

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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. Janet Kennedy, Cocasset Street
Chief O'Leary
Ms. Patricia Stevens, Mechanic Street
Mr. Douglas Rhoads, Sharon, MA
Ms. Lisa Trupiano, Cocasset Street
Mr. Stephen Angelo, Beacon Compassion Center
Ms. Rina Cametti, Beacon Compassion Center
Mr. Steve Udden, Carmine Avenue
Ms. Rachel Calabrese, 53 Cross Street

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.

Mr. DeVellis asked for a moment of silence for Vivian Pitts. Ms. Pitts passed away suddenly this weekend. She was Foxborough's Revenue Officer and retired in 2009. She came to Foxborough in 1983 and she served for about 26 years as our Treasurer. When she retired Selectman Jim Thrasher recognized Vivian and gave her a citation for her many years of service and a job well done. When Lisa Sinkus took over as the current Financial Officer she was quoted as saying that Ms. Pitts was a great boss, a great teacher and a great friend. That is how a lot of people in town will remember Vivian.

7:10pm – Citizen's Input – Janet Kennedy, Cocasset Street – Her concern is that she fell on the sidewalk and injured her shoulder now she heard it is going to be another month. This is a public safety issue and this has been going on since the last week of June and the sidewalks are still not done on Leonard Street and Sherman Street. Yesterday they had to make some of the sidewalks

bigger for regulations. This is a public safety issue and Ms. Kennedy wasn't the only one that fell; a boy fell in June and he broke his collar bone and had a separated shoulder like she did. She doesn't blame the gentlemen that are digging things up; they are only doing what their boss tells them. She doesn't know who the company is that are doing the sidewalks but if they can't do it she would get another company because it is a public safety issue. This should have been done before the kids went to school. There are a lot of older people like herself who are having a hard time walking their dogs who are walking in the middle of the street of Leonard Street and Sherman Street.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he knows Ms. Kennedy fell and didn't know the specifics but Mr. DeVellis knows that Mr. Keegan has been in touch with Ms. Kennedy and it sounds like there has been a general discussion on the process of constructing. Mr. Keegan stated that he is scheduled to get an update tomorrow morning from the Department of Public Works on the status of where this stands at this point. Mr. Keegan stated that he knows there has been a lot of focus on Cedar Street as well. They are trying to get everything wrapped up before winter and there has been a lot of work going on around town. The challenge they find sometimes is that you can't always get the paving contractor lined up because they are working other places and other hours so a job like that, particularly sidewalks requires quite a lot of hand work so as a result it can be delayed because there are not enough crews to do it. Mr. DeVellis stated that obviously they have been doing a tremendous amount of construction and he is sure that they can always do better but they will keep that in mind moving forward. Mr. Feldman stated that going forward they need to talk to Roger Hill and set some parameters; don't open up a street if they can't close it back up within a certain period of time. Leonard Street and Sherman Street have been opened up far too long and we need some closure on that. Mr. Keegan stated that he will talk to Mr. Hill about that because he doesn't disagree that they should do a little bit better coordination on that but he needs to know more specifics on this before he can come up with a solution.

Chief O'Leary stated that he was there on behalf of H.U.G.S. Foxborough Group (Domestic Violence Prevention Education Group) to announce that they are going to be having a benefit walk on Saturday, October 3, 2015. The hours of registration are from 9:00am-10:00am and the walk will start at 10:00am. Chief O'Leary stated that they did get a call and a message was left by the Lieutenant Governor wondering about some time sequences and Chief O'Leary called her office back because he thinks she is trying to make an appearance at our walk which is really important. To tie in with that, if you have been reading the paper, certainly the Attorney General collaborated with Robert Kraft's group to introduce a new curriculum at one hundred different school systems across the state on Teen Dating Violence. Chief O'Leary thinks this will have a very positive effect on still ongoing problems that we have in our community and other communities with family violence so Chief O'Leary is hoping that all these things go into place so we won't have the issues that sometimes his officers have to deal with. Mr. DeVellis stated that H.U.G.S. had reached out to the Board so it is a great group and it is only one mile.

Mr. DeVellis stated that National Night Out has been rescheduled. Chief O'Leary stated that he had been in touch with Lynda Walsh and part of the program that they are doing on Saturday morning is the Drug Take Back Program that they do in conjunction with the DEA. Chief O'Leary suggested to Ms. Walsh that there were some groups that were prepared to talk about

different issues that we have in our community so they will have that capability and tie it into the National Drug Take Back. Ms. Walsh has been working diligently on this so that they will have some other people show up. Last time that they did it with the DEA they had over 40 residents bring in medications that were either old or unused and everything they can get out of people's homes reduces the risk of people misusing them whether they are visiting in the house or other family members that it is really not prescribed for. This event is this Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Mr. DeVellis stated that some of the groups that are going to be there are: Learn to Cope, a support group for friends and families of addicts; TAM (Support Group for Addicts Moms); H.U.G.S., BAMSI (Group that helps the Mentally Disabled as well as families through crisis); R.A.F.F.T. (Raising Addiction Awareness for Foxborough); the Banging Group (Treatment Facility) Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee. There is a tremendous amount of information between the epidemics and the things that Bill Sheehan had brought through Foxborough. If you get the hour or so to come by it is well worth it. If you are the person that can get a little more educated or you are the person that can stop something it is well worth it. It is a great opportunity.

Patricia Stevens, Mechanic Street – Ms. Stevens wanted to voice her support for Beacon Compassion Center. She has been in the medical field since 1972 and she has people that she has worked with back in the late 1970's when cannabis was not legal but used it for cancer help. She voted for it in 2012 and she wanted to let people know. She lives in Foxborough and she was just told about the company. She hasn't known them long but she is here to support it.

Douglas Rhoads, Sharon, MA - Mr. Rhoads stated that he was at the last meeting when the Board of Selectmen had addressed the medical marijuana. He gave the Board a copy of the Times and Newsweek magazines who had special issues this month and one of the things that they addressed as a harm reduction strategy and for public health dealing with epileptics and also just the fact of helping with the heroin epidemic in this country. The states that have allowed access to medical marijuana have seen a 24.8% drop in deaths from both legal and illegal use of opioids and the problem they are having in New England. He thinks this is a real way to address it. The state has allowed it and has had special training for people in the medical industry and people who have their permission from their doctor and then get permission from the state yet they still don't have safe access and are forced to either not get the medication that the doctor and state agrees that they should have or they have to go to the black market to get it and neither of these are good solutions for public health for anyone.

Lisa Trupiano, Cocasset Street – Ms. Trupiano stated that she is here to support Beacon Compassion and she is fine with the location and she supports Rina.

7:15pm – Selectmen's Update

Mr. DeVellis wanted to express his thanks and gratitude. It was a busy weekend in Foxborough; McGinty Family Fun Day; POW/MIA, the Missing Man table that was manned for 24 hours straight and the 9/11 remembrance. There were a lot of volunteers, public safety and a lot of people coming together for something that is pretty unique on one weekend. Mr. DeVellis wanted to say thank you to all the people who had done this.

The Fireman's Ball happened between today and the Board of Selectmen's last meeting and it was something that was nice to see after so many years of not having it. They are planning on bringing this back every other year now.

October 1, 2015 there will be a Joint Public Meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Water & Sewer Commissioners and this is their second meeting. This will be at the Public Safety Building, October 1, 2015 at 7:00pm and that is an opportunity to talk about sewer service expansion with respect to our Master Plan. The first meeting they talked about sewer downtown and they had a "to do" list from the Engineering Department and Water & Sewer. This is the second meeting and some of the Board of Selectmen did attend that and that was something that the Planning Board worked hard with the community on the Master Plan so if anyone has any input or ideas on that, they would love to see them at the meeting.

Mr. DeVellis stated that a gentleman by the name of Art Reynolds from the DPW took the time to put up all the yellow ribbons around all of the light posts. He is not a veteran but this is something that his family quietly did and has become a tradition with them.

The other yellow ribbons that you saw around the Common granite posts was an effort by the family of Danny Nickerson; "Danny's Warriors".

At the last meeting, the Board of Selectmen talked about the AA Bond item where our town was elevated to a high rating which helps everyone. There was a lot of credit given to the residents, the Board of Selectmen for the policies and also the location, economics and demographics. Mr. DeVellis stated that they could have probably done a better job talking about the businesses in town that not only build their businesses here but stay. We are 15 years in the middle of a 30 year contract with the Kraft Group so Mr. DeVellis had a discussion with them last week and what he would like to offer is an opportunity for the Board of Selectmen or any board and committee in town along with the public to go over to the stadium at a public meeting and they will give everyone a tour of all the construction that is going on at the hotel and the things that they have just completed and some of the businesses and it would give the Board of Selectmen an opportunity to understand it better when things are in front of them. They gave Mr. DeVellis a few dates: October 13, 14, 15 or 16 (Tuesday – Friday) and if the Board could let Mr. DeVellis know if any of those dates are good he will get back to them. Mr. Mitchell stated that he could only make Thursday because he is traveling that whole week. Mr. Gray stated that he was available on the 16th only. Mr. Feldman stated that he was available on the 15th or 16th. Ms. Coppola stated that she can do any day but the 15th but could change her appointment if that is the only date everyone could do. Mr. DeVellis stated that they have extended to a public meeting so if there are any boards or committees that want to attend or anyone at home that wants to come it will be posted and he is assuming that it is just going to be a tour of the facilities.

Mr. DeVellis wanted to thank the Board; the last few months, July, August and September were pretty busy and he saw the Board, Mr. Keegan and Ms. Bernard more at ribbon cuttings and the good, the bad and the ugly through town and a lot of it has been on weekends and nights so he appreciates that. This goes to other boards as well but the volunteers in this town do a lot so he just wanted to say thanks.

Mr. DeVellis stated that this month (September) they declared it “Child Cancer Awareness Month” and it was brought to them by the family of Danny Nickerson; that is what the ribbons on the Common were. The idea was presented to the Board at the last meeting and the Board voted for it. Mr. Gray has a citation they wanted to read publicly.

Mr. Gray stated at the last meeting the Board decided that a proclamation would be the way to commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as the month of September. They are a little bit late but Mr. Gray feels this is appropriate.

The Town of Foxborough Proclamation: Whereas the Town of Foxborough recognizes and supports children and their families who have battled childhood cancer and whereas each year in the United States 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer and approximately 25% of them will not survive. And whereas the Town of Foxborough the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and communities throughout the country are committed to advanced research and improve treatment and ensure a brighter, healthier future for all of our young Americans. And whereas clinical research and scientific advances in medicine have helped decrease mortality rates for many types of pediatric cancer by more than 50% over the past thirty years and whereas we remember all of those victims whose lives are shortened by childhood cancer and we support every child and their families who are battling cancer each day. Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen that the month of September be designated as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Foxborough. In Witness Whereof we have set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Foxborough to be affixed on this 22nd Day of September 2015. Signed by the Board of Selectmen, James DeVellis, David Feldman, Christopher Mitchell, John Gray and Virginia Coppola.

Mr. DeVellis thanked Mr. Gray for reading the proclamation and the family of Danny Nickerson for bringing that forward to the town.

7:29pm – Medical Marijuana Dispensary - Ms. Rina Cametti, Mr. Stephen Angelo

Mr. DeVellis stated the Massachusetts Department of Public Health updated their application process and on July 21, 2015 Beacon Compassion Center came in front of Board of Selectmen and the Board took that time to really listen to the application and took it under advisement and they heard public input. Between now, September 22, 2015 and July 21, 2015 the Board invited their counsel to give the Board an update and educate the Board on their role, responsibilities and obligations under the new law. Mr. DeVellis stated that he knows Beacon had a few community meetings at the Library and some of the Board members went and he is sure they have done their own research and outreach and they asked Mr. Keegan to reach out to the Department Heads for their input so over the last two months Mr. DeVellis thinks they have got a lot of new information.

In the Board’s packet is the old application but there is a September 17, 2015 revised application with some new information on it.

Mr. DeVellis read the letter that their attorney gave them.

“As discussed the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has recently revised its application process for registered marijuana dispensaries to accommodate the new round of applications filed after June 29, 2015. The DPH recently issued a document entitled “Guidance for Municipalities regarding the use of medical marijuana” updated (this was in the Board’s packet). In consideration of the above guidance from the DPH the town has in essence three choices when presented with a request to issue such a letter:

1. Agree to issue a Letter of Support
2. Agree to issue a Letter of Non-opposition
3. Decline to take either Such Action or No Action in that regard

The regulations and DPH reference material do not address what, if any, ramifications there may be for a municipality which declines or refuses to issue either a letter of support or letter of non-opposition. It appears to be solely in the jurisdiction of each city and town whether or not to issue such a letter.”

At the end of this presentation and public hearing the Board of Selectmen can vote on an action or to continue it.

Ms. Cametti stated that Beacon Compassion Center gave a presentation and had a few speakers and took questions and comments from the audience. Overall they think it was very positive and they heard some really good comments from some of the residents that live in the community saying that they thought it was very informative. They are planning on doing another community meeting targeting more of the neighborhoods located right behind the location of the dispensary just to let them know that this will be going on in the event that some of the residents didn’t know that his was happening so they would like to do the presentation again. They have a tentative date in October which will also be at the Library so they would like to give that presentation again to other people that were not able to attend that evening.

In addition, they have recently added a couple of new board members since the last time that they were before the Board. One of them is a Clinical Social Worker, Tracey Quigg and she would be very instrumental with helping them as well. The other new member is Bob Lobel. Mr. Lobel is a sportscaster and he is also a medical marijuana patient. Adding the two of them they have a really well-rounded the board.

Ms. Cametti stated that they have joined the Tri Town Chamber of Commerce and told them who they are and what they do and have found pretty much zero opposition coming from them as well.

Ms. Cametti stated that they have given the Board another packet and it was just more of a mini application that they had also supplied to another town just to give the Board a little more detail of some questions and answers that they provided. In addition they added their host agreement to the packet as well.

They have also received a Letter of Support from the Town of Framingham which is another dispensary site that they proposed and it was a unanimous decision and they were the only group with a unanimous decision.

Mr. Angelo thanked the Board for bringing this topic up again and the Board members that were able to attend the meeting this week. Unfortunately Mr. Angelo was not able to attend as he did get pulled into a Framingham Selectmen meeting.

A couple of points that Mr. Angelo wanted to make is in addition to some of the activity that they mentioned the last time is that they did have a kick off session with the Route 1 Business Association Group before all of the parking events took off and they spent about 15 minutes in front of that group introducing themselves and explaining what they are proposing and what they are looking to do. In that session there was no opposition from that group. It varied from not being opposed to supporting. One of the individuals (didn't get his name) that owns one of the lots also owns property in Holbrook that is currently being used for a medical marijuana cultivation center.

Mr. Angelo has personally gone door to door (to about 10) of the abutters in the neighborhood on North Street. In those discussions he received three signed letters of support from direct abutters right around the property. One individual (whom they did not get a letter) has been out in support of this in the neighborhood and paper. Two families in the neighborhood just expressed that they would like to get some more information. He only had one home come out in opposition and those individuals have been before the Board of Selectmen at prior meetings expressing their concerns. They plan to canvas the neighborhood with flyers and updates about the next meeting and while this meeting is open to everyone they are really targeting the neighborhood from an informational session perspective. They did give a very extensive informational session this week and they want to do that again if they are afforded the opportunity.

Mr. Keegan stated that he did reach out to department heads and had gotten feedback from four departments directly on point about this particular topic. The Police Chief is here tonight and he can make his comments himself. With respect to the Board of Health, some of the concerns that have come back from that department is that this is still a new field of regulations. There are the statewide regulations but there are very little local regulations available, in fact the City of Boston is in the process of promulgating regulations right now which in many cases will probably be used as a boiler plate for many cities and towns to use on a local level. The last update Mr. Keegan received this afternoon was that it is still in the working stage.

Mr. Keegan received feedback from the Building Department indicating more concerns about the building itself. Previous variances on the building have since expired so that would mean that they would have to go through the whole process for 8+ variances.

Finally, he did get feedback from the Veteran's Agent who expressed concern on several different fronts because he has done research and worked with the V.A. on this particular topic and near as he can tell based upon the research that has been coming back on the V.A. front, there is still a lot to be learned about the actual use of medical marijuana on that level and in

some cases it can actually be considered to be detrimental in cases involving PTSD. There are still some additional comments from the Director but the general sense that the Director of Veteran's Services wanted to indicate was that there is still a lot to be learned and it is difficult for him to make a positive endorsement of the location of that facility here in this community at this time.

Chief O'Leary stated that there are three components to this issue. The first is that facility needs to be secure so they wouldn't have thefts, larcenies or misappropriation by staff members working there.

The second deals with traffic. Is it going to cause congestion in an already congested area between Route 1 and North Street that covers a lot of traffic during the day. Officer Hoffman will be tasked to do some traffic counts so they get an idea of what traffic volumes are on normal days, he isn't talking about game days.

The third issue has to do with to some extent Chief O'Leary's research based on the prevention field that he has spent most of his life working in. Chief O'Leary feels in particular they need more information about traffic flows and what the parking situation is going to be. Chief O'Leary knows that they have included a diagram of what the building would look like; the parking. They talked about appointments but at some places that have opened it appears to be confusing to people that it seems that more people are showing up than actually have appointments. Chief O'Leary is concerned about the traffic movement in that area especially where it is going to be rebuilt at the truck terminals behind it instead of just having open property that will be developed.

Chief O'Leary would urge caution on the part of the Board on any decision that they do make because of the long term unknowns that are still out there.

Steve Udden, 21 Carmine Avenue – Mr. Udden wanted to thank Beacon Compassion Center for their work reaching out to the community. He attended every informational session that they had. He listened quite a bit but he is going to ask the Board tonight to vote to proceed no further in compassion for the patients of this organization and other applicants. He learned a lot on Saturday that there is a visceral and medical desire and a paladin here that this and other organizations are pursuing. From a seed to store perspective and not just at this location but in all four corners of Foxborough he thinks that this program is being implemented by the State and whatever interactions we have with the federal government the road ahead as it applies directly to Foxborough is at best unclear probably for years. We have information on one side of the belt curve and the other on the science, medical practice and artistic use of prescribing and monitoring patients on all types of drugs and treatments. We have location issues with the patients and this covers pediatric, geriatric, regular people and a state list of maladies that God Bless the people that have this new treatment and are focused on it.

He doesn't think the way this law is presently set up is conducive to the spirit and brand of Foxborough where they like to have oversight and control on things that may be dissimilar but still fall into the idea of say alcohol control. If there is a problem in this town it comes to the Board. If we site a location here whether it is seed to store or whatever is in the middle we will

be giving our control largely to the known and unknown and presently in committee regulations that are administered by the state and not by us and he has great concern for that.

He thinks it is important to the investors of this company and the people working very hard to help their patients and clients that we end this purgatory that some of them are in. The applicant stated he has spoken to members of the community and the abutters and he has also spoken to members of the community who sadly are not here but he only talked to one person of about twenty who said that they were indifferent to it and everyone else (largely parents) said “no way”. Mr. Udden’s reply to that after Saturday’s meeting was “no way why” and there is a lot of myth that needs to be dispelled on this to be fair. The amount of research that it takes to get your arms around this just as a private citizen is enormous; it is sociological; it is legislative bureaucratic; medical and scientific. Mr. Udden has more questions and confusion after these meetings and especially after Mr. Lobel’s presentation; he thought he was all over the map. The one thing that he is certain of is that the timing for this to bring what is almost like a pilot program in the state of implementing medical marijuana is a bad place to have a footing here right now where we understand very little about all of the ramifications that this encompasses.

Mr. Rhoads stated that the Department of Public Health has spent about \$8M researching this exact issue and looking at what is happening in other states and looking at the social impact and the medical impact and has decided as about 23 other states have decided at this point, to move forward. There are people who have dedicated their entire profession, livelihood and career only to this subject and they with the Department of Public Health whom are certainly known for being a very cautious organization have decided to move forward and that it is in the public’s best interest to allow this. He handed out to the Board various articles on this.

There are many different groups this can help. It isn’t for everyone and it is not like aspirin that you can go to the store and get, you have to go to a doctor who has been specially trained and certified by the state to be able to recommend it to patients then that recommendation goes on to the state who can review the medical information and review that the doctor actually has the authority to write the script and then decide if the patient is going to be issued the card via the state. There is a lot of checks and balances there.

Mr. Gray asked if Mr. Rhoads could describe the training and the amount of training these doctors get so they can prescribe this appropriately. Mr. Rhoads stated that to be able to prescribe in this state you have to have in addition to your medical license 24 hours of certification just on medical marijuana. Mr. Rhoads pointed out a special program just for registered nurses and doctors and you get 3 ½ contact hours for pharmaceutical use and just 3 ½ hours for continuing education. As a nurse you have to do 18 hours a year of continuing education and this is one of the programs that is offered by the American Medical Association. Mr. Gray asked if nurses would be able to prescribe or issue cards. Mr. Rhoads stated no, nurses will be able to work with patients who have been prescribed in a hospital setting. Mr. Gray asked if this was a prescription or an allowance. Mr. Rhoads stated that right now the way the law is written it is a recommendation. The difference between a recommendation and a prescription is that a prescription you can go to CVS and get your medication and the insurance company pays for it. Mr. Gray stated that he has heard this described as medicine and he is just trying to make a connection to a regular prescription. Mr. Rhoads stated that the difference

between a recommendation and a prescription is a prescription can be filled at CVS and at the point that the recommendation started being issued there were no dispensaries open in the state so you couldn't write a prescription because there was no way to get a prescription filled. It is the doctors recommending that you would give this a try because you have already tried other medications and other more traditional practices that they felt haven't been effective for you.

Mr. Gray asked why dispensaries and why not a CVS or a hospital, why do they need separate stand-alone dispensaries. Mr. Rhoads stated a lot of that comes down to the pharmaceutical industry and the medical industry. They are the two largest lobbyists in the United States right now and they give more money to political campaigns than anyone else and insurance companies really don't want to pay for this as an additional medication and as well we probably will see in the next few years that it will be in a prescription format and will be paid for. If you look at some of the European countries that have a single payer system; right now in Germany a doctor can write out a prescription for a specific amount and you can go to a state sanctioned pharmacy and receive your quantity of medication each month. The system that you are looking for is already in place in other countries, the United States are just a little bit behind and a lot of that goes down to the single payer system as opposed to the privatized system that we have in the United States. Mr. Gray stated just to clarify on the federal system marijuana is still illegal in which Mr. Angelo stated correct.

Mr. Rhoads stated that the Department of Justice was told not to spend any money whatsoever on the enforcement of that law. If you are not spending any money on the enforcement of the law you can't enforce it and any action you would take on the clock would be money spent towards it. It is still technically a Schedule 1 drug and the Department of Justice has been given very direct orders that they have no budget and they are not allowed to spend any money on pursuing it. Ms. Cametti stated that in the states that have the medical marijuana program. Mr. Rhoads stated that they can still pursue it if someone is using it outside of the legal system.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he would rather have questions directed to the applicant.

Mr. Gray stated that our Attorney General is promoting the fact that legalized marijuana may arrive as a ballot question that is coming up next spring or summer. If recreational marijuana was to become legal in the Commonwealth would that put Beacon Compassion Center out of business or will they then migrate to recreational marijuana or would their business model stay as medical marijuana; Mr. Angelo stated that Beacon Compassion is 100% focused on patients access to medicine and clearly there are a couple of ballot driven processes going on now to get legalization on the ballot in 2016. It remains to be seen if it will make it to the ballot and will it pass. Let's assume that it does. Right now they have no plans to do anything other than medical. There is so much work for them to do over the next two years to get up and running and functioning to be able to serve patients that they are not able to even think about three years from now; they are focused on the next two years in building out, taking care of EPA issues, new construction on a building, all the town permitting work and the things that they need to do and the state processes to finish in order to just open their doors. Mr. Gray stated as a business they have to look at opportunities and threats and this is clearly a threat. Mr. Angelo stated they have no plans at this point in time to do anything with recreational. If and when that happens their plan would be to evaluate the state of this and work with their host community and come up with

what the right answer to that is. The right answer to that may be yes to proceed or no, to stay medical but they view that as a collaborative discussion and to speak to town protection on this issue meaning that if the Board approves this now are they now somehow approving legalization or does it go into legalization once that happens. The short answer to that is no. Right in the town bylaw it speaks to the Humanitarian Act and this specific medical program and that is right in the existing bylaw today which they are required to adhere to. The bylaw speaks to all of the terms and conditions as it relates to medical marijuana (Town of Foxborough Zoning Bylaw). When the group got together to determine where the right place was to put this and all of the right requirements around that (setbacks, size, it was clearly articulated, no smaller than 2,500 square feet, 25,000 or 30,000 square feet combined). The actual bylaw speaks to the medical program which means they have no vehicle in lieu of the town putting something in place to make that switch. This is another reason why it is out there and they understand that it is out there, but their focus is squarely right here, to serve patients and there is a huge need for that. Mr. Gray asked if recreational came in what would that look like. Ms. Cametti stated there would still be a medical robust program regardless of whether recreation gets approved. There are some states like Colorado that have legalization and the medical program. There are some programs like recreation they cannot sell, it is only for the medical program; you are not taxed but recreational you will be. The programs are completely different in regard to both and if in the event recreation moves forward, this does not mean because they have a dispensary they could just switch it over from medical. If that were the case and the group collectively as a town would like to move forward, that is a conversation but it would not be an automatic switch.

Ms. Coppola asked if the recreational marijuana passes does that mean there would be no longer a need for a medical marijuana card and a medical marijuana recommendation from a doctor if it is recreational anyway. Ms. Cametti stated that if you are still involved in the medical program that is still the process and it would remain the same. They do not have any notice on what would happen. Ms. Coppola asked why they would need a medical marijuana card if you can get marijuana on the street or from a storefront. Mr. Angelo stated that he spent a fair amount of time in Colorado looking at both programs and both are very healthy programs; they see the tax revenue that is being generated and giving back to the communities but they co-exist. In some dispensaries you go inside and they have a separate entrance for medical and a separate entrance for recreational use. Some are dedicated to just recreational and some are dedicated to just medicinal as well. There are different ways to administer the medication for a patient. There are different strains and there are different things that are done to that medicine that are specifically for the patients that are not needed on the recreational side or are not necessary on the recreational side so there is still a need for both. This program for the state if indeed recreational for adult use passes does not supplement or take over the existing medical marijuana law; that stays and it operates on its own, either by itself or in conjunction with adult use or recreational use. There is a strong community for both patients and for adult recreational use and as Ms. Cametti had indicated in Colorado there is a 25% tax on the recreational side of the house and on the medicinal side of course there is no tax.

Mr. Feldman stated that in their updated presentation it stated that they would be offering educational services. Mr. Feldman wanted to know what form of education and what type of education are they proposing. Mr. Angelo stated that the education will come in all types of formats. There will be a space dedicated in the facility itself with educational materials. Their

website will be full of all of that from an electronic perspective and the plan is also to hold educational and informational sessions for patients and even the community to get educated and to learn more and to understand more as it relates to conditional, science and medical information. There is just a bevy of all of this information coming in. Medical marijuana has been around for 10+ years in other states so this isn't anything new. All of this information, they will be holding sessions and they will reach out to patients and when patients come in for the first time they go through a registration and education aspect of things and they help them with their purchase and subsequent visits as well. Education materials will be in the facility, website, and they will also be holding seminar sessions, how to's and instructional because there is a huge amount of information here and the two tenants of this effort is really squarely in education and perception. Unfortunately the amount of data that you have to go through to educate yourself to get to the place where Mr. Angelo is personally at because he has spent so much time doing the work, it takes a bit of time to get there and it does take a bit of knowledge and time spent working on that and then of course the perception; they are still working through the perception issues. It is heavily focused on education because that is one of the main barriers to get to additional levels of acceptance.

Mr. Feldman asked how many employees do they intend to have on staff on a daily basis in the facility full time. Mr. Angelo stated around 10 and probably 15-20 total employees or 8-10 but 10 would be on the high side. Mr. Feldman stated that with 6-10 employees in their proposed plan they are only proposing 11 parking spots that they can fit on the site so that poses an issue. Mr. Angelo stated that they have to do some work on the site and they have not gotten to that point. Mr. Feldman stated that he understands they have not gotten to that point but to Chief O'Leary's point with traffic concerns obviously that is a big concern of the Board; public safety. Mr. Angelo stated they fully intend to do a traffic study for this facility and look at the ingress and egress points; understand traffic flow and where the potential issues are from a traffic perspective. Upon opening their doors they expect somewhere in the vicinity of 50-100 patients per day so factoring in an additional 50-100 stops or visits per day to the overall traffic along Route 1 and on North Street, Mr. Angelo hasn't seen the data but he thinks it would be a marginal impact to that but of course they need to work through traffic and safety as well. They did one for the Town of Framingham because the location is right on the corner of Route 9 and Route 126; a very high traffic area and in that case about 55,000 cars pass through there on a daily basis and like that corner anytime you have an intersection there are accidents. He has spoken to residents in the neighborhood about histories of accidents at this corner and he believes the general consensus was that things have gotten better with the changes that have been made but what they offer, which was very well received by the Town of Framingham, and they would make the same offer to the Town of Foxborough would be to point one or more cameras at that intersection and make that camera feed available to the police, traffic and public safety for being able to have real time eyes on situations and be able to go back and play back accident issues or something that has taken place at that intersection. That would be something they would offer to the Town of Foxborough as well to give some exposure where you may not have it today.

Ms. Coppola asked if the location they have in Framingham was a strip mall and what the parking situation is there. Mr. Angelo stated that it is a stand-alone facility and would be about 4,000 to 4,500 square feet and there is approximately somewhere in the number of 20 parking

spots in that location. Ms. Coppola stated in speaking to Mr. Feldman's point where the diagram shows 11 parking spaces and with their employees and figure if there were 50-100 visits a day that is 10 an hour maybe. The town has a problem as it is on North Street and they have parking signs that say "no parking/no standing" so you can't park on North Street so that is one of the concerns that the Board has for traffic. The town has a very serious traffic situation there made worse by events at the stadium but also it is pretty bad in regard to traffic. That is one of the concerns that Chief O'Leary and the Board of Selectmen do have. Mr. Angelo understands and respects that. It was a bullet point in the presentation that they offer and they have engaged the Chief to sit down and have some discussions if they are afforded that opportunity moving forward. They want to make the use of details to alleviate any concerns the Board might have along the lines of traffic and parking. They take all of this very seriously and their response to that is in addition to all of the other things that they are doing they have no issue with contracting for detail work until the time that they all feel comfortable that they didn't experience the issues that they thought they were going to experience or that they have gotten to a point where everything is understood and is working fine. They plan to offer that as well to the town in order to alleviate any additional concerns the Board may have.

Ms. Coppola asked if the Board of Selectmen vote to support their company, down the road if they decide to sell what happens at that point. Do the Board of Selectmen have to approve the sale with the change of ownership, are there any regulations. Mr. Angelo stated that this is a nonprofit so there is no ownership so they are prohibited from selling. The license is attached to the location and to the entity. If either of those two things change then it is null and void. They can apply for another location and move but there is no opportunity to sell the company. Ms. Coppola stated that they could also bring in new board members gradually replacing the originals so the Town of Foxborough at that point would have no input as to the approval of the people who are taking the place of other members. Right now when you have a liquor license and there is a change in the ownership or change in board they have to come before the Board of Selectmen and they vote on that. In their situation it doesn't sound like that would be the case. Mr. Angelo stated that there is nothing preventing them from doing that together so they would be happy to put something in the host community agreement or something else. They would be more than happy to put something in there that says any board or management change needs to come before the Board of Selectmen and be approved. Ms. Coppola asked how legally binding that would be. Mr. Keegan stated that it is actually something that has been tested in other communities.

Mr. Mitchell asked where we are today with state regulations on medical marijuana. Mr. Angelo stated despite some of the comments that he has heard the regulations have been in place since 2013. This is the primary reason that Ms. Cametti and Mr. Angelo decided to get involved in this industry because of the extent and the comprehensive nature of the regulations in the State of Massachusetts which represents one of the most if not the most heavily regulated medical marijuana programs in the country today and half the country has these programs. The only thing that is going to happen moving forward in Mr. Angelo's opinion with any regulations they modify and change they tend to get more restrictive over time. That is where they see any changes coming over the next several years in the medical marijuana program is identifying any areas that need to be tightened up and need to be more restrictive such as the edible market. You see information out in Colorado on several issues they are having with packaging. They plan to

not go through a process of learning but jump right to the end game which is very high level packaging and very transparent packaging from what it is and even when DPH may or may not have that level of regulations in place today they plan to look at the most restrictive programs and adopt those. Mr. Angelo stated that he has two children that are in high school and he deals with the same issues on teen use that every other parent in this community deals with. Mr. Angelo speaks to his children and educates his children as well so they are not some group from Colorado or somewhere far away just coming in and dropping this into this community. They are in this community and his children attend Walpole High School and his son is in the Fire Explorer Program in the Town of Foxborough so these are his issues as well and they take this very seriously and will ensure that they do the right thing for the residents, patients and employees and for the community.

Rachel Calabrese 53 Cross Street – Ms. Calabrese stated that she can understand what they do and she has a friend dying of lung cancer and she would do anything in the world for her to have no pain. Her opposition is three-fold; one is the location, they have had concert after concert and game after game and she just can't imagine someone who needs their medicine right now sitting in all of that traffic or not knowing and having to wait. It doesn't seem like the best location. Secondly, she talks to a lot of people and she asked people how they felt about this and most of the people that she encounters say that they are not comfortable with it. They are not happy and they don't want it here. She wishes they could all be here but that is what she has gotten back and she knows that they have gotten some positive feedback but that is what she has heard. Thirdly, what Mr. Keegan was saying that this is all kind of new; new regulations and she knows they said it has been in place since 2013 but some of the wording she is hearing is if recreational marijuana gets on the ballot and is approved they are saying right now they don't think that is the case and they are not entirely sure what will happen if recreational marijuana becomes legal. She can't imagine someone needing medical marijuana why would anyone go through all those hoops to do it if it was available for recreation. She just thinks there is too much possibility and too many questions and she doesn't want the town to be a guinea pig to what is happening right now.

Janet Kennedy, Cocasset Street - Ms. Kennedy stated that she went to a couple of meetings and if someone needs it medically she would rather have them get it clean than something out on the streets because you hear so much, it was on the news tonight that some of the schools are having that Narcan so obviously kids are getting it dirty if they have to be revived. If someone needs it she would rather have them have the clean marijuana than the dirty that is outside because you don't know what is in it.

Mr. Gray stated that he had done a lot of work the last few days and looked at Summit Medical down in Rhode Island and he looked at a few others and the one thing that he was left with was he took a look at the Bellingham meeting and one of the gentlemen viewed this as a BETA test and he was worried that the rules weren't widely understood and that they were getting into a situation over which they had very little control and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has very little experience and everyone worries that once you say yes to this it is set in concrete and you own it. Mr. Gray is of the mind that Foxborough is a small provincial town and there are a lot of things that we don't want in this town that would alter the character of the town and he would take no action on this. Maybe 5-6 years from now when this is a little more robust, the

players are more widely known and there has been enough experience he might take another look at it but today it is extremely nascent and if we open that lid off Pandora's box good things might come from it or bad things may come from it he just doesn't want to subject the Town of Foxborough to the unknowns and perhaps the bad.

Mr. Mitchell has learned more about medical marijuana since July and he has gone back and forth on this. The whole town voted and over 60% wanted Medical Marijuana. The town said okay where are we going to put it. Town meeting zoned it and he thinks the vote was 130-1 and they put it exactly where the town wanted it. He is not opposed whatsoever to the use of medical marijuana if it is going to comfort someone but he really has to go with no action on this solely because there are so many unanswered questions and it is so brand new in the state.

Mr. Feldman stated that he could ask questions for two more months on this. There is just so much information; information that is pro and con and you look at where we zoned it, we put in the zoning bylaw where it could go but there is no local legislation; how do we license it, how do we govern the dispensary, do we do like we did with the liquor licenses. We are behind the curve and he thinks we need to look at that because this isn't going to go away. We can vote no action but sometime down the road this is going to come back and we are just going to keep constantly be a dog chasing their tails so he thinks that they have to start looking at some local legislation and set some parameters going forward. He would vote to continue because he has gotten a lot of E-Mails both pro and con. He hears what Mr. Udden and Ms. Calabrese are saying; they are talking to people but where are the people, why aren't they here, why aren't they going to the meetings. Because we zoned it where we zoned it, and they are putting it where we said he thinks we should at least continue this meeting and let them have a chance for one more meeting and see if they can get the people that it affects the most in this town, on North Street and the surrounding areas and let them come in. They can't stand on the sidelines and let just a handful of people decide what is going to go on. He doesn't feel comfortable doing that and he wants to hear from them because you do hear conflicting statements. Here is Newsweek and Time Magazine and he guarantees next month there will be conflicting articles about the pros and cons about medical marijuana. He would like to continue it at least to give these folks a chance to get out into the community and then let the community come back and say we are not ready for it.

Mr. Feldman thinks no matter what happens we need to start looking at some local legislation because this isn't going to go away, it is going to keep coming back because of the zoning. This may be the best use for that site and to finally clean up that site but maybe it's not. He just has lots of questions and lots of conflicting information.

Mr. Keegan stated that he agrees the state regulations have been out since 2013, it is the local regulations that are still being promulgated in cities and towns by the Board of Health. The City of Boston is the closest to having regulations in place and to his knowledge it has not become finalized at this point. It is out there and is in draft form but it has not been finalized. He is sure that regulation is coming but has just not been fully developed yet.

Ms. Coppola stated in reference to what Mr. Feldman mentioned in regard to zoning, town meeting did vote a zoning area from North Street to Pine Street but at town meeting when the

warrant article came up it was explained to the members at town meeting that it was suggested that they do designate an area because if an area is not designated it could go anywhere in town. So yes, maybe town meeting did vote on a zone but that was to protect themselves from it going any other place. You can't say that people who voted for that zone were 100% in siting a marijuana dispensary in the Town of Foxborough.

Ms. Coppola stated she attend the Wednesday meeting and she tried to do a quick count of the people in attendance and she actually came up with the idea that maybe there were more people from their group, not residents of the Town of Foxborough. She knows one citizen who is a proponent was there but the other people that were there spoke against it and there were quite a few people and a lot of them were from the North Street area. Ms. Coppola has gotten E-Mails and she has been stopped in stores and she has only heard one person that she knows of that is definitely for it and the rest of the people she heard say no. They do not want this in the Town of Foxborough. She was concerned at that meeting that they had been stressing that you can only get it with a medical marijuana card and she was really concerned when Mr. Lobel told the story about how he is a resident of Massachusetts, he traveled to Oregon to visit his daughter and while he was there he applied for a medical marijuana card; he and his daughter got them and they were given by the State of Oregon and then he comes home. In Ms. Coppola's mind that is an abuse of the medical marijuana card system in the state of Oregon. So you say to yourself if that can happen in Oregon what is to say that it is not going to happen here.

Ms. Coppola stated that her final question and this has been the question she has had since day one, why Foxborough and not Walpole. You are residents of Walpole and Walpole also has an area that allows a dispensary to be sited; it is off Route 1A. If their goal is to provide compassion for residents what difference does it make if it is Foxborough or their home town of Walpole.

Ms. Coppola would vote no action or do a letter of nonsupport.

Mr. DeVellis made his initial feelings pretty public because he sees what is going on with the state and the opioids and heroin and he will admit that he did equate it to gateway drugs. The reason was that he had asked addicts first hand when did they start and they said when they were smoking pot and their inhibitions were there and then went away and that's how they started. He said he would let the process continue and he has asked repeated people (Foxborough residents) and he would be hard pressed to find anyone that is for this, other than maybe they are on the fence or more so ambivalent but for the most part what he is hearing is that there is a lot of sympathy. He met a lot of people that are using it for a medicinal purpose and they are getting a lot of benefit from it and there is a lot of disadvantage of having to drive to Salem or having to wait. He agrees with Ms. Coppola on the zoning and he has said it before that if you don't zone for it, it can go anywhere and nobody wants it in their backyard so Route 1, a Massachusetts highway is probably the best place. None of the discussions at town meeting got into the depth of neighbors, resident and traffic. This may sound a little bit disingenuous but fortunately and maybe unfortunately for them they are presenting this to a civil engineer who does site plans for a living and he can't think of a worse location for this site. If you look from a bird's eye view you are going into a building that you lose all of the grandfathering because it is a different use, you have zero setbacks to building, no landscaping and the best you can do is 10, maybe 11

parking spots; three curb cuts on a horrible corner. There has been zero time spent on a site plan on this. So you look at the site plan and they come in with the architectural drawings on this of what they need inside for bathrooms and things and it just doesn't fit. You have an "L" shaped building. Mr. DeVellis stated that his point is, to go from where they need to get to with their staff and the visitors and the unknown of opening up the doors and you build it they will come, he doesn't know how they will get more than two parking spaces in addition to their staff. They would need variances across the board, appealable variances and his overall opinion is that he was hoping that he would hear something from the Veterans, Police or Board of Health that says this is cutting edge and jump on it because it is good for the town. The people he hears it from are people not necessarily living in the town and to take a gamble or a chance on doing something for the benefit of others to come into our town as a detriment 2-5 years there is nothing in this package that says this is a great opportunity for Foxborough. He was glad that it didn't get to the point where people were vilifying them for coming into our town with pot because he doesn't think that is what it is about, it is a viable business, it has potential but when you give zoning allowances and you look at all the sites, this is probably the worst site. Shame on the owner for letting it get to that point year after year as the gateway to our town and not doing a thing so it is an opportunity to clean it up but where has he been for the last twenty years that he couldn't have done it. He doesn't see this as the opportunity to go with to clean up the site and give a service to Foxborough and a benefit to the community. He is sure that they are good business people and the group that they have put together is a little bit of everything so maybe the pieces would fit but looking at Bellingham, Framingham and all other towns, they have the same debates; some of the applicants got kicked out and others have been accepted but he just doesn't think we have the demographics to support it as Salem and Brockton do; it just doesn't fit and he hasn't heard that it fits from anyone in the town other than the few people that could use it.

Mr. Gray asked if procedurally does the Board take a position or vote on a position. Mr. DeVellis stated that what they heard from counsel were the three choices and what he doesn't want to do is drag this on month after month. As Mr. Angelo had stated there are people that need this and there are viable sites. They need that letter of support from the Mayor or Selectmen to get what they need as a permit or a letter of non-opposition. If the Board does nothing they can't go to the next step; if the Board gives a letter of non-opposition they can go to the next step or obviously if we approve it they can get to the next step. Mr. Gray asked if they as a board vote to say they are going to take no action. Mr. DeVellis stated that all of the Board's votes are in the affirmative so they would make a motion to either approve it or make a motion to take no action. Mr. DeVellis stated the Board would not vote to disapprove it, they would either vote for approval or no opposition or they would simply do nothing. Mr. Keegan stated that one thing the Board could procedurally do is someone could make a motion and if it doesn't get a second then you would have no action.

Mr. DeVellis stated that Mr. Feldman wanted to extend it to get more information. Mr. Feldman stated that he would not recommend to keep extending it but he thinks there is a lot of misinformation out there. He is not for or against it; he thinks they all have compassion for the people that need it. Is it the best location, probably not; he mentioned the parking spaces and looking at the site plan and he recognizes that. There is a lot of misinformation out there and just to extend it to have that one more meeting and then take a vote based on feedback from there. If

it is the Board's wish to just end it right now he is okay with that too but something has to give for everyone involved.

Ms. Coppola stated that one of the things that has happened in other towns; the Town of Norwood had two proposals, one they gave a letter of non-opposition and the other one they just didn't do anything. Beacon Compassion had mentioned that Framingham has given them a letter of support so it is not like if this doesn't happen in the Town of Foxborough there wouldn't be any facility in a reasonable travel distance from the Town of Foxborough. Ms. Coppola doesn't want people to think that this is the only game in town; there are other locations. People have said that they have to go all the way up to Salem or Maine but possibly they would have to go to Norwood, Framingham or Brockton.

Ms. Cametti stated that in response to the locations, other communities will allow this to come in but it is very difficult to find locations. Along that stretch of Route 1 this facility that they chose was the only building that was available. Mr. Angelo stated that there were two properties available, the Seasonal building and they would not allow the use and this one. This was the only other facility in the approved zone.

Mr. Angelo stated he is hearing a lot of residents are coming out and saying no, we don't want it; who voted for it then because 60% of this town's residents voted for this. Mr. Angelo stated that he would offer up a point because of the two tenants that he spoke about earlier being perception and education. It is challenging to get proponents when they have already spoken with their vote to come back out again and ask them to come back out and resupport something that they have already voted for and then to get patients to come out in their own community with the stigma that unfortunately many in this room maybe still have is extremely challenging. To ask someone's mother, grandmother or sick family member to go down an industrial road two miles to find a large building to make their purchase and make them feel like they are criminals is criminal in and of itself. This location was chosen for access and to be able to make it convenient and easy for patients and to get them out of the shadows which unfortunately they are being forced to deal with today and he feels sorry for any patient in that situation that is being pushed into industrial zones or the black market because we end up with a not in my backyard mentality. With all due respect there are others in this area, you can go into this town and hit different pharmacies whether they be associated with stand-alone pharmacies or they are in supermarkets but there are a number of pharmacies in locations but that same patient that has cancer rather than go to their pharmacy in their town conveniently 10 minutes away the message that the Board is sending them is don't do that; we want you to go 20-30 minutes down the street to get your medicine. A vote of no action or no on this is a clear message by this Board to the patients in the community in the Foxborough community.

Ms. Coppola stated as someone who has experienced cancer in multi-family members if you have to go get medicine you will go where it is available, it doesn't make any difference if you go down a road, a strip mall or anything. It is really upsetting when you almost try to put a guilt trip on what the Board of Selectmen are doing; they represent the Town of Foxborough. You say that 60% of the Town of Foxborough voted for it, well say 98% of the people that spoke to her are against this, that is a little higher than 60%. You can make percentages say anything you want. The Board of Selectmen represent the people of Foxborough and part of this legislation

allows the community where a dispensary is proposed to say yes or no. The Board of Selectmen are exercising their right under the legislation and also their responsibility to the Town of Foxborough, to their citizens who have spoken to them. Mr. Angelo stated that his comments in no way shape or form meant to lay any guilt on this Board. The one point of clarity that he did want to make and he thinks it is an important point; if you have a sick family member with cancer and they need medicine what do you do as that family member; you will drive anywhere to pick up that medicine for your family member; in this program that can't be done; the patient themselves have to come in for the medicine. Mr. Gray stated that they have a caregiver form. Mr. Angelo stated that there are 300 caregivers in the entire state of Massachusetts. Mr. Gray stated that there is a form where they can become the caregiver and deliver this. Mr. Angelo stated they can deliver patients their medicine but you can't go as a normal pharmacy transaction. If he has a family member that needs a prescription he would go and pick up the prescription for that family member, they could be in bed or incapacitated and he could go get that for him. In this particular capacity if that happens he can't because that patient has to physically go there. If they have a designated caregiver which could take several months to get that in place then a family member could go and do that or they can arrange for a delivery but that doesn't happen overnight. Ms. Coppola stated at that point hospice would kick in.

Motion by John Gray that the Board of Selectmen take the position of no action regarding the Beacon Compassion Center's application for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary on North Street and Washington Street. Seconded by Christopher Mitchell.

Mr. Feldman stated that with no action they can't proceed at this location. Mr. DeVellis stated that they could come in tomorrow with a different location or a different site plan, the Board of Selectmen are only looking at this one item tonight.

Ms. Coppola asked if this ends this application. Mr. Keegan stated that this application would be essentially placed into no status; they could not proceed to the next level.

Vote 5-0-0

8:55pm – North Grove Street Traffic Study – Chief O'Leary, Officer Hoffman

Chief O'Leary stated that he was contacted several months ago by Ms. Coppola, she had heard from a resident about a traffic situation and Chief O'Leary detailed an assignment to different shifts at different times to check on North Grove Street in particular. Thankfully some of his staff are talented and they go above and beyond an analysis of a problem and not just put a temporary fix by certain radar patrols. Officer Hoffmann brought to his attention the work that he had done on North Grove Street to give not just enforcement but to give a better picture of traffic.

Officer Hoffman presented the Board with the North Grove Street Traffic Study.

Officer Hoffman stated that the two pages on the back is a volume study and what this does is not only calculates how many vehicles have traveled over the strip that is laid out across the road

but it can also determine the speed of those vehicles and what type of vehicles they are (cars, trucks, buses, tractor trailers). Today we are going to focus on the volume and the speed.

Officer Hoffman stated that if the Board puts page 1 to the left and page 2 to the right that will give them a general overview of when they conducted this study over a number of different days. Looking back to the actual pamphlet this would be day one broken down by speed and time and hours of increments of one hour increments. Ms. Coppola asked how Officer Hoffman can determine the speed on this. Officer Hoffmann stated that there are two tubes that go across the road that are premeasured out; when one tube gets hit it sends a pulse through the tube and it goes back to the machine. When the second tube gets hit, it sends another pulse and they have software that calculates the two pulses and determines what the speed of the vehicle is. Officer Hoffmann stated that if they look at 12:00pm the first number is a "7" next to that and what that is, is 7 vehicles. On the top it states "1 to 15" and that is 1-15 mph. The next bracket states 16-20mph and 8 vehicles were recorded for that particular day. They can break it down by days and hours so that way they can properly address an issue if there is in fact an issue at that time. The idea is to be able to post up an officer, if an officer is needed for selective traffic enforcement. If they see ten vehicles exceeding the speed limit by a certain mph they know that is probably a good spot to post. Ms. Coppola asked what the speed limit was on North Grove Street in which Officer Hoffman responded 30mph zone.

Where the assessments for the fines for speeds are calculated it lists the minimum assessment of \$50 and then a \$50 surcharge fee and then \$5 on top of that. That counts for the first ten miles over the speed limit which means for the first ten miles over the speed limit your citation is \$105 and every mile an hour after that is \$10 on top of that so if you are going 20 mph it would be \$205. Generally what they see is police departments throughout Massachusetts don't start citing individuals until they reach that 10 mph over the speed limit. It doesn't mean they can't, but some courts frown upon it. That is just a breakdown of individual days so if you go through the packet you will notice the date up top and if you go through each day you will get an overview of what the actual speed is on the road.

The last page of the packet there is an overview on the bottom. There are a few different numbers here and the one that is very important to them is the 85% and you will hear this talked about a lot and it is generally how they determine (there are a number of factors that go into determining proper speed) proper speed limits and posting of speed limit signs. The 85% holds the most weight in the eyes of the Mass DOT who have to approve all signage prior to it being posted up. The 85% states 35mph and he knows it is posted 30 mph but if the Board ever wanted to reconsider trying to change signage just realize at this time this survey shows that the 85% is 35mph. The 85% means that 85% of the vehicles that travel during the course of this survey were traveling 35mph or under. If you go down a little bit lower it states number of vehicles traveling over 40mph and it lists 123 vehicles traveling over 40mph throughout the course of this survey, that is out of 13,330 vehicles recorded and that is .9% traveling over 40 mph which would be their settable zone.

Going through every single day and looking at every single time Officer Hoffman had a discussion with the Chief on what would be an appropriate time to deploy officers basically at a directed patrol; so normally a directed patrol is about an hour long and it would be at a certain

time and their whole purpose is to stop people from speeding. Officer Hoffman's opinion is that a good theory is the 10/10 rule so if you have 10 vehicles traveling over 10 mph in a given hour that is probably a good spot to set up so they can actually affect some motor vehicle stops. Going through this there are no vehicles in that type of setting. That doesn't mean the vehicles weren't speeding, it doesn't mean some of the vehicles weren't exceeding the speed limit by a significant amount but what it means is that there was nothing for them to pinpoint on an exact time at which point they should be posting up and dedicating an officer to that area. Officer Hoffman stressed that this is important for a small town such as Foxborough. They don't necessarily have all the resources all the time to be posting up here and there. Generally they have 3-4 officers working on a patrol shift. There are three sectors assigned to our town (north, south and east). If they do pull an officer to post up on a road that sector is then effectively not being patrolled.

Mr. Gray stated that what the data indicates is there is not a chronic problem on that stretch of road. Officer Hoffman stated that is correct but by no means does it mean that you shouldn't be patrolling that area. All of their cruisers are equipped with what is called roaming radar and they can detect the speed of an oncoming vehicle as the cruiser is moving. Often times when Officer Hoffman is patrolling on the 4-12 shift, he is moving around and the radar is going. He is not only looking for speeding issues, he might be looking for other violations such as marked lanes and other things like that. You are also keeping an eye on the houses and buildings and you have to make sure that people aren't breaking in. They have the clothing receptacles down at the church and they were getting broken into left and right for a while and those were meant for the people that needed them.

Mr. Gray stated apart from some outliers, which there are. Officer Hoffmann stated you will always see outliers on a report. Mr. Gray stated that it was a good report. Officer Hoffman stated that if the outlier was constant, one person going 60 mph they might be tempted to sit on that road for an hour.

Mr. Mitchell asked what other roads around Foxborough have they done this on. Officer Hoffman stated Union Street, Fales Place, North Street, Summer Street and Oak Street. Officer Hoffman stated that not all of them are as lengthy as this. Mr. Mitchell asked if one of the sections was from South Street to Route 106 or vice versa. Officer Hoffman stated North Grove connects down South Street to Green Street which is Route 106 and there is nothing to say where he has to place the strip and he tries to pick a spot that is going to be the fastest, the straightaway. Mr. Mitchell stated that he drives that twice a day and he has never seen the strip. Officer Hoffman stated that it is a premeasured strip.

Ms. Coppola asked if Officer Hoffman would you say that North Grove Street is within the norm; there is not a great amount of speeding. There is traffic going down the street but it is not as excessive as someone might think. Officer Hoffman stated that there is speed on every street but there is nothing to indicate that there is a time in which an officer needs to be down there for an allotted period of time to patrol that area. He stated that they did end up putting officers down there, they actually had 8 assigned directed traffic patrols down there and there wasn't much in the way of citations being issued at that point and they were at various times of the day

(midnight, day and 4-12 shifts) and he was actually down there twice on a directed patrol shift for about an hour to an hour and a half long.

Ms. Coppola thanked Officer Hoffman and stated that it seems like the Police Department has devoted a good amount of time to doing this study. She is sure the residents are thanking the department for paying attention to their concerns. Officer Hoffman wanted to remind people that a majority of the department are actually residents themselves so they do have a vested interest in making sure the public stays safe at large.

Mr. DeVellis stated that Officer Hoffman had mentioned Fales Place and that was one of the roads that they put a “No Thru Traffic” sign. Mr. DeVellis reached out to the residents when they asked for those signs and the Board of Selectmen approved it with a soft condition that they come back to them in the fall to report how it is going. The Board is going to have them back in front of them probably sometime in October to ask if the signs are working; did they waste their time and is it effective. Mr. DeVellis asked if there was any indication at this point. Officer Hoffman stated that the issue they are running into is whether or not they are actually enforceable; as far as Officer Hoffman knows there isn’t any chapter or section that would allow them to enforce that signage. Officer Hoffman stated in talking to some of the people that he actually stopped, they were residents living on Granite Street, South Street and Union Street and they were trying to get home. If the sign turns out that it is enforceable it simply says “No Thru Way”, and that would mean to anyone not going to that immediate street. Then you get into the issue of enforcement where you have to dedicate an officer there every day between the hours of 4-6pm. Mr. DeVellis stated that this is helpful to hear because he is not sure exactly what precipitated this study but he knows there were some complaints that stated why aren’t the police there, everyone is speeding so before the Board starts putting up signs it is helpful to them to put an officer there it is taking someone from a different section. Officer Hoffman stated that there is an issue, cars are going through there however from a standpoint of the police department they have to address things legally, they can’t just be stopped for no reason and you can’t just give a citation for no reason and if they do they put themselves in jeopardy and the town is liable. There is an issue and Officer Hoffman noticed there are cars going through there and he has the survey right now and at the most there were 38-40 cars at one time in an hour period that went through there and that is a lot of cars for a small street like that. However, the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about is the center of town not keeping up with the traffic on Main Street. You can close off all those streets all you want but you are just going to divert it and the next thing you know they are going to go Garfield Street to Baker Street. The same thing on the other side (Central Street to Bassett to Carpenter Street to South Street). Mr. DeVellis stated that is why they put it as a trial mode and he is trying to get some input. Officer Hoffman stated that he cannot stress enough the legality of the signs; it makes it difficult for them if they cannot enforce that sign because not everyone knows that. In the conversation Officer Hoffman had with the resident that day was actually in regard to her stepping out into traffic trying to slow cars down; they received a call again on that tonight and Officer Hoffman had talked to her and said he had a great day that day but nothing would make him more upset than having to come down there and basically talk to her in regard to getting hit by a motor vehicle. Most of their job is also educating and he asked her if she knew what the speed limit was on that road and she didn’t know; it is 30 mph per statute and the vehicle she was telling to slow down was going 15mph.

9:13pm – Town Warrant

Ms. Bernard stated that she didn't think they had to spend a lot of time on this list. Per the Board's request they are trying to keep a draft document alive and floating in front of them. This time the Board will see some new things are being presented, specifically items 7-11, these are potential items with the idea of a Special Town Meeting in February which are the following:

7. **Personnel Bylaw Rewrite**

8-10. **Steelworkers, Police & Library Contracts**

Three Contracts they are hoping to settle in the coming months

11. **Removal of Police Chief Position from Civil Service**

They are proposing with further discussion with the Board of Selectmen the removal of the Police Chief position from Civil Service

Those are the things that have been added to this list since the Board last saw it and they intend to come to the Board once a month with some updates and as language becomes available it gets vetted through this Board and Town Counsel and to Ad Com once the Board of Selectmen send it along.

Mr. DeVellis stated the dates to get closure; Ad Com, set the town meeting, what are they looking for. Mr. Keegan stated that they are actually going to talk about that tomorrow and they are trying to get a group together to find out what is the best date. It is kind of sensitized to the information coming back to the town hall project. He did an update show for the community today and Bill Yukna was his guest on the show. Mr. Yukna indicated that he was looking at the middle part of February in order to have everything ready. Mr. Keegan stated that they are trying to get a group together with himself, Mr. Scollins, Mr. Cutler, the Moderator and Mr. Yukna, and the Chairman of Ad Com because they are the key players in this meeting. They will try to figure this out and try to have a recommendation to the Board by the next meeting.

Mr. Feldman asked if Mr. Yukna thinks he will have all the bids in by the middle of February in which Mr. Keegan stated yes. Mr. Feldman stated that if he is looking at the middle of February we wouldn't be able to have a special town meeting in February; you are looking at early March. Mr. Keegan stated that is why he needs clarification on this. Mr. Yukna stated that he will have everything ready by the middle of February but that means he still has to get in front of Ad Com. Mr. Feldman stated that at the earliest, you are looking at early March and regular town meeting is in May. Mr. Keegan stated which begs the question should we wait until May.

Mr. Gray stated that he had spoken to Mr. Yukna a while back and they are in the middle of budget reviews at that point and one thing that this board and other boards have said in the past is that they won't crush Ad Com with specials right on the threshold of an annual. If this gets postponed anyway that won't be the case.

Mr. Keegan stated that the key point is to why they want to get it done is they want to get going during the good months of April and May as opposed to waiting for a vote and then beginning after that. Mr. Gray stated that when he spoke to Mr. Yukna he stated that he may have the information as soon as News Years and that will give him a chance to digest it and it will still give a chance for Ad Com to fully vet it in time for a late February special meeting.

Mr. Keegan stated that they also have to be mindful that they are also looking at a Presidential Primary March 1st so he really doesn't want to put Bob Cutler's crew up against that as well. We have a couple of challenges to figure out.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he just wanted to be cognizant of the tail wagging the dog. Everyone is focusing on town hall but there are other contracts and articles in there and if you push it out too far it gets into May town meeting. He thinks maybe if they set the date and push for the town hall to be ready by then and if it is not, that would get pushed to May rather than throwing everything out because that is not ready. Mr. Gray asked why don't they shoot for an early December meeting expecting that some of these issues may not be ready in February and just push it to May anyway. Mr. Keegan stated that they will have a discussion about that tomorrow and that maybe he misunderstood Mr. Yukna but he specifically asked when they are going to be ready for this and the answer was mid-February and he was assuming that was the town meeting date that he was talking about.

Mr. Mitchell asked if they anticipated the list to grow any larger. Ms. Bernard stated that once they have a date they are going to send an E-Mail around to town department heads to ask if anyone is recommending any warrant articles for a special town meeting that their boards and committees might not be aware of so she would assume that this will grow. Mr. Keegan stated that they will try to limit that because they don't want it to grow much beyond what they have here. Mr. DeVellis stated that it is hard to have a close date if they don't know what the town meeting date is.

9:20pm – Town Manager Recommendation for Salary Adjustment for Finance Director

Mr. Keegan stated that his position on this is that he went through the review process with Mr. Scollins. Mr. Scollins did very well in his evaluation and he did receive a high performance grade. There are some things that they talked about that they are going to continue to work on and Mr. Scollins is fully aware of those and he was actually very cooperative in the process and they identified those issues that they think need improvement and spent quite a bit of time on those. He thinks by in large Mr. Scollins does a terrific job as our Finance Director and none of us are perfect and we understand that but by the same token Mr. Keegan thinks they are very fortunate as a town to have a man of his talent to do this job. We have put ourselves in a pretty good financial position to be where we manage our finances as good as anyone. Mr. Keegan knows that while managing finances goes beyond other things too, working with everyone around him and working with all of the other departments those are all things they are working on to try and further improve upon. He is recommending in light of all those points that Mr. Scollins receives a step increase of 2.5%.

Mr. Gray asked the 2.5% is from where to where in whole dollars in which Mr. Keegan stated \$3,100. Mr. Gray asked if this would be effective retroactively to July 1, 2015 in which Mr. Keegan responded yes.

Mr. Keegan stated that Mr. Scollins' evaluation was done during the month of July but they got so caught up in so many different things that he didn't put it on the agenda until September. Mr. Mitchell stated that was one of his questions if it was done in July why was it just being put on in September. Mr. Keegan stated that they had a lot of things going on in August so he just didn't get it on there.

Mr. Mitchell asked if it was 2.5% plus the COLA. Mr. Keegan stated that the COLA went to everyone other than the contract people who are still negotiating their contracts. Anyone still negotiating is still in that position. All of the nonunion employees got the 2%.

Mr. Gray stated that Mr. Keegan used the word "step increase", what step is this. Mr. Keegan stated that Mr. Scollins is actually on a step scale which his salary is based on a step system just as many people are now. Mr. Gray asked if Mr. Scollins was maxing out on the step scale that he is on in which Mr. Keegan stated no. Mr. Gray stated so there is room for growth in which Mr. Keegan responded yes. Mr. Gray asked if they had looked at the surrounding towns to see where this fits in with his peers. Mr. Keegan stated that they are actually doing a significant fairly widespread survey of that right now so he doesn't have that information finalized yet. Mr. Keegan stated that he had reached out to that consultant today. Mr. Mitchell stated that he has seen a little bit and it is on the good end for Randy compared to some towns. Mr. Gray stated that he has worked with Mr. Scollins for years now and they are very fortunate that they have his skillset and dedication in town. Mr. Scollins was always an advocate of the Advisory Committee and public meetings and the one thing is for a small town like this it would be easy to let things drift, it is a tight operation and it is getting tighter and Mr. Gray is so glad he is part of the team.

Ms. Coppola stated she realizes it is the function of the Town Manager to make the evaluations and then present his recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. It was asked to have a little bit more information with regard to how the evaluation was done and what was covered in the evaluation so the Board of Selectmen were given that information and it was very interesting. There is quite a bit to the job description and she thought it was a very interesting and a good evaluation so Ms. Coppola relies on Mr. Keegan's recommendation of the 2.5%.

Mr. Feldman stated when it comes to dollars and cents and our credit rating and what Mr. Scollins does is top notch. Some of Mr. Feldman's concerns were some of the other functions; the interaction with some of the town hall staff and Mr. Feldman and Mr. Keegan had that discussion. Mr. Keegan stated that they had regular conversations about that.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he is always cognizant of the Board's position here with the Strong Town Manager's Act. The Board hires him and he does the reviews and his review is not to be happening at this table. He is assuming that Mr. Keegan went through the whole process and he is coming back with a recommendation. COLA and merit is what the Board is talking about now and Mr. DeVellis asked if Mr. Keegan was looking for a formal vote on this now. Mr. Keegan stated that he had to recommend to the Board and then the Board has to approve it.

Mr. Mitchell stated just for his status what other positions does that apply to, that Mr. Keegan does the review and the Board has to approve. Mr. Keegan stated that this one is specifically stated in his contract. He does reviews of the Police Chief, Fire, Chief, Assistant Town Manager, his own personal staff, and the DPW Director. Mr. Mitchell asked if all of those the Board has to approve in which Mr. Keegan stated not necessarily because Mr. Scollins specifically states that in his contract that the Board needs to approve it. Mr. Scollins technically is the Board's employee because the Board appoints Mr. Scollins; he does not appoint Mr. Scollins under the way the charter is structured. Mr. DeVellis stated that the Board appoints him but Mr. Keegan reviews him like the police and fire chief have separate contracts, it is a little odd in this town because everyone is in different corners.

Motion by John Gray that the Board of Selectman adjust by \$3,100 at 2.5% Randy Scollins base salary effective July 1, 2015. Second by David Feldman.

Mr. DeVellis stated that the only concern he would have is if they are putting a dollar amount and percentage if that math is not right it puts the Board in an awkward position.

Mr. Gray retracted his motion.

Mr. Keegan stated that to be clear he also receives a COLA but that was effective July 1, 2015.

Motion by John Gray that the Board of Selectmen increase Randy Scollins base salary by 2.5% retroactive to July 1, 2015. Seconded by David Feldman. **Vote 5-0-0**

9:40pm – Foxborough Housing Trust

Mr. DeVellis stated that what Foxborough did back at one of their town meetings was they by a vote at town meeting instituted a trust where money from developers would go into it and it would go towards the goal of addressing affordable housing in town. Unfortunately, it has a sunset clause, the money that has been received or is in the process of being received by developers, if it is not spent July 1, 2016 it disappears. The Board of Selectmen are given the charge of appointing a committee for that trust. There are goals and objectives. They did this hand-in-hand with Sharon Wason, Town Planner and the Planning Board. Now they need to get people on the committee and they need to get the figures in front of them and make recommendations back to the Board so they can spend the money by July 1, 2016.

The Planning Board was going to come tonight but there was a conflict so rather than shelf it for another two weeks Mr. DeVellis wanted to have a discussion with the Board just to remind them what their role is and the responsibility is on the Board right now, not the Planning Board. Mr. Keegan stated that they have reached out already and just haven't gotten a lot of response. They only had one person respond to serve so Mr. Keegan wanted to make the appeal again tonight publicly and ask each one of the Board members to reach out to anyone they know that might be willing to serve in this capacity. Mr. Mitchell asked how many people they were looking for and Mr. Keegan stated seven people. Ms. Coppola stated that there has to be one Planning Board member, one Board of Selectmen member, and one Housing Authority member. Mr. Gray stated

that he had spent a lot of time with Ms. Wason on this through the years and if a Board of Selectmen member needs to be on there he will volunteer.

Mr. DeVellis wanted to remind everyone that the purpose of the Affordable Housing Trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in town for the benefit of low and moderate income. “The Foxborough Trust shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen or another member of the Board of Selectmen shall serve on the trust. In addition, a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Foxboro Housing Authority, a member of the Advisory Committee and appointed annually by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The remaining members of the trust will consist of three citizens of the town having expertise or experience in housing, finance, municipal government or the law and shall be appointed by the Chairman.” He stated that it sounds like half of the board is already there. Mr. Keegan stated that they have only had one person express an interest so they need two more. Ms. Coppola asked if it was “up to seven” or did it have to be seven in which Mr. DeVellis stated it had to be seven.

Mr. Gray stated the sunset provision is up next July. Mr. Keegan stated that the Board could extend this at town meeting especially given the circumstances that happened this past year.

Mr. Gray stated that right now it is a short duration assignment so he thinks he actually knows a few people he could impel to help out. Ms. Coppola stated that she knows the Planning Board is anxious to get this committee going because there is money from developers being given and they want to be able to use it.

Mr. DeVellis stated to have the Planning Board come in within the next two weeks (10/6/15) and maybe by then they will have the names and the applications filled out. The big picture and Mr. DeVellis understands the passing of Ms. Wason but he also understands if developers are asked to give this money and the town says we need it and we can't figure out how to spend it, the money should go back to the developers. If we need it so bad we should be in a position to figure out how to spend it. Mr. Keegan stated that he thinks if they get the right folks in the room coupled with the fact if they work hand in hand with some of the Economic Development goals he thinks they could probably pull something together.

Mr. Gray stated that he thinks this is a good way to approach it.

Ms. Coppola stated that there is a Planning Board meeting this Thursday.

Mr. Feldman stated that this was put in place to help the town meet its 10% affordable goal. Mr. Gray stated that in order to give Chestnut Green a slightly more free reign in what they build there they had to deposit “x” amount of dollars for affordable housing which they weren't able to build on that site. Mr. DeVellis stated that if the developer wanted to do something that didn't quite make sense, but they had to, they would give the money to the town and they could spend it to get to the same place; it gave flexibility. Mr. Keegan stated that they could actually help the Housing Authority in their efforts. Mr. Gray stated that the money had to be spent in the spirit of the directive Mr. DeVellis just read.

9:50pm - Town Manager's Report

Mr. Keegan stated that they had a very productive visit from Jay Ash, Secretary of Economic Development for the state. He came to the Tri Town Chamber on 9/17/15 and they did a three town visit and rode with him on a bus to see the various marketing pieces for the three towns. There is a lot of work being done in all three of our towns collectively; Norton, Mansfield and Foxborough. The best summary of that visit was what he said at the very end that he had been around to 70 different communities around the state and all the communities that they have been in clearly Norton, Mansfield and Foxborough have their act together. Mr. Ash stated this is really well done and they want to do a lot more but they just need some technical guidance, direction and help in terms of marketing some properties. They are actually doing some things with the Chamber itself and they are putting some funding into doing a three town video that will actually serve as a marketing tool for the three towns on a more national level which would bring more people into the region and invest in this region. They are doing their part to do that and Mr. Keegan knows there are private dollars being spent on that same effort but they are there to try to enhance that and promote that from their perspective as well.

The Secretary offered his assistance in any way possible whether that is for specific projects or as a general assistance offer. Mr. Ash basically said they are doing all the right things they just need to continue on their efforts and continue to market themselves the best we can.

Ms. Coppola stated that Mr. Keegan had this with the three towns which must have been with the three representatives, Betty Poirier, Jay Barrows. Mr. Keegan stated that Representative Barrows was there and then they had the Chamber Executive and the three town managers were there.

Ms. Coppola stated that when she was up at the State House and what they did was in the towns of Norton, Mansfield and Foxborough they asked the people from Mass Highway to do a tour and they did a tour and they hit every dangerous intersection in the three towns. Ms. Coppola stated that they had the police, town managers, state representatives and selectmen also from the towns. It was good because it got Mass Highway down there to actually see what they were talking about; what their E-Mails had said and what their telephone calls were about and that made a difference and they did do them. This was especially important because according to Roger Hill, the old timers are no longer at Mass Highway so now it is all new people so she was wondering if they could contact Representative Barrows and have him put that together. Mr. Keegan stated that he would be talking about a corridor study that they will be doing in just a few minutes.

Mr. Keegan stated that he taped a new show which featured the Police Chief and they talked about this last concert season and how things went up at the stadium and how the stadium has grown in its venue over the years and how it has evolved into what it is today. Obviously this is worldwide recognition of the stadium for its different types of programs and events that they have there. They talked about the safety measures that are taken there and all of the actions taken by the town and this leads up to the cooperation of a lot of different entities including the Kraft Organization as well. It was actually pretty informative and he hopes the Board will find it

enjoyable. Chief O'Leary actually offered some pretty interesting information. Chief O'Leary has been doing this for 31 years and had a lot to say.

The second thing Mr. Keegan did was to update the community on the status of the town hall project to see where we are at this point in time and what things have been done since the last time it was discussed, which was in May. He wanted to make sure that everyone was updated and are aware of where we are at and making sure that there are not any surprises down the road. The process is moving exactly as it was supposed to do at this point in time with having the committee do its work and then respecting their time to do the kind of detail that they need to do. Mr. Keegan stated that they think they have done a good job in keeping everyone focused on what needs to get done.

The Economic Development Committee had its first meeting last week and he thought it was a great meeting with ten people around the table. They are going to meet again on October 7, 2015 and they are actually going to try and pull together an agenda for that meeting. There was a lot of energy in that room and a lot of good ideas being kicked around. He did notify them also that the Strategic Meeting Group is meeting on October 1, 2015; that is the Planning Board, Water & Sewer Commission and the Board of Selectmen. He encouraged them to attend that if they could as well as he also notified the Town Asset Review Committee to attend that as well because they are trying to put the town fire station and funeral home out to bid.

Rolling into that discussion they just recently met with the auctioneer and provided him with a lot of the information that he needed so that he can actually start getting that information out. Mr. Keegan has had an inquiry from a private developer about the property so he will pursue that a little bit more but the process is hoping that they can do an auction in November. Mr. Feldman stated that he thinks there will be a lot of crossover between those committees working with not parallel paths but crisscrossing a little bit. Mr. Keegan stated that some are a little more focused; Economic Development is looking for a little bit more of a strategic discussion where Strategic Planning is more focused on the downtown area. The Town Asset Review looks at all different properties that are available to the town that we can relinquish at some point.

Mr. Keegan stated that they just did an update along the lines of the Route 140 study that was being requested and they just got a letter this afternoon that was addressed to Representative Barrows, Senator Timilty and Representative Steve Howard. The letter stated: "Thank you for your letter dated August 20, 2015 regarding a request for a traffic study to be conducted on Route 140 from the Foxboro Regional Charter School to the Roche Bros. Plaza in Norton. Mass DOT District 5 Project Development Section has reviewed this section and identified two high crash clusters that are located along this corridor. At the intersection of Route 140 and School Street and the intersection of Route 140 and Route 106 both of which are located in Mansfield. Over the past ten years the intersection of Route 140 and School Street was constructed as far as the Mansfield Crossing Development immediately adjacent to School Street. Mass DOT is currently designing a project to reconstruct its signals at the intersection of Route 140 and Route 106. The project is scheduled to be advertised in the federal fiscal year 2019. Performing a traffic study along this corridor is a bit unusual as it expands across two different metropolitan area planning organizations; the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. District 5 reached out to ????? to gage

their interest in performing a traffic study including a small study of Route 140 in Foxborough located within the MAPC limits. SRPEDD has expressed interest in doing a study although they would need to reach out to the MAPC for discussion and coordination. District 5 will coordinate with SRPEDD to begin discussions with the towns of Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton. If you have further questions please contact Jim Kersten, Mass DOT Legislative Liaison.” That comes from the Mass Highway Coordinator, Tom Tinlan which essentially says that the study will take place so they are pleased to see that. They will get a full indication as to what kind of improvements need to be done along that corridor and obviously knowing that there are some impact points. Mr. Keegan stated that we have a number of areas that we want looked at including Central Street and Route 140 as well as the area of Walnut Street, the area of the former Schneider Property because they should take a look at that as well because that will eventually be sold or reused and of course the Charter School is a concern as well. We have back to back issues along that corridor that need to be looked at. Mr. DeVellis stated that it sounds like some progress.

Last but not least Mr. Keegan wanted to mention the POW/MIA ceremony on Sunday which he thought was great. It was nice to see everyone there and it is something that we should never forget as a community. He gave kudos to the community and the town as a whole just to continuously remind ourselves of how important it is to remember the service of our soldiers and those that never came back.

There will be a SHARPS collection. A letter is going to be going out to Dooley Disposal Services which is doing a majority of the collection throughout town now and they will be doing a SHARPS collection for 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 collection will be held at the McGinty Room of the Foxborough Public Safety Building located at 8 Chestnut Street. If anyone has any questions they can call Dooley Disposal at 508-543-1389. Mr. Keegan stated that they want people to be mindful of the fact that there are specific dates that this can be done. Mr. Feldman asked if there is any more information on that on how they can bring their sharps in for disposal. Mr. Keegan stated that he thinks that is a conversation they can have directly with Dooley or they can actually talk to our Board of Health. Mr. DeVellis stated that Dooley does a good job with his E-Mails, notifying people of changes and he is sure that he can do the E-Mail blasts with specifics.

Ms. Bernard wanted to let the Board know that they have completed the Library Director search process. It was a pleasure to work with the Trustees and she really enjoyed her time with them. They had 21 candidates and they did 7 phone interviews and brought 3 candidates back for face-to-face interviews and an offer was made to Manuel Leite who is currently the East Bridgewater Library Director. Mr. Leite will be starting on October 19, 2015. It was a unanimous decision of the screening committee and he brings with him great energy and is very involved with the Library Association, sales and all of that and he is really looking forward to starting with us.

The Planning Director process is well underway. They met last evening. They had 15 applicants (not much quantity but a lot of quality). They conducted 7 phone interviews and that has been narrowed down to 4 candidates who in the coming weeks will interview face-to-face. The screening committee is made up of (3) Planning Board members; (1) Economic Development

Committee member; Building Commissioner, Mary Beth Bernard and the Staff Planner so they had some really good telephone interviews last night.

For some coming attractions, at the culmination of a four year study of benefit options for town employees they have engaged with Boston Mutual. Ms. Bernard stated that the town is changing the town's life insurance plan to them. A study had been done and employees are going to be offered an additional \$5,000 worth of life insurance at the same cost that they currently are paying. Life insurance is contributed 50% by the town and 50% by the employees which is about \$4 a month.

In addition to that, the study showed that people were interested in some optional benefits so at no cost to the town but to the benefit of the employees they are able to purchase some group benefits for long-term disability, critical care and additional life. They rolled that out over the past couple of weeks to department heads yesterday and they invited all of the union members and the union representatives to it and it will be featured at the health fair and also a series of open enrollments at all the town buildings for employees. This is at no cost to the town and optional for employees and it is a long time coming because the study was done four years ago and it lay dormant and Ms. Bernard and Mr. Keegan revitalized it.

There will be lots of trainings ongoing for employees but most everyone has completed their Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment & Anti-Discrimination trainings and they issued certificates to all of the employees. They are also doing training on all new forms and policies in order to prepare for an employee self-service module of our payroll system where employees can log on and merge that.

They are undergoing the training and they have issued everyone a binder with new forms because in order to go paperless they had to increase the amount of paper so that everyone is working from the same script and understands what the codes are and what the forms are. Eventually it will turn into an on-line system. They have done a lot of work with accounting, finance, retrained department heads, put together a binder and trained all of the administrators for all of the departments. There is a lot of work going on to get everyone on the same page.

Mr. Keegan stated that he will be leaving Thursday morning early to Seattle to represent Foxborough at the ICMA Conference. They have actually engaged a vendor which Mr. Keegan had met with a year ago at this similar conference in Charlotte, NC where they talked about going to a more paperless approach for the Board of Selectmen meetings. He spoke with that vendor and had some pretty in-depth discussions about how we can approach that but they opted to wait because they are coming out with a new release in either December or January of next year which will allow them to actually expand that use of that same license to other boards and committees throughout the town. It was primarily engaged for just one use so they wanted to see if they could expand it beyond that to other boards and committees.

9:54pm – Action Items

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the street namings in London Estates of Authelet Way and Peterson Lane. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Mr. Gray stated that they had discussed this the last time. If this development is approved but it is modified to one street one of those names will go back into a pool to hopefully be used at another location. Mr. DeVellis stated that when a subdivision is filed they take the path of the preliminary and then the definitive and this actually went straight to the definitive so they were not asking for a name before it was generally required; it is not out of order.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the grant donation from the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund the Stewards of Children/Darkness to Light Program. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Mr. DeVellis stated kudos to Superintendent Deb Spinelli, it will be used very wisely by this committee. They have done a tremendous amount of training with the town staff and all the coaches and it is very much needed.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to reappoint Lidy C. Chan to the Foxborough Cultural Council expiring 10/30/18. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to reappoint Sam Jaberri to the Foxborough Cultural Council expiring 10/30/18. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to reappoint Julie Jaberri to the Foxborough Cultural Council expiring 10/30/18. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the resignation of Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr., from the Child Sexual Abuse Committee effective 8/10/15. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Mr. DeVellis stated that the Child Sexual Abuse Committee is reaching out and if you are a public safety official, police or fire there is an opening.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept gift donations for the Town Common Flagpole totaling \$4,820 from various donors. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Mr. DeVellis stated there is going to be a signboard off the Common hopefully this weekend measuring this.

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the gift donation of \$10 from Janet Hayes to the Boyden Library for the purchase of a Memorial Book. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Keeno license for Fusion Notification. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to accept the resignation of J. Neil Forster, effective 10/1/15 effective from the Board of Appeals. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to appoint David J. Brown to the Board of Appeals as a full member expiring on 5/1/17. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to appoint J. Neil Forster to the Board of Appeals as an Associate Member expiring on 5/1/16. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

Motion by Christopher Mitchell to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of 9/8/15. Seconded by John Gray. **Vote 5-0-0**

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