they are being properly maintained.

Mr. Keegan also suggested that the Board prioritize items from a Department Head perspective for future meetings. He will be holding a Department Head meeting in two weeks and will update the Board in mid-June.

Action Items

The Board does not want to bundle the items and would prefer to take each item separately for proper acknowledgement.

The Founder's Day committee would like to have a collection on the Common on May 25th to collect for the fireworks for Founder's Day. The application was dated March 20th but never came before the Board, this is informational at this point as the event has already occurred.

The Recreation Department has received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the St. Alban's Masonic Angel Fund for children to be able to attend the Booth Summer Program. They have also received a donation of \$100 from the Mom's Club of Foxboro.

A motion to accept the donation on behalf of the Recreation Department in the amount of \$2,000 from the St. Alban's Masonic Angel Fund and to accept \$100 from the Moms Club of Foxboro with gratitude was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. DeVellis abstaining.

The Historical Commission has received a donation in the amount of \$100 from Virginia Coppola for the restoration of the Civil War Soldier Statue.

A motion to accept the donation of \$100 from Virginia Coppola on behalf of the Historical Commission with thanks was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Ms. Coppola abstaining.

William Norwood has submitted his resignation from the Council on Aging and Human Services effective May 1, 2014.

A motion to accept the resignation of William Norwood from the Council on Aging with thanks for his past work was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 17th, April 22nd, April 29th and May 1st.

A motion to accept the minutes of April 17, 2014, April 22, 2014, April 29, 2014 and May 1, 2014 as amended was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A request has been received to change the name of the Green Valley Steakhouse and Demetri's to Demetri's Red Snapper and Demetri's. This is located at 2 Washington Street (Route 1).

A motion to accept the name change of the Green Valley Steakhouse/Demetri's to Demetri's Red Snapper/Demetri's was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Robert Motta is inviting the Board to attend the dedication ceremony at the Foxboro Common Bandstand which will be named the Bowditch Bandstand on May 31st at 2:00 p.m.

The Jaycees fixed up the bandstand two weeks ago as they do every year.

The Boyden Library has received a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Moms Club of Foxboro to purchase materials for the Children's Department and a donation in the amount of \$250 from the Foxboro Jaycees to renew the Children' Museum of Easton pass.

A motion to accept the donations on behalf of the Boyden Library in the amount of \$100 from the Moms Club of Foxboro and \$250 from the Foxboro Jaycees with gratitude was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A new Hackney License has been applied for by Toni Saliba of Hello Foxboro Taxi.

A motion to approve a Hackney License for Toni Saliba of Hello Foxboro Taxi was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Charles Barton would like to be appointed to the Veterans Services Advisory Committee.

A motion to appoint Charles Barton to the Veterans Services Advisory Committee for a term expiring May 1, 2015 was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mildred Greene would like to be appointed to the Council on Aging and Human Services.

A motion to appoint Mildred Greene to the Council on Aging and Human Services for a term expiring May 1, 2017 was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Kevin Coughlan would like to be appointed to the Stadium Advisory Committee.

A motion to appoint Kevin Coughlan to the Stadium Advisory Committee for a term expiring May 1, 2015 was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0-0.

America's Best Value Inn have applied for 2 coin operated pool table licenses.

A motion to approve the America's Best Value Inn application to have 2 coin operated pool tables was made by Ms. Coppola and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A request for a streetlight at the intersection of North Street and Putnam Path has been received by resident David Elias. Mr. Keegan will follow up on this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray