

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2015

Members Present: James J. DeVellis, Chairman
David S. Feldman, Vice Chairman
Christopher P. Mitchell, Clerk
John R. Gray
Virginia M. Coppola

Others Present: William G. Keegan, Jr., Town Manager
Ms. Mary Beth Bernard, Assistant Town Manager
Ms. Stephanie McGowan, 19 Rhoads Lane
Attorney Steven Miller, McDermott, Quilty & Miller
Mr. Scott Williams, Renaissance
Mr. Kevin Weinfeld, Foxborough Planning Board
Mr. Roger Hill, DPW Director
Representative Jay Barrows
Mr. Jack Walton

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by James DeVellis.

A motion to enter into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or conduct negotiations with union personnel – Student Officer Litigation and return to regular session at the conclusion was made by Christopher Mitchell. Seconded by John Gray. **The motion carried 5-0-0. Roll Call Christopher Mitchell – yes, James DeVellis – yes, John Gray - yes, David Feldman – yes, Virginia Coppola – yes**

James DeVellis read the agenda.

7:05pm – Citizen's Input – Stephanie McGowan, 19 Rhoads Lane

Ms. McGowan wanted to know why the Board of Selectmen did not have a town E-Mail. She was wondering if those E-Mails are archived/saved and if someone wanted to go up to the Town Hall and request those as public record they could. Over the last couple of years Selectmen have stated that they have received numerous E-Mails from residents in town so she was wondering if maybe our technology wasn't able to house town E-Mail for everyone but where they have expanded it now it seems like every town employee has one and even though the Board may not be technically a paid employee they are representing the town so has anyone discussed everyone having a town E-Mail. It seems strange to her that some are personal E-Mails and she is sure that if someone was asked to turn over E-Mails they would be happy to do so but if they were all on town E-Mail everything would be easy to come up with.

If someone came up stating they wanted to know what people were thinking about Splitsville or the marijuana issue if the Board is stating that they are getting E-Mails it would be easier to track the number of E-Mails that are coming in.

Mr. DeVellis stated that it was a good question and it has been brought up before and back then they didn't have the technology in town to do this and he knows in some towns volunteers don't even have E-Mail.

Ms. McGowan stated that her husband works in the school department and they brought someone in, she doesn't know if that was for across the board or not so it could be at one point there wasn't enough E-Mails or there wasn't enough space to actually house theirs. With everything going on nationally and all the discussion about E-Mails she thinks it is protection for the Board. Mr. DeVellis stated it is and even though they are volunteers they are technically town employees with respect to open meeting law. Before Mr. DeVellis wasn't sure if they had the server and his preference if there was a town E-Mail to use it would make his life a lot easier.

Ms. McGowan stated that this was not a complaint, it was just a general question and this was just something Ms. McGowan wanted to bring to everyone's attention.

Mr. DeVellis stated that if it was not an item of just five people doing it but they have the Planning Board; there are probably 150 volunteers in town that work on different commissions and boards and it is a big undertaking.

Mr. Keegan stated that in his last position they had a mailbox that went to all of the Selectmen and it was called freshideas@dedhamma.gov so Foxborough could do a similar thing for Foxborough and it went to all of the Selectmen so they could each respond but obviously the all of the Selectmen would receive it at the same time.

Mr. DeVellis stated that this would be a good time to remind people that if someone does send an E-Mail to Mr. DeVellis or anyone on the Board, it is public record so be careful of what you say because everyone is going to see it. Ms. McGowan is a believer of if you are going to voice your opinion, you should put your name to it and if the public asks the Board to take responsibility so the public should take responsibility for what they send/ask the Board.

Mr. DeVellis stated that if the new Town Hall goes forward with all the IT things it would probably be the time to do that.

7:15pm – Selectmen's Update

Mr. DeVellis stated that he wanted to thank Mary Beth Bernard. Today is the day that the big storm was supposed to be coming up and it was nice to see Ms. Bernard coral the Police, Board of Health, Fire, Building Inspector. They were represented in a room and they talked about communication, cable access, the Foxboro Reporter, a place to go. Everything was so streamlined and Mr. DeVellis was looking back 5-6 years ago and they were saying who is going to go to the Common with a megaphone. Even though the storm did not hit, Mr. DeVellis

wanted people to know that Foxborough is in an incredibly good position to be organized if one of these things happens. It was nice to see.

Mr. Keegan stated that there is an organization in place now and it is a playbook basically and we follow it and it works every time.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he thinks that the common agreement was now we know who is in charge and back in the day people would come in and say they were in charge and none of that happened. The residents are comfortable that as long as there is information and it can get out there it works pretty well. Mr. Keegan stated that everyone has a role and it is clear what that role is so there is never any question what people should be doing and when it is done like that the amount of confusion gets reduced significantly.

Mr. DeVellis stated that there are a couple of things coming up and he wanted to publicly say thanks to the Board of Selectmen for the effort that this Board is doing. He knows that McGinty Day was a big effort and it was very successful. There was a Master Plan meeting last week where the Selectmen, Planning Board, Water & Sewer and all the different departments got together to talk about downtown and with all these groups getting together they were lucky enough to have Lieutenant Governor Polito come to H.U.G.S. over the weekend. He knows that Mr. Keegan and Ms. Bernard were there as well. H.U.G.S. stands for "Help Us Get Safe" and if you go down by the Fire Department you will see a sign that was approved a couple of years ago. The Board spends a lot of time talking about drugs and alcohol and child sexual abuse but this is a quiet group for domestic abuse and it was their 10th anniversary for the run. They started in 2002 and it is just a mile walk. The message that they heard from Lieutenant Governor Polito was that they are trying to make it so that there is no door that you can come to that is a wrong door. It was a nice group that came together and it is a piece of the puzzle that is nice to have in Foxborough.

Ms. Coppola stated that she went to the Mass Municipal Association Annual Selectmen's Conference on Saturday at Lake Pearl. It is free for members of the Mass Municipal Association and she sat with the Wrentham and Walpole Selectmen. It is a good opportunity for networking and they had some nice discussions on issues of mutual interest. What they did was have a Beacon Hill update on legislation being discussed and how the legislation will affect municipalities and in particular they talked about the changes in the public records law and how this unfunded mandate will cost the towns in time and money and so they urged everyone to contact their state representatives to vote against it. Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito was there and she spoke about the issues facing the administration this past year and she also spoke about the Community Compact which Mr. Keegan is going to speak about in his report. They had breakout sessions and Ms. Coppola attended the break out session on Collective Bargaining and Facilitating Public Meetings and it was good information. It is good to be able to sit with your fellow Selectmen and be able to find out what their concerns are; some are different and some are the same.

Mr. DeVellis stated that the Board had spoken about getting together for a tour of the new developments at the Kraft property (hotels and anything having to do with liquor licenses and changes at the stadium). The Board had spoken about Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 4:00pm

and it is going to be a public meeting. They are going to reach out to the different boards that deal with permits and things that go on at the stadium and collectively walk it. Mr. DeVellis does want it to be a public meeting and it is a working meeting and the public is invited. It is not an autograph and let's see the locker rooms at the stadium session. Mr. DeVellis is envisioning between 1 to 1 ½ hours of just walking it. The reason for this being when things come in front of the boards they will have a better perspective if they can see the things that are going on.

The D.A.R.E. Group got together last weekend at the Public Safety Building and there were a lot of tables. Mr. DeVellis stated that it wasn't that well attended; people did come by and drop off their prescription drugs but there were a lot of tables set up for the different drugs and alcohol.

There is another Master Plan meeting coming up on October 27, 2015. Mr. Feldman stated that with all the hard work that was done in creating the Master Plan now comes the important step of actually implementing it and there was a very good discussion last week relative to the best path to take and some of the issues that lie in front of them. It was attended by the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, DPW, Water & Sewer and members of the Economic Development Committee. Everyone had good ideas and now they just need to focus and get everyone pointed in the right direction so they can really open up development opportunities not only downtown but the other nodes that have been identified. It was really a good first step. There is another meeting October 27, 2015 and hopefully this will continue to progress to the point where they can present something meaningful to the town and the steps to go forward.

Mr. DeVellis stated that there are a couple of fundraisers going on and they may be overlapping. They just met this afternoon on the pavilion. Town Planner, Sharon Wason passed away and they are raising money to build a pavilion down at Payson Road basically for the neighborhoods, for sports and groups that get together there. Their goal was to wrap that up by the end of the calendar year in December and build it in the spring. They have quotes so if there is anyone out there that feels a passion for helping and it would be nice to see some new people that have moved into town, reach out to anyone on the Board and they can direct them.

They have been meeting a lot on the 300' flag pole that is 100+ years and the goal is to get it funded and build/install it by Founder's Day. They are about 20% to where we need to go on that and there are a lot of good people reaching out so if you are inclined to help or be generous. The history of the common is that it has always been done by the people and not tax money from the very beginning so they are confident they are going to get there.

This is the third year that they have been reaching out with the High School Football team for Thanksgiving and they are looking for \$1,000-\$2,000 to buy turkeys for all of our veterans and tickets if they want to go to the football game. Mr. DeVellis is a little behind starting that so if anyone wants to jump in and help they need to start that soon to get it all done by Thanksgiving. Mr. DeVellis stated that if people wanted to send in donations they can send it to the Selectmen's office and make the check payable to the Town of Foxborough. Put in the memo portion of the check "For Veterans Turkeys".

Mr. DeVellis stated that all of these donations are tax deductible and you will get a receipt stating no services have been provided for it.

Ms. Coppola stated that if you also want to donate to the flagpole the check would also be made out to the Town of Foxborough and make note "flagpole donation". Mr. DeVellis stated that this would be the same for the pavilion also making note "Sharon Wason Memorial Pavilion".

7:20pm – Renaissance Hotel – Public Hearing – Alteration of Premises, Change of Officers & Directors and Transfer of Stock – Attorney Steven Miller/Mr. Scott Williams

Christopher Mitchell read the public hearing notice.

Attorney Miller stated that they are back before the Board for the same issue that they were before the Board on September 8, 2015 which the Board voted favorably for. This is correcting the ad that did not have the Change of Officers & Directors and Transfer of Shareholders.

Attorney Miller stated that they were seeking the Board's approval to move the club lounge from the fifth floor to the first floor where the spa is and put two guest rooms on the fifth floor where the club lounge is and also a Change of Officers & Directors. Mr. Xarras, who currently is a 1/3 owner of Colwen Management would buy out the other two, Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Schleicher and be the 100% owner. Mr. Schleicher will stay on as a director and Mr. Xarras is bringing on Terrence Bickhardt as Senior Vice President Director/Treasurer, Christine Thomas would be Director and Julie Scott as Senior Vice President Director.

Mr. DeVellis informed the Board that the September 8, 2015 minutes were in their packets. Mr. Mitchell asked if they wanted to start out by rescinding that vote. Mr. DeVellis stated the Board should listen to everything first and if everything is in order they will retract that motion.

Mr. Gray asked on the organization chart for Renspa Place, if you look at the percentages they don't add up to anything that he could follow. Mr. Gray asked them to explain what Renspa Place is and then secondly the percentages. Attorney Miller stated that Renspa Place is the actual lessee and Colwen Management is the management company that holds the license and runs the hotel. The shares, Attorney Miller had the same questions and these are the different trusts that are under Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Schleicher so basically the owners of Renspa are Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Schleicher and their various trusts. Mr. Gray asked if some of the trusts apportioned to ownership in Renspa LLC. Attorney Miller stated yes. Mr. Gray asked if the real issue was in the change of ownership. Attorney Miller stated in Colwen Management, there is no change in Renspa LLC.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he does not think there is a danger in leaving the vote as it was because they are voting on the new Director but he is going to defer to Mr. Keegan. Mr. Keegan stated that it would be better to rescind it and then revote it.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to rescind the vote taken on September 8, 2015 to approve the Alteration of Premises for the Renaissance Hotel and accept the New Directors. Seconded by John Gray.

Mr. DeVellis stated that it was a vote of 5-0-0 to approve it.

Vote 5-0-0

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to close the public hearing. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Alteration of Premises of the Annual All Alcoholic Beverages Hotel License and New Officers & Directors and Transfer of Stock for Colwen Management, Renaissance Hotel, 28 Patriot Place. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

7:28pm – Foxborough Housing Trust – Kevin Weinfeld

Mr. DeVellis stated that they had the town meeting that voted for where they are right now with starting a fund and it is going to run out and there is a certain date on it. The Board was looking for some dialog and input from the Planning Board with respect to the goals and objectives. A developer was to put money in a fund and they were to put it towards housing and they need to come up with a committee and it was going to be a joint committee and to vote for where that went and the closure date is June 2016. If it is not used by June 2016 what happens. Mr. Weinfeld stated that it is kind of open-ended as to what happens but the bottom line is that in exchange for not continuing to do affordable housing all in one area of the town which is where Carl Anon Court is and what is going to be at the State Hospital where the fit was probably not quite right there even though it is a variety of types of housing there. In exchange for that, Mr. King has agreed to make donations up to \$300,000. Mr. King has made a substantial portion of that donation and there is still some money that has to come in. The benefits were to use the money to do housing in other parts of the town and spread that type of housing around and not all in one location. Also, it so happens that since then the state has offered up a piece of land near Rt. 95 and Walnut Street. John Michelmores and the Foxborough Housing Authority have shown some interest in that so there is a possibility of a portion of that money (Mr. Weinfeld isn't sure how much) would be put towards the purchase of that land because it looks like they are going to be beyond their goal for 40B in the Town of Foxborough presuming that the other 40B's get approved. Mr. Weinfeld stated that the domain has been approved and he believes the one on Community Way was also approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals; that is in Conservation right now. That would free them up to do more senior housing and that is a possibility for some of that land that is up there which would also be considered affordable but it is just a different type of housing. Mr. DeVellis asked if they could use some of that fund to build strictly senior housing if it falls within the parameters of affordable. Mr. Weinfeld stated yes, it is still strictly an affordable component it is just not congregate housing or housing of that nature.

Mr. Weinfeld stated there are several opportunities but they do have to wrap their heads around getting a committee involved and then trying to make some decisions about how to proceed.

Mr. Keegan stated that a committee was representative of several different boards throughout the town including the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, Ad Com and the Foxborough Housing Authority were the key players. Mr. Keegan stated that there were four board members and three at large. They have only had one person express an interest on the 'at large' side so

they are looking to fill those other two seats. Mr. Weinfeld asked if they had any good ideas on how to reach out to people. Mr. Gray stated that he had reached out to two people in the last few weeks thinking that one would say yes and he got two no's so his search continues. Mr. Weinfeld asked if they found that they didn't have time to commit or they didn't like the particular committee. Mr. Gray stated that they didn't have the time to commit and he had told them that the duration of the assignment was rather short because it should wrap up by next summer but they didn't have the personal time to devote to it. Mr. DeVellis stated that it might be lack of understanding also because unless people really understand it and it is very public it is out of sight, out of mind. Mr. DeVellis stated that he thinks it is also the society that we live in; people are busy and they don't want to get involved for whatever reason. The town is entrusted with this money and if the town can't get their act together to do it Mr. DeVellis' vote is to give it back to the developer and say thanks but no thanks. If they can't figure out that there is a need and desire. Mr. Weinfeld stated that they know there is a need they just need to get organized to do it. Mr. DeVellis stated from the Board's side it sounds like the positions are filled and they are just looking for one more person from the general public. Mr. Keegan stated that we need two more people.

Mr. DeVellis asked if the date is certain of June 2016 in which Mr. Weinfeld responded yes. Mr. DeVellis asked what we needed; there is money in hand so do they need a project or a shovel in the ground. Mr. Weinfeld stated that he doesn't think we need a shovel in the ground and that we need to have a group put together to look at what the opportunities are. Mr. Weinfeld would like to find out from Attorney Michelmore or from another member of the Housing Authority how far along they are in making overtures to the state for that one particular piece of property. If that does not pan out Mr. Weinfeld knows from a conversation with Mr. King an example was the house on Market Street was one that needs to be replaced; it needs to be either demolished or replaced with a new duplex/triplex or something built or some type of a rehab on the existing property. That was part of the discussion they had the other night because in order to make that work they have to have sewer because there is not good enough soil there and there is not good enough room to put in a septic system.

LOST AUDIO/VISUAL

The Board wanted to know who was running this, the Planning Board. Mr. Weinfeld stated that it came through them and they will take a leadership role.

Ms. Coppola wanted to know who would own the housing and if the housing authority has the authority to buy/sell the property. Also, could the Trust purchase the property and turn it over to the housing authority.

Mr. Weinfeld will work with Mr. Keegan and Ms. Bernard to move forward.

7:45pm – Route 140 Discussion (Cont'd) – Concerns & Solutions

Representative Barrows stated that there is a lot of traffic and that is good because it means people are working but at the same time if they want to improve that economic base or that diversity; you have Meditech in there now and they have 600 people a day coming up. It is a

different dynamic. Jake n Joe's, you can't go by there and it isn't full. The Residence Inn, they are running at 100% on weekends. Traffic on the weekends in Mansfield is nightmarish because it is all at once and it is all morning long. Representative Barrows stated that is the plan.

Ms. Coppola stated that Jay Ashton and Stephanie Pollack are concerned about economic development and the Board is also. One of the Board's major concerns is that they wanted the state to be aware of those intersections; the safety component. Ms. Coppola stated that Representative Barrows had economic people come in but are they also going to include safety people. Representative Barrows stated that the head of State Engineering of Mass Highway, Mr. Budrow is coming out and Representative Barrows is hoping that they include Mr. Tinlan. They have agreements (at least on paper) from the Southeastern Regional Planning Council and then the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission which Mr. Keegan dealt with them in the Dedham area and that is their other challenge; they have two counties so they are bringing those two together and again on paper they are hoping that the Southeastern Regional Planning Council and the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will work together to create a needs analysis because those things have to be documented and approved and then it gets on to (what they handed out to the Board) a capital conversation about Mass Highway and their plan for 2018.

The Board was informed that they got money in the transportation bond bill last year to address issues for the Charter School, Central Street and Commercial Street but they were told that the bond bill isn't coming; there is not going to be a release of any money because they are \$1.8B in the hole with the switch of the administration so there is no money coming out and it is really going to be 2018 before they get that tip list going. Representative Barrows is hoping that they have a little attention from them and he was really happy because they got the Board's note on Thursday and they were able to make some telephone calls and he got someone to say they would do it. Mr. DeVellis stated that there is a resident in Foxborough; a colleague of Mr. DeVellis' who is very well respected and she is a traffic engineer that lives in Foxborough and she has volunteered her services if they need it for planning conceptual work. Mr. DeVellis can picture a large board with the Route 140 corridor with all the different development components; something that is a lead behind saying that this is what our issues are; dangerous intersections, school and some of the graphics. Representative Barrows stated that they would love to have her help. Mr. Hill stated that the good news was that the counts done by MAPC and SRPC, they have the gear and people and it doesn't cost the town any money to have that done and it doesn't cost Mansfield and Norton any money either. Mr. Hill stated that Route 140 is the life's blood of the three communities. It is great to have the interstates but they are through roads. Representative Barrows stated that when you look at just the cloverleaf alone in the new design you will see down by Route 295; you get off the highway and you don't go around the 180° roundabout that eats up about 15 acres; now it is a direct merge off the highway; that leaves room for signalization, it puts the exit ramp closer to where the highway intersects so you don't have these broad turns and wasted space. That is already on the plan for Route 95 that will happen maybe in 2020. Representative Barrows would love to have her participation because he is not a traffic engineer and all he can try to do is bring them together and if they had an Adhoc Committee from Foxborough formed he would have an opportunity to get them on November 2, 2015 that Mass Highway is going to come out to Mansfield and Representative Barrow hopes that they can have a representative from the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board participate and they are trying to do the same in Mansfield and Norton and show that they are

serious about this. They take public safety seriously and he thinks they will make some progress. It is not going to happen tomorrow or next year but they have to get it on the list and get them moving towards it. Representative Barrows was thrilled that SRPC and MAPC said that they would work together to do it because he doesn't think that this has ever happened before.

Representative Barrows asked the Board to work collectively before their Mass Highway meeting to petition the state for the Charter School to create a "no school zone". Between 7:15am-8:15am there is a lot of traffic there and none of that is going to move away as a result of the designation but it might get some people's attention because they have had one Crossing Guard who was nicked about five years ago. Mr. Hill did a wonderful job getting the lines in which created a safety lane but it is still very narrow.

Representative Barrows stated that they had half a crosswalk because they had done some repaving on West Leonard Street and they asked Mass Highway to repaint this and they did it right away. They understand the safety issue (Charter School has 1,500 students/day going in and out of there).

Mr. DeVellis asked what he needed from the Board for the petition. Representative Barrows stated just a letter; Mr. Keegan stated they would have something for the Board by the next meeting.

Representative Barrows stated that the Farmer's Market is pretty much wrapped up for the season and they need to have some conversations with the Planning Board and get their perspective; there will be another traffic study as it relates to Fisher Street and perhaps a protected right turn out of there on to Route 140 South. Mr. DeVellis stated that they are meeting on that next week. Representative Barrows stated that the goal needs to keep the traffic there moving so it doesn't go through the neighborhoods. They have to ask the people in Foxborough who use those roads to be careful. The speed coming up Route 95 he thinks the frustration is you are doing 30 mph during rush hour and he thinks once people hit Route 140 they think they can go 70 mph. Representative Barrows stated that what he is seeing today is narrower lanes and then you don't get the second lane on the right-hand side.

Ms. Coppola stated where the Health Center is on Central Street it was spoken about continuing Walnut Street to go out to Central Street; who owns that land. Mr. Hill stated that the Town of Foxborough owns a 25' easement that is occupied by a power pole line. Walnut Street used to go straight out to Central Street where Route 95 crosses Central Street. Mr. Gray asked if there was still a road there in which Mr. Hill responded that they have an easement but it is town property under the easement. Ms. Coppola asked if they have the right to put an exit through to Central Street. Mr. Hill responded that you could move forward with a plan like that if it is proven that it is a viable solution to some of the problems that the town is having. It is one more thing that needs to be looked at in this study. Ms. Coppola asked if this tour would be the beginning of this process in which Representative Barrows stated that it has to be looked at. There is a house next to it and we only have a 25' right-of-way. It is not an easy fix but there may be a solution to it. Representative Barrows stated that it would relieve the traffic from the old Route 106 and Copeland Drive. Mr. Hill stated that if they could do this and just have traffic

turning into that street it would alleviate some of the problem. Representative Barrows stated that Schneider Electric is looking at ways to improve their flow through there as well. Representative Barrows asked Ms. Coppola to be the liaison between the Board and himself to come up with a schedule. Mr. Gray asked when the date of the meeting is in which Representative Barrows stated that they don't know yet; they are hoping before Veteran's Day.

Home Rule Petition

Representative Barrows stated that at the Foxborough May Town Meeting in 2014 there was a Home Rule Petition that passed to lift the restriction of recreation only on the State Hospital property. They received something back from DECAM and then Sharon Wason passed away when they were in that whole process of is this going to go because DECAM had issues with the wording. The ball is in our court again and we need to have conversations with them and hopefully the Home Rule Petition holds together so that we don't have to take a second vote but we have to change some of the wording and have a conversation with them. They are working with Matt Cocheri at DECAM; he is new and they have known him from working in the building before so he is very helpful so they have some correspondence that they need to get on the docket in the next couple of weeks so that they can try and move it forward to see if they can get it out of the committee because it is stuck right now until they redo the wording. Representative Barrows is hopeful that the signatures of the Board will advance it forward and they won't need another vote. Mr. DeVellis stated obviously they can get some alternatives of what they can do with that project. Representative Barrows stated that the objective is to finish this project. Representative Barrows had the pleasure of walking Payson Road with Senator Timilty and he would like to duplicate this in Medfield.

Ms. Coppola asked if the state was offering any grants for sewer development. Representative Barrows stated that Mr. Hill is in the process of trying to get a grant. We are competing with the Cape but we are the first ones to have a Regional Treatment Plant that will handle five towns in the Commonwealth but the problem is there isn't enough money. They need to work with the Governor. Lieutenant Governor Polito has been to Foxborough twice in the last 4-5 weeks and she was in the House and Matt Beaten who is the Secretary of Environmental Energy sat in the House with them so they all know that they are working on it and hopefully they will get some help.

8:30pm - Town Manager's Report

Mr. Keegan stated that he spent seven days out in Seattle at the International State Manager's meeting and it was good to learn what is going on at an international level in our business which is ever-evolving. There are still common themes that they talk about and one is economic development which is a very big topic and Mr. Keegan got some really good information about that listening to real estate developers all around the country as to what they think we should be looking for, for the economic development downtown.

Understanding the thinking that goes on in the next millennium.

Learning about economic development and how we can further turn our organization into a hard charging organization.

New technologies that are coming out. Ten years ago when Mr. Keegan went to the conference he was one of the first people to use an iPad now virtually everyone has one and if you go into these trade shows everything is about technology.

Mr. Keegan got an update on BoardDocs which is the company that they are looking to use to move our meetings into a more paperless environment. Their next version of their software which they have been holding off until it comes out Mr. Keegan actually did see the pilot version that has been finished but they were reluctant to give him a date as to when it will be released so they are still going through some stages of it and somewhere around the first of the year they should see that release and then Mr. Keegan will get back to the Board on their steps in dealing with that.

This afternoon Mr. Keegan signed a contract for a new town wide telephone system. There are a few departments that will not be part of it because they are outlays. By-in-large most of the departments will be part of this telephone system and the schools, town and public safety. It is state of the art technology which Mr. Keegan is really glad to see. To the credit of our new IT Director, Aaron Hyre he negotiated a terrific price off of the state bid list to get us the best technology that Mr. Keegan has seen yet. They hope to have that up and running by the first of the year as well.

The Economic Development Committee is meeting tomorrow night and Mr. Keegan has been working with Mr. Feldman and a couple of members of the committee to get that squared away so they are excited about that group. It is a very influential group and they will come up with great ideas and they will focus on certain areas of town with an initial focus on downtown but they will move out beyond that. Since the last meeting a particular developer has expressed a lot of interest in the fire station building. They have finalized the contract documents for the auction process to go forward and they are looking to have that go forward probably before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Keegan attended the H.U.G.S. Family Walk on Saturday and it was great to see everyone there and they were pleased to see Lieutenant Governor Polito who was in town for the second time in just a few weeks.

Mr. Keegan wanted to let the community be aware that the Foxborough Police Department set a new record up at Gillette Stadium this past weekend at the Patriots game; they had no arrests during that game which is something that has never happened. They had a few protective custodies but there were no arrests during that game so that is great news to hear that. That was the fewest in the team's history in Foxborough since the early 1970's said the Police Chief O'Leary who was interviewed in this article. Friday night they only took 17 of the 47,800 fans into custody during the Ed Sheeran concert and of those only six were arrested and the rest were protective custody. No one was taken into custody during the soccer game. What is significant about that is that they had over 125,000 fans in that stadium over the weekend and they had only 6 arrests and 23 people taken into protective custody during that period of time. That is

extraordinary and Mr. Keegan is glad to see that is the kind of trend that they are moving in and congratulations to the Police and the public safety people for doing such a great job and to all the staff members that work at the stadium as well. Hopefully that is a trend that continues.

Mr. Keegan stated that on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at approximately 10:00am the MBTA will be conducting an emergency evacuation drill on a commuter rail line that will be stopped outside of the commuter rail station and the exercise is scheduled to take place at approximately 10:00am to 12:00pm so about a two hour event at which time neighbors can expect high activity in the area starting as early as 8:00am. The exercise is designed to train public safety officials to enact emergency response plans, policies and procedures in regard to a mass casualty event on a commuter rail train to ensure the effective exercise experts and representatives from numerous agencies will take part in the planning process and will be part of the exercise during that evaluation. Agencies taking part in the exercise includes the MBTA, MBTA Police, Keyolis, the Kraft Group, Foxborough Fire Department, Foxborough Police Department, Mass Coastal and Fallon Ambulance Services. It is very good to see that take place so we are very well trained in that area.

Just a reminder that Dooley Disposal Services will be collecting Sharps from the Foxborough residents twice over the next few months. Collections will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 and Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm and the collections will be held in the McGinty Room at the Foxborough Public Safety Building located at 8 Chestnut Street. If anyone has any questions about that please contact Dooley at (508) 543-1289.

Ms. Coppola had mentioned earlier that she had heard at the meeting with Lieutenant Governor Polito on Saturday that several communities are involved in the Community Compact process and we have also been involved in that process as well. In fact, we have been working on developing a strategy for what we would like to submit for consideration of our Community Compact Agreement. We have identified and Mr. Keegan will share this with the Board at the next meeting and get some feedback from the Board if they have any further considerations about what they would like to do with this but they can actually solicit help from the state in various areas including housing, competitiveness, job creation, retention, technology, economic development and all the key areas in which they are already fully engaged in but can get some additional assistance from the state in these areas. The state is asking for us to partner with them on these issues and to share with them our best practices and at the same time they will give us additional technical services from the state to help us in these areas. They are fully involved with this process already and they will be submitting those over the next few weeks. At the next meeting Mr. Keegan wants to bring the Board into this discussion so they are all on the same page and at the same time maybe get some additional input from some of the other boards around town (Planning Board, Finance, etc.), areas that we can use some real help in. Ms. Coppola stated what perked her interest was when the Lieutenant Governor was talking about is that she said if the towns agree to this community compact they get bonus points for things like grants and things like that which puts you ahead of the process. Mr. Keegan stated a few years ago they had a different type of process under the Patrick administration which a lot of communities got involved in but that evolved into something different and now this is the new administration's approach which Mr. Keegan thinks is a very good process because it is sharing information. Ms. Coppola stated that it is a two year commitment. Mr. DeVellis stated that this

is something that Mr. Keegan is doing with his staff and not so much with the Planning Director but internal to Mr. Keegan in which Mr. Keegan responded yes. Mr. Keegan stated they will be sharing this with the Board and other boards to see if anyone else has any further thoughts before they submit this. They would like to get it going; there are a few communities ahead of us and Mansfield is one of them and Easton as well; Mr. Keegan also thinks that Norton may be involved in it as well so this demonstrates that they are working as a region to try to be involved with all the things that the state is doing so that when they ask for attention they will get some.

Ms. Bernard stated that the Library Director has been selected and he starts on October 19, 2015 and his name is Manuel Leite and they have tentatively scheduled him to come in on October 20, 2015 to meet with the Board and he is currently the East Bridgewater Library Director and he lives in Fall River and he is very excited to start.

Last night the screening committee concluded the screening of the final interviews for the Planning Director and they have not contacted the candidates yet but the final interviews will be held before the Planning Board at a special meeting on October 15, 2015 which is next Thursday so they will be contacting the candidates to let them know who has moved on in the process. Mr. DeVellis asked if the Planning Board does a final interview after the screening committee brings in the two finalists in which Ms. Bernard stated yes.

They have made a lot of progress with the Personnel Wage Board and a tragic loss to them was Vivian Pitts, one of their members. They decided that the show must go on and Vivian would want them to. They met last week and they are moving forward on defining a mission statement for the Personnel Wage Board, a Personnel Bylaw revision that will come forward to the Board and go through town counsel as a warrant article and it is going to be a Personnel Bylaw that mentions that the town has policies and then defining a process for creating policies that involves the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, employees and making sure that it is a fair process. They wanted to untie the policies from the bylaw so that if the law changes or if a policy changes you don't have to keep going back to town meeting to change a bylaw because the FMLA added something. They are working hard on defining the different pieces of that and they have counsel coming on October 27, 2015 to help us with that. They are going to refurbish the Personnel Wage Board website and they have provided some great input on policies. They are looking for another member. Someone with considerable human resources or business experience and they have some names but if anyone is interested in applying. Mr. Keegan stated they should have a legal background also. Ms. Bernard stated yes, employment law would be ideal and benefits experience or anything like that. They are looking to fill the vacancy and they are moving forward.

Ms. Bernard stated that the town has created sort of an overview and one of the things when Mr. Keegan and Ms. Bernard got together when they both started in Foxborough as a team was that they really didn't have a visual of what the organization looks like so they created a department by department organizational chart and they have a version with names and without and it is a good tool for them because even when you are presenting to Ad Com for departments to show their budget and who their people are or when you are talking about structure and it is a great tool for them going through a job description analysis process and a compensation study so they

can figure out where the pieces fit or maybe where future successions planning as times change, technology changes and maybe some of the positions may get revised.

Ms. Bernard informed the Board that she was very proud to be name the Chairman of the Mass Municipal Personnel Association at the September 10, 2015 meeting. She was the Vice Chairman for a year so now she is the Chairman and she will be in Boston tomorrow having their first Executive Board meeting. Close to 300 communities are members.

Mr. Keegan stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Bernard as during the time he was gone she was able to keep everything together and do all of the things that she needed to do. There were a few major storms that were occurring while he was gone and she pulled together the Emergency Management Team on short notice and it went really well.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he had met briefly today with Tracey Versaile from Ad Com and she is asking when Ad Com is going to get the warrant articles because they are going to have a meeting in late October. Mr. DeVellis knows that they discussed dates but where do we sit with that in getting the Board information so they can forward it to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Keegan stated that they agreed on the date they were going to put forward for February 23, 2015 which is a Tuesday. There is an election coming up the first week of March and they want to be before that because there is a lot of things to do with that. Mr. Gray stated that the Board of Selectmen made a promise long ago to Ad Com that they would not bombard them with a special in the middle of their budget cycle and if they could give that some consideration whether or not this issue could be pushed off to the Annual Town Meeting. Before the 2010 town meeting Ad Com was disappointed that they did not have enough time to properly vet the budget and they believe that they were unable to advise town meeting properly. Their work is not trivial but if you interrupt it with an issue like this which could absorb a lot of their time it could really shorten their budget review. This is something to really consider. Mr. Keegan stated that the issue that they are wrestling with is if they wait that long and they are successful with the town hall project then they would lose the start time right in the middle of the spring. Mr. Gray stated that there are a lot of dynamics involved and they have seen what happened when they had a special in the middle of the winter and they stumbled into an annual town meeting. Ms. Bernard stated that Ms. Vasaile already talked to her about limiting the number of warrant articles if at all possible so they already pushed off some and they will go to the annual town meeting. Mr. Keegan stated that if we can focus on just a couple of issues it would be smart to do that.

8:54pm – Action Items

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the Title IIID Grant worth \$8,475 to provide health promotion programs to consumers in the HESSCO area to the Council on Aging. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve Sunday early openings during Patriots home games from 1:00pm to 11:00am on 11/8/15 and 12/20/15 for Tavolino's. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the 21st Annual Old Fashioned Road Race on February 14, 2016 with a backup date of March 13, 2016 at 11:00am to 1:00pm. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the gift to Animal Control of \$500 from anonymous for medical care of animals in the custody of Animal Control. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the gifts to the Friends of the Flagpole in the amount of \$3,400 from various donors for the Foxborough Common Flagpole restoration. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the gift to the Foxborough Planning of \$1,500 from Rodman Ford Sales to the Sharon Wason Memorial Fund. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the gift to Animal Control of \$100 from Martha MacMahon for the purpose of an adoption fee. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the Public Event application from Foxborough Recreation for a Halloween Parade on October 31, 2015 from 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Lafayette House early opening of Patriot Home games of 1:00pm to 11:00am 10/25/15, 11/8/15, 12/6/15, 12/20/15 games. Seconded by John Gray.

The Board stated that 12/6/15 is a 4:00pm game and is not part of their rulings for 1:00pm patriot home games.

Vote 0-5-0 All opposed

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Lafayette House early openings from 1:00pm to 11:00am on the 10/25/15, 11/8/15 and 12/20/15 games. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Splitsville Sunday early openings from 1:00pm to 11:00am on 10/25/15, 11/8/15 and 12/20/15 games. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of September 22, 2015 as amended. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

10:05pm - Information

Mr. DeVellis stated that St. Mary's is doing a Foxborough Fire Department Special Mass.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to adjourn at 10:06pm. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**