



Select Board Meeting - October 8, 2024 Minutes

at 6:15 PM

Gala Room Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input

1.01 Citizen's Input

2. 7:05pm - Use of Public Way Application for the Halloween Parade sponsored by Recreation

[102624 Recreation Halloween Parade Application.pdf](#) 

2.01 Review & Vote on the Use of Public Way Application for the Halloween Parade sponsored by Recreation on October 26, 2024, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, around the Town Common. Use of Town Property permit for the day approved by the Town Managers Office.

Kristen Pellerin, new Recreation Director for the Town.
Heather Harding, Chair of the Recreation Board. Same route we have had, Town Hall, Liberty and to the Town Common starting at 2:30pm. Large crowd expected. Public Safety teams are on board.

**Motion to approve the Use of Public Way Application for the Halloween Parade sponsored by Recreation on October 26, 2024, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, around the Town Common. UnCommon Pumpkin patch is back this year, stay tuned.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3. 7:10pm - Special Town Meeting Warrant Review

Discussion ensued regarding the Select Board to vote on each warrant article so it is consistent moving forward. Develop a policy for moving forward. One thought is voting would sway residents to do what the Select Board but people will make their own judgements no matter what the Select Board votes. The board discussing each article will give residents different points of view to then vote either way at Town Meeting. Advisory Committee votes on each but is not televised.

3.01 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #1:
FY25 Capital Budget Requests.

Marie Almodovar, Finance Director. Bobby cameras and tasers have a five-year lease so paying these off now will remove that from the books. These are every five years for new ones. The two items for fire are going to replace the next vehicles in line. With the delay from when you order, by the time we get them, the ones we have will have max number of miles, etc. Trackless is partially being funded by ARPA.

** Motion to recommend approval of Article #1: FY25 Capital Budget Requests.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.02 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #2:
Police and Fire Apparatus Revolving Fund Spending Limit Increase.

This would be 100,000 each for Police and Fire. There is a separate detail rate for each that goes into these funds and they can only use these funds for repairs. If police vehicle or fire apparatus is required for the detail, we charge the vendor X more per hours for the detail. This would be a yearly spending limit, the fund has already been established. Would still need to go through the CIP process.

****Motion to recommend approval Article #2: Police and Fire Apparatus Revolving Fund Spending Limit Increase.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.03 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #3: Transfer to Fire Stabilization Fund.

****Motion to recommend approval of Article #3: Transfer to Fire Stabilization Fund.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.04 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #4: Fire Stabilization Fund Transfer to Fire Budget.

This is for the repairs the station is doing not only on our vehicles but also those of other Towns. As this is a service to other towns, we cannot set up a revolving fund so this is the best way to segregate those monies. We will always have a transfer into Free Cash into the Fund. This is to fund the

mechanic, parts and materials.

****Motion to recommend approval of Article #4: Fire Stabilization Fund Transfer to Fire Budget.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.05 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #5: Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Bylaw Clean Up.

Jim DeVellis, 4 Mackenzie Lane, Lynda Walsh.

Seven to nine members who would be classified as a social institution which would be an organization that fosters social events. Example is a member of the Jaycees. Also adding a second member at large. Keeping the groups that we have, schools, recreation, religious, etc we thought the missing group would be a social organization. Want to make sure the information is getting out and reporting it back to the group they represent within the committee. The two members at large will ultimately come to the Select Board for approval.

****Motion to recommend approval of Article #5: Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Bylaw Clean Up.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.06 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #8: Zoning Bylaw Amendment - 69 & 75 Central Street.

This will allow the current Council on Aging and the neighbor 3 family to the general business district which will allow increase the value of the Council on Aging when we go to sell it. Opens the opportunities down the line.

****Motion to recommend approval of Article #8 as presented.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.07 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #10: Amend Sewer Service Area Map.

76 Main Street is the new Community Center. Working with the neighbor across the street to design the sewer main. These addresses have not asked but this gives them the opportunity to tie in at their cost for a decision down the road. This vote would allow them to tie in.

****Motion to recommend approval of Article #10: Amend Sewer Service Area Map.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.08 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #11: Disposition of Land at the rear 34 School Street.

This is the parcel between the new Market Street parking lot and Judy's Flower Shop. Patch of land that is owned by the Town. Mr. Duffy who owns Judy's is going to keep an eye out

for purchase. Possibly Doug King to also be interested.

**Motion to recommend approval of Article #11: Disposition of Land at the rear 34 School Street.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.09 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #12: National Grid Easement.

License is already granted but this will formalize by a Town vote. This is for all underground services. National Grid wants the right to come onto the property if something were to happen to the lines. No permission would be required. Not really a choice.

**Motion to recommend approval of Article #12: National Grid Easement.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

3.10 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #13: Acceptance of Peterson Lane as a Public Way.

In London Estates. Both streets are in that development. They have been constructed for the correct amount of time to be a Town road. DPW and Planning do recommend to accept.

**Motion to recommend approval of Article #13: Acceptance of Peterson Lane and Article #14: Acceptance of Authelet Way

as a Public Way as a Public Way subject to the pending approval of the DPW and Planning Board approval.

Moved by: Bill Yukna

Seconded by: Debbie Giardino

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

Carried 5-0

3.11 Discuss & Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #14: Acceptance of Authelet Way as a Public Way.

4. 8:00pm - Town Manager's Update

4.01 Around Town: Tom Buckley, Assistant Fire Chief, retires Friday October 11, 2024, after 34 years of service. Norfolk County Retirement Board Update. FY 25 Municipal Road Safety Grant. Special Town Meeting is November 18, 2024, at 7pm at Foxborough High School. Financial Summit is November 26, 2024, at 5:30 in the Gala Room. MBTA Communities Meeting is October 9, 2024, at 6pm in the Gala Room. Mass Gaming Commission Site Visit. Schneider Update.

- Tom Buckley, Assistant Fire Chief, retires Friday 10/11 after 34 years. Years of service, accreditation, will be greatly missed. Tom Kenvin will be promoted on Saturday 10/12 as Assistant Fire Chief.
- Benches have made it to the Common!
- Marie Almodovar and I will be attending a meeting of the Norfolk County Retirement Board tomorrow AM as they discuss FY26 assessments.
- Healey-Driscoll administration and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) informed Foxborough that we are recipients of the recent competitive application process for the FY25 Municipal Road Safety Grant Program and the State Agency Traffic Safety Grant Program. These programs utilize federal grant funds awarded to the Office of Grants and Resources (OGR) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to reduce roadway crashes,

injuries, fatalities, and associated economic losses in Massachusetts. Grant: \$22,489.72

- **Reminder:**
 - Special Town Meeting, Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7 pm at FHS. 13 articles. AdCom meeting October 16th (MBTA communities) and 30th
 - Financial Summit, Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 5:30 pm in Gala Meeting Room.
 - MBTA Communities meetings: October 9, 2024.
 - BOS members invited to attend a site visit by Mass Gaming Commission on Monday, October 29, 2024, from 1-3 pm at Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center. Commissioners, Massachusetts Cultural Council, local delegation and businesses and others will be in attendance.
- **Schneider Update**
 - **Demolition.** Started Tuesday 10/1 with MassDEP on hand to review the activities. All is going well. The attached pictures show the progress in removing the wall from the west and north sides of Building 30. With each day, the demolition will become more-visible on the Neponset Avenue side of Building 30.
 - **Sidewalk Closure / Detour.** We expect to have the Neponset Avenue sidewalk closure / detour in place during the week of October 14 (we are waiting on temporary fencing to be delivered to the site, Dave Mac is working with DPW on the details.
 - **Neighborhood Interaction.** FYI, the asbestos supervisor from MassDEP reached out by telephone to Mr. Lou Pollister on Monday 9/30 to review the program and discuss Mr. Pollister's questions and concerns. We were told by MassDEP that Mr. Pollister seemed satisfied by the end of the conversation and very happy to know that MassDEP is actively engaged in the oversight of activities. We have had no other engagements or issues with the neighbors.

New Item

- **Extend Exterior Working Hours to 5PM each weekday.** In our previous communications with you and the neighbors, we established our normal weekday working hours as 7AM – 3:30PM for exterior demolition work. Given this week’s successful experience in implementing the exterior work, the demolition team has made a request to me to extend the exterior workday until 5PM each weekend so we can take advantage of the available daylight, get more work accomplished each day, and hopefully complete the overall project sooner rather than later (maybe even avoid the worst of winter weather). I agree that it makes sense and am confident that that the team can/will do it effectively, safely and in a manner that is sensitive to our neighbors. Under the Town noise by-law, we are allowed to work until 7PM, so I think that 5PM is a good middle ground. Unless you have any objections, we intend to put the extended exterior hours into practice starting on Monday 10/7. Of course, consistent with No. 3 above, we will inform Mr. Pollister and the other neighbors of this change (and of the sidewalk closure/detour).

4.02 Human Resources: Current Open Positions: Conservation Agent, DPW Equipment Mechanic & DPW Water Technician I.

5. 8:10pm - Select Board Update

5.01 New Business - MBTA Communities - understanding frustrations of the residents but we need to be respectful of Catherine as she is just doing her jobs, explaining the options and she is just our representative trying to get us the information and help us understand it all.

Taylor School receives the blue ribbon award from the Department of Education! One of only nine in MA!

Sidewalks down Rockhill look great.

Mark Elfman and Paige met with the MBTA Advisory Board.

MBTA will need to be built up as MBTA Communities are actually built.

5.02 Old Business

6. Action Items

6.01 Change of Hours Application - Laced Pizza & Pub LLC dba Laced Pizza & Pub located at 94 Washington Street to serve alcohol starting at 10am on Sundays for brunch.

****Motion to approve the Change of Hours Application for Laced Pizza & Pub LLC dba Laced Pizza & Pub located at 94 Washington Street to serve alcohol starting at 10am on Sundays for brunch.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.02 Wormtown Brewery - Review & Vote on a One-Day Beer & Wine License for Be Hoppy Brewing LLC, dba Wormtown Brewery, for October 19, 2024, from 10am to 4pm, for Patriot Place's Harvest Fest.

[Wormtown Harvest Fest Application.pdf](#) 

****Motion to approve a One-Day Beer & Wine License for Be Hoppy Brewing LLC, dba Wormtown Brewery, for October 19, 2024, from 10am to 4pm, for Patriot Place's Harvest Fest.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.03 Select Board to appoint Jonathan Glover to the Foxborough Historical Commission for a term to end 5/31/2027.

[Historical Appointment.pdf](#) 

**Motion to appoint Jonathan Glover to the Foxborough Historical Commission for a term to end 5/31/2027.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.04 Select Board to appoint Richard Letson to the Veteran Services Advisory Committee for a term to end 5/31/2025.

**Motion to appoint Richard Letson to the Veteran Services Advisory Committee for a term to end 5/31/2025.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.05 Select Board to approve a memorial bench in memory of Elizabeth R. Smith donated by Judith Duffy.

[Judith Duffy - Memorial Bench Application.pdf](#) 

**Motion to approve a memorial bench in memory of Elizabeth R. Smith donated by Judith Duffy.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.06 Select Board to approve a memorial bench in memory of Dr. Kevin P. Duffy donated by Judith Duffy.

[Judith Duffy - Memorial Bench Application.pdf](#) 

**Motion to approve a memorial bench in memory of Dr. Kevin P. Duffy donated by Judith Duffy.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.07 Donation - Accept the donation from Judith Duffy in the amount of \$2,400 for two Memorial Benches.

**Motion to accept the donation from Judith Duffy in the amount of \$2,400 for two Memorial Benches.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.08 Donation - Accept the donations for the Veteran Banner Project in the amount of \$2,730.00 from the following donors: The Jamison Family, Rolling Thunder, The Foxboro Jaycees, The Murphy Family, The Cherico Family, The Pitts-Stockman Family, The Cataloni Family, The Brodur Family, The Blais Family, The Butler Family, The Lancaster Family, The Hall Family, The Perkins Family, The Peterson Family, The Gay Family, The Gould Family, The Everson Family, Kurt Pollister, Marilyn Pollister & The Polistre Family.

[Veteran Banner Project Donation Sheet.pdf](#) 

****Motion to accept the donations for the Veteran Banner Project in the amount of \$2,730.00 from the following donors: The Jamison Family, Rolling Thunder, The Foxboro Jaycees, The Murphy Family, The Cherico Family, The Pitts-Stockman Family, The Cataloni Family, The Brodur Family, The Blais Family, The Butler Family, The Lancaster Family, The Hall Family, The Perkins Family, The Peterson Family, The Gay Family, The Gould Family, The Everson Family, Kurt Pollister, Marilyn Pollister & The Polistre Family.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.09 Donation - Accept a donation from Foxboro Youth Basketball in the amount of \$9,990.00 to be used for the Payson Field basketball courts.

****Motion to accept a donation from James Miller in the amount of \$9,990.00 to be used for the Payson Field basketball courts.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6.10 Donation - Accept a donation from Beverley Lord in the amount of \$160 to support the Fox in the Boro Mug project.

****Motion to accept a donation from Beverley Lord in the amount of \$160 to support the Fox in the Boro Mug project.**

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.11 Select Board to approve the updated Foxborough Historical Commission list of approved street names.

[Historical Commission Letter.pdf](#) 

This is just approving the names of the streets and then it will move to Planning to choose if it will be a Road, Street, Lane, etc and work with Historical Commission on where.

**Motion to approve the updated Foxborough Historical Commission list of approved street names.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino

Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.12 Select Board to approve the State Election Warrant.

[State Election Warrant November 2024.pdf](#) 

**Motion to approve the State Election Warrant.

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

Carried 5-0

- 6.13 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024.

[Select Board Meeting - Sep 24 2024 - Minutes - Html](#) 

**Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino
Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Motion Carries 5-0

7. 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