

Select Board Meeting - February 4, 2025 Minutes

at 6:45 PM

Gala Room Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

- 1. 6:45pm Thank you, Jay Barrows.
 - 1.01 The Town of Foxborough to formally thank Jay Barrows for his service as Foxborough's Representative for the 1st Bristol district (2007-2024).
- 2. 7:00pm Citizen's Input
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- 3. 7:05pm Public Hearing: Nuisance Dog Animal Control Officer, Kaycee Bailey

**Motion to open the Public Hearing.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

**(Debbie): The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 beginning at 7:05 P.M. in the Gala Meeting Room, Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA, in accordance with MGL, Chapter 140, Section 157 and Chapter 78 of the Code of the Town of Foxborough to address a complaint filed with the Board relative to an alleged nuisance and/or dangerous dog, resulting from an incident that occurred on January 4, 2025, involving Enzo, a lab type dog – owner Samantha Par.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.01 Nuisance dog hearing resulting from an incident that occurred on January 4, 2025, involving Enzo, a lab type dog – owner Samantha Par.

Kaycee Bailey, Animal Control Officer reviewed the incident report from January 4, 2025. Both dogs were quarantined.

Email from a neighbor, Pamela Gentile, 2 Farrington Street, was read into the record by Mark Elfman.

Kaycee's recommendation is to have Enzo on leash at all times when off property and muzzled as well as the owners hold an insurance policy of \$100,000 in case another incident occurs.

Owners reviewed the incidents that have occurred but there have been other cases where Enzo was just protecting himself. Dogs are dogs and they all need to be held accountable. Enzo's owners did apologize and paid veterinarian bills for the incidents noted but the other two no one said anything. Enzo is a very happy go lucky dog and we have nieces and nephews who are around the dog and no issues.

Finnley owner, Kelley Sweeney, 12 Farrington. Very apologetic about the incident. This was the second incident but the first reported.

Bill McGinley, dog is Bo. Lives in the same neighborhood. Recounted his experience with his dog and the others in the neighborhood.

Caroline Mitchell, nephew plays with Enzo often. Gentle, kind, would never hurt him. Very playful with other dogs.

Kathy Mulcahey, Summerfield neighborhood homeowner. Seen Enzo walked always on leash. Enzo has always been nothing but gentle.

Kaycee will be objective and just wants everyone to be safe. The Board will rely on her expertise as we want all residents to be safe. Everyone is very passionate with their dogs.

Is Kaycee's recommendation a permeant solution?

The dog with low bite inhabitation will puncture another animal or human and training will not change this but it will modify the behavior.

Push back on two out of four incidents, Enzo was on leash, and he was the aggressor. However, one time on leash, he was able to hurt another animal that required veterinarian attention.

Enzo did have wounds/scrapes from two of the incidents but were treated at home.

**Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Motion Carries 5-0

Motion to deem Enzo a dangerous dog and to be leashed and muzzled at all times when off property and for the owners to hold a \$100,000 insurance policy on the dog.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

4. 7:20pm - Public Hearing: Revoke or suspend T & O Walker Inc. dba
Rally Point Inn & Pub's Innholder All-Alcoholic Beverages License (AL25-0051) due to non-payment of taxes, 9 Mechanic Street

*Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Motion Carries 5-0

4.01 Discuss & Vote to revoke or suspend T & O Walker Inc. dba Rally Point Inn & Pub's Innholder All-Alcoholic Beverages License (AL-25-0051) due to non-payment of taxes, 9 Mechanic Street.

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Mr. Walker did make a payment last week and the balance as of today, 2/4/2025 of \$6,354.89. Business has been down the last six months, but we have made significant changes in policies and staffing. Owners are looking for a month or so to get caught up on real estate taxes due.

No issues of concern from Police Chief Grace.

Jay Talerman, Town Counsel - Recommendation to extend the public hearing to a later date to see where the owner falls in paying the real estate bill.

**Motion to extend the public hearing till March 4, 2025 at 7:05pm.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

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Motion Carries 5-0

5. 7:30pm - Strategic Plan

5.01 Discuss Town's Strategic Plan: Next steps? Form Committee?

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Thinking ahead to see what the Board might want. If this goes through Capital Improvement Planning Committee then it will come up sooner or be pushed. Would need to interview consultants. Looking to keep the conversation moving. Can post on the town website to start and gather a committee, people on the business side and town side to have a good mix and not just the same committee group as always - seven total. Will develop language before we roll out and advertise.

6. 7:40pm - Town Manager's Update

6.01 Around Town: Walnut Knoll informational session will be posted on FCA/youtube, Pedestrian Bridge/Mobility Hub grant filed on January 28th, De-escalation training held January 29th, Annual Town Meeting warrant is open, warrant will close on February 14th,AdCom meetings underway on Wednesday nights, CIP meeting Saturday, March 1st (morning - Zoom), Master Plan update underway, & Boyden Library Teddy Bear Picnic July 12th on the Town Common.

Walnut Knoll informational session will be posted on FCA/youtube. Over 150 people attended info session. Pedestrian Bridge/Mobility Hub grant filed on 1/28. De-escalation training held last Wednesday. DHs and staff attended. Very helpful.

Annual Town Meeting warrant is open. warrant will close on Feb 14th. 26 articles so far.

AdCom meetings underway on Wednesday nights
CIP meeting Saturday, March 1st (morning). On Zoom
Master Plan update under way. Website will be unveiled soon.
Stay tuned for public meetings for input. Share widely.

6.02 Human Resources: Paige Eppolito's last day is February 6th.
Michael Mullen to start February 10th. Current Open

Positions: DPW Water Technician I
Paige's last day 2/6, Michael Mullen starting 2/10
Current Open Positions - DPW Water Technician I

7. 7:50pm - Select Board Update

7.01 New Business

Increase in meals and hotels tax legislation filed by Maura Healy. Not sure if that is something the town wants to explore should it be passed. It did not move 2024. Currently looking for local support.

The Govenor is engaged and working with the town of Norwood to get the hospital back up and running.

7.02 Old Business

No donation for an elevator in the new Community Center. There were funds collected in the past for an elevator at the current COA but that is control by the Friends of the COA.

8. Action Items

8.01 Appoint Adam Mazzola as a Constable with a term to end 1/31/2027.

**Motion to appoint Adam Mazzola as a Constable with a term to end 1/31/2027.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

8.02 Approve a Memorial Bench honoring Vin and Helen Igo and the 50th Wedding Anniversary which was in 2005.

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2005.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

8.03 Donation - Accept a donation from Christine Ann Freemen for a Memorial Bench for Vin and Helen Igo in the amount of \$1,200.

**Motion to accept a donation from Christine Ann Freemen for a Memorial Bench for Vin and Helen Igo in the amount of \$1,200.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

8.04 Donation - Accept a donation from Evelyn Malm in the amount of \$25,000 to the Community Center Kitchen.

**Motion to accept a donation from Evelyn Malm in the amount of \$25,000 to the Community Center Kitchen.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

8.05 Approve nine One Day Beer and Wine License applications for Normandy Farms Food Truck Festival/Brewfest 2025 Season:

April 12th & 26th, May 17th & 31st, June 21st, July 23rd (6pm to 930pm), September 13th & 27th & October 4th at 72 West Street.

Normandy One Days Application.pdf @

Aaron Wentliny of West Street, neighbor to Normandy asked about the number of events in the past comparted to the nine requested to 2025. Katie will help the family connect with the team at Normandy to ensure there are no disturbances.

Motion to approve nine One Day Beer and Wine License applications for Normandy Farms Food Truck Festival/Brewfest 2025 Season: April 12th & 26th, May 17th & 31st, Junel 21st, July 23rd (6pm to 930pm), September 13th & 27th & October 4th at 72 West Street.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

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Carried 5-0

8.06 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025.

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Amend the motion to read Democratic instead of Democrat for 4.01 from January 21. 2025 meeting.

**Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025 as amended.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Motion Carries 5-0

9. Adjourn

Meeting Documents: Enzo Public Hearing 020425.pdf ② Enzo1.pdf △ Enzo2.pdf △ Enzo3.pdf △ Enzo4.pdf △ Enzo5.pdf △ 020425 Rally Point Hearing stamped.pdf ② Overview to BOS.pdf ② Igo Bench Application.pdf ② Normandy One Days Application.pdf ② Select Board Meeting - Jan 21 2025 - Minutes - Html ②

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

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Carried 5-0

^{**}Motion to adjourn.