



## Select Board Meeting - February 18, 2025 Minutes

at 7:00 PM

Gala Room Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

### 1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input

1.01 Citizen's Input

### 2. 7:05pm - Introduction to the new Human Resources Director

2.01 Welcome Mike Mullen!

### 3. 7:10pm - Annual Town Meeting

3.01 Review & Discuss a Citizen's Petition regarding a Dangerous Roadway Redesign, submitted by John Mahoney.

#### **ARTICLE 31: (Citizen's Petition: Dangerous Roadway Design)**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum to be used for the redesign and engineering of:

1. The intersection of South Street and Route 106 (Cedar and Green);
2. A corridor of about 1/3 a mile on Commercial Street, aka Route 140. Starting at the intersection with Central Street until Hersey Pond (the area near the Ocean State Job Lot Plaza)

John Mahoney, 41 Putnam Road, seeking money for the design on this project. The Town can submit the design to the

state and the state provides funding through the Complete Street Program. Design and engineering must be completed and then submitted, up to \$400K. East Street was done three years ago, so we are now eligible. Looking for \$200K for design.

Paige Duncan did submit for these grants three years ago. It was supposed more than likely that the housing was a part of the proposal.

Might be better to wait to see what Mass DOT is willing to do as most critical need and it is best to look at our resources on a Town level to see what can be done instead of pushing a Citizen's Petition. Safety is a concern for both locations, but this is more than likely not the best approach.

All agree that these areas need to be addressed. Chris and TEC have been developing a plan for this site and a few others. It is being worked on. More information to come. Need to be more thoughtful of priority of projects and where the money is coming from - a more complete package for town meeting.

Chief Grace, Mass DOT has not compiled a list of accident that can be accessed by anyone. This intercession has moved up the list. Urgent meeting was held after the charter school was constructing a back entrance and a bubble was occurring. Mass Highway has recognized this. The goal is to take this all the way to the Shell Station.

John thinking to only proceed with Article 32 and hold off for Chris to pursue the Commercial Street intersection. All want to work together to have the safest place for our residents.

- 3.02 Review & Discuss a Citizen's Petition regarding Maple Avenue Infrastructure, submitted by John Mahoney.

**ARTICLE 32: (Citizen's Petition: Maple Avenue**

## **Infrastructure)**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum to be used for sidewalk along Maple Avenue identified as project #2 in the Town's 2019 Complete Street Prioritization Plan.

John Mahoney, 41 Putnam Road. This is number 2 on the prioritization plan and should be considered as a one-time funding project from free cash. Asking the town to commit to \$180K to \$200K.

Chief Grace, with the sale of the Foxboro Company, this project could be leveraged with the new property owner and how/what they develop.

Free Cash is not at \$8M. Conversations that this Board and the town have been having this year will reflect that free cash may end up to its minimum.

The Board would like to see if this project can be funded by the state and not have to spend the money now. Timeline to see what the TEC assessment reads is another six to eight weeks until Chris can receive and review.

## **4. 7:30pm - Strategic Plan**

### **4.01 Discuss Strategic Planning Committee composition.**

[Overview to BOS, rev 2.12.25.pdf](#) 

Review of memo. Vision 2030, Foxborough's Future as a possible name. Review of how the committee would be teamed. Want to reach outside the usual group and reach some new, fresh eyes - non-government. Maybe add a Public Safety official as they have done a strategic plan themselves for their own department - plan and/or accreditation. Add Chris Gallagher to make odd number. Subject to Capital Improvement Planning Committee funding so timing is not

officially set. General milestone listed. Final product - 6months to a year depending on how often the committee/consultant meets. Asking for \$100K.

## **5. 7:40pm - Town Manager's Update**

5.01 Around Town: Annual Town Meeting Warrant has closed as of Friday February 14, 2025. 36 total articles. Advisory Committee meetings underway on Wednesday nights - in person only. Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting set for Saturday, March 1, 2025 - zoom only. Nine concerts set for Summer 2025 at Gillette. Jaycees Spring Craft & Vendor Fair approved for May 3, 2025 on the Town Common.

Comfort Inn will be closing as emergency shelter.

5.02 Human Resources:

Captain Jim Grenier (Fire) has been promoted to Deputy Chief  
Lieutenant Cory Shepardson has been promoted to Captain  
Lieutenant Brian Foley has been promoted to Captain  
Firefighter PJ Belham has been promoted to Lieutenant  
Firefighter Sean Philbin has been promoted to Lieutenant

Current Open Positions: DPW Water Technician I

Collective bargaining is well underway.

Norfolk County Retirement Board. Set to do new valuations. Set to come out in the Fall. Worst case, it remains the same or it could come out under.

Paige accepted to the Board of Directors of the CPSE Leadership Center for Public Safety Excellence.

5.03 Boards & Committees: Two Personnel Board vacancies

## **6. 7:50pm - Select Board Update**

6.01 New Business

Stephanie joined the Council on Aging Friends to review what is going on in town and a Community Center update.

Dennis formally announced that he will not be running for Select Board for another term.

Resident used the See Click Fix program and the pothole was fixed the next morning.

6.02 Old Business

**7. Action Items**

7.01 Use of Public Way Application - Foxboro Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade April 12, 2025 from 9:30am to 11am. Route to move down Bird Street to Railroad Avenue, through the Common to South Street, ending at the Booth field.

\*\*Motion to approve a Use of Public Way Application - Foxboro Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade April 12, 2025 from 9:30am to 11am. Route to move down Bird Street to Railroad Avenue, through the Common to South Street, ending at the Booth field.

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino

*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**

7.02 Use of Public Way Application for the Sage School 5K Road Race on May 17, 2025 starting at 9am. Sage School parking lot to Mechanic Street, right on Cabot Drive, right on Eastman Avenue, right on Oak Street, right on Kerr Road, left on Richards Street, left on Webb Street, left on Oak Street, left on Mechanic Street to end at the Sage School.

\*\*Motion to approve a Use of Public Way Application for the Sage School 5K Road Race on May 17, 2025 starting at 9am. Sage School parking lot to Mechanic Street, right on Cabot

Drive, right on Eastman Avenue, right on Oak Street, right on Kerr Road, left on Richards Street, left on Webb Street, left on Oak Street, left on Mechanic Street to end at the Sage School.

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino

*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**

- 7.03 Use of Public Way Application - Hockomock Area YMCA's 2025 Spier Family Kindness for Kids 5K on September 13, 2025 at 8am. Race starts in the YMCA driveway, 67 Mechanic Street and goes left onto Mechanics Street, right on Railroad Avenue, left on Bird Street, right on Baker Street, right on Chestnut Street, left on Pond Avenue/Foxhill Road, right on Chestnut Street, right on Mechanic Street to the YMCA.

**\*\*Motion to approve a Use of Public Way Application for the Hockomock Area YMCA's 2025 Spier Family Kindness for Kids 5K on September 13, 2025 at 8am. Race starts in the YMCA driveway, 67 Mechanic Street and goes left onto Mechanics Street, right on Railroad Avenue, left on Bird Street, right on Baker Street, right on Chestnut Street, left on Pond Avenue/Foxhill Road, right on Chestnut Street, right on Mechanic Street to the YMCA.**

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino

*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**

- 7.04 Appoint Francis Slattery to the Historic District Commission for a term to end 5/31/2028.

**\*\*Motion to appoint Francis Slattery to the Historic District Commission for a term to end 5/31/2028.**

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino  
*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie  
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**

7.05 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from  
February 4, 2025

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\*\*Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from  
February 4, 2025.

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino  
*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie  
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**

## **8. Adjourn**

\*\*Motion to adjourn.

*Moved by:* Debbie Giardino  
*Seconded by:* Bill Yukna

**Yes** Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie  
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

**Carried 5-0**