

Select Board Meeting - March 4, 2025 Minutes

Open Session 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 Continued Public Hearing: 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
 - 2.01 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.

**Motion to vote no action due to satisfaction of the lien.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

^{**}Motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

3. 7:10pm - Collective Bargaining Agreement Vote

3.01 Possible vote on the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Firefighter Union Local 2522 FPFA for FY26 to FY29.
 Unanimously ratified by the Fire Union Local 2522. COLA and other educational stipends.

**Motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Firefighter Union Local 2522 FPFA.

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 -Outdoor Off Hours Work Request - Gillette Patriots Training Center

4.01 Review & Vote on the Outdoor Off Hours Work Request to extend to 5:30am to 7am and 7pm to 11pm through the end of August 2025.

Off-Hours_Request_Letter_02.04.25.pdf @

Greg, Gagnon, Suffolk Construction, VP Operations. Looking to start operations earlier, deliveries and warming up the equipment in the early mornings and then using more daylight towards the end of the day as the sun sets later. Early morning and late nights in the summer would be inside the building. Steel ends in June. Steel work tapers off at 8pm. Similar project to the North End Zone project. Work directly with the Chief of Police.

Email in for a resident, Ben Greenfield, 101 North Street

resident.

I am a resident of North St. and I would like to oppose Suffolk Construction's request for a blanket authorization for off hours work from now until August 2025. I would specifically oppose this request for the months of May-August. The excessively noisy work to be completed should be done during normal working hours so as not to disturb the local residents. I am specifically requesting the rejection of the months noted as those are some of the few months available to enjoy the outdoors in Massachusetts. I would not be as opposed to specific off hours requests to be filed by Suffolk or specific days and for specific purposes, with an explanation as to why it would not be possible to compete during normal working hours. I apologize if this is not the best way to submit this request. If you could please let me know the proper channel to oppose this authorization if this is not the correct one. Thank you

- Ben Greenfield

Notes from the Building Commissioner, Scott Shippey

- No heavy machinery operation is permitted before or after normal hours (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday), with absolutely no work allowed on Sundays.
- All exterior work must be conducted exclusively during normal hours as specified above.
- Interior work may proceed after normal hours with continuous noise monitoring, as outlined in the request.
- All work must be carried out in a manner that prevents any public nuisance.
- Any noise complaints shall be promptly addressed in accordance with Suffolk's request.
- This approval is contingent upon the approval of the Police Chief and any additional conditions the Chief deems necessary.
- Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the revocation of after-hours work privileges.

Chief Grace and Scott will work with the Suffolk Construction. On call hours for the building inspector for this project should be paid by Suffolk. This should be outlined in the approval letter. All operations will be shut down during any events.

** Motion to approve the Outdoor Off Hours Work Request to extend to 5:30am to 7am and 7pm to 11pm through the end of August 2025 as outlined by the Building Commissioner and Police Chiefs approval letter.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Motion Carries 5-0

5. 7:30pm - National Grid Easement - Spring Street

Discussion of potential warrant article for conveyance of electric easement at Pole #46 on Spring Street.
 Chris Gallagher, DPW Director. Review of National Grid's plan in the area and neighboring Mansfield. This is just a guy wire that is going to support the wires on the pole. Easement to follow at Annual Town Meeting.

- 5.02 Review & Vote on temporary License for the conveyance of electric easement at Pole #46 on Spring Street.
 - **Motion to approve a temporary License for the conveyance of electric easement at Pole #46 on Spring Street.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

6. 7:35pm - Nation Grid Easement - 76 Main Street

6.01 Discussion of potential warrant article for conveyance of electric easement for 76 Main Street.

No pole work or groundwork needed. Clarified with engineer at National Grid.

6.02 Review & Vote on temporary License for the conveyance of electric easement for 76 Main Street.

**Motion to vote no action.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

7:40pm -Sewer Service Agreement: Review & Vote to reinstate/approve Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Sharon

7.01 Reinstate/Approve Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) by and between the Town of Foxborough and the Town of Sharon for Municipal Sewer Service

Moving from 25 years to 99 years.

**Motion to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement, entitled: Amended and Reinstated Inter-Municipal Agreement by and between the Town of Foxborough and the Town of Sharon for Municipal Sewer Service as presented, including Addendum No. 1 thereto and to authorize the Town Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town of Foxborough

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

8. 7:45pm - Strategic Communications Plan Presentation

8.01 Maura Buckley, Communications Specialist to present the draft Strategic Communications Plan.

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Slideshow as presented.

Possible upgrade to the Town Common signs to be digital to get a quick message out. Discussion to follow. might need a variance from the bylaw to have a digital sign in its place. A digital sign would be a Select Board vote.

9. 8:15pm - FY26 Capital Improvement Requests

9.01 Review & Vote on FY26 Capital Improvement Requests.

<u>FY26 CIP Materials (2025.03.04).pdf</u> *₱*

Review of March 1, 2025 CIP meeting and what was approved by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

**Motion to approve the FY26 Capital Improvement Requests totaling \$5,852,488.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

10. 8:30pm - Town Manager's Update

10.01 Around Town: Annual Town Meeting Warrant has closed - 35
Articles. World Cup update. Friends of Foxborough Seniors
update. Women Leading Government - MMA meeting - March
6, 2025. Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce "State of the
Towns" event - March 13, 2025. Community Center update.
Friends of Foxborough Seniors - I'll be the guest speaker at

their April 19th meeting.

Women Leading Government (MMA) meeting in Wrentham on Thursday – I'm presenting on how I got to this position March 13 – I'll be speaking at the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce "State of the Towns" event.

Neighbors at 70 Main Street are requesting a fence for visual buffer

We're Steve and Lynne Powers, long time Foxboro residents, living at 70 Main Street, directly abutting the former Latter Day Saints Church recently purchased by the town to house the Senior/Community Center.

Growing up in Foxboro and living aside the church, we are very aware of the very low traffic patterns the property generated, which was mostly on Sundays only. We expect the change in use will increase the traffic volumes, peaks and times throughout every day, so we are writing to request a modest buffer to mitigate this increase. Ideally this would be in the form of a 6-foot fence between the 2 properties to maintain the existing privacy and safety and minimize the impact of the anticipated noise and traffic increase at our property over what exists today. In addition to those concerns, our four rescue dogs are not accustomed to a lot of activity at the property and will be constantly barking at the people and cars who visit.

We fully supported this purchase during the town meeting process, however we will see a direct impact and hope that this request will be considered as a fair way to mitigate the direct impact. We are the only residential abutter to the church.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We're hopeful that the town can accommodate some form of mitigation strategy to maintain the peaceful existence we have enjoyed with the former use of the property.

We would like to meet you at the properties at your convenience to discuss this in person and we do look forward to hearing from you soon.

- 10.02 Human Resources: Open Positions DPW Water Technician I. Personnel Board two openings.
- 10.03 Town Events: Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt on the Common April

12, 2025, 1pm to 2pm. Memorial Day Celebration on the Common after the Parade on May 26, 2025, from 8:30am (set up) till noon.

11. 8:40pm - Select Board Update

- 11.01 New Business
- 11.02 Old Business

12. Action Items

12.01 National Grid - Petition for Conduit Location to install one JO Pole on Mose Street. Beginning at a point approximately 575 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of First Street (Mansfield) and North Main Street (Mansfield) and continuing approximately 15 feet in an East direction. Install P53 Morse Street ~135' South of existing Pole P52 Morse Street.

DPW Memo - National Grid - Morse Street.pdf @

**Motion to approve a National Grid Petition for Conduit Location to install one JO Pole on Mose Street. Beginning at a point approximately 575 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of First Street (Mansfield) and North Main Street (Mansfield) and continuing approximately 15 feet in an East direction. Install P53 Morse Street ~135' South of existing Pole P52 Morse Street.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

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

Carried 5-0

12.02 National Grid - Petition for Conduit Location to relocate two JO Poles on Spring Street. Beginning at a point approximately 25 feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Hope Avenue and Spring Street and continuing approximately 370 feet in a North direction. Relocate P46 Spring Street ~40'

Northwest of existing location. Relocate P47 Spring Street ~10' Northwest off existing location.

<u>DPW Memo - National Grid - Spring Street (Near Hope Intersection).pdf</u> *❷*

**Motion to approve a National Grid Petition for Conduit Location to relocate two JO Poles on Spring Street. Beginning at a point approximately 25 feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Hope Avenue and Spring Street and continuing approximately 370 feet in a North direction. Relocate P46 Spring Street ~40' Northwest of existing location. Relocate P47 Spring Street ~10' Northwest off existing location.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

12.03 Use of Public Way for the Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2025 at 9:30am. To assemble in the back parking lot of the Church of Emmanuel, parade to proceed right onto Central Street, to South Street & around the Common.

**Motion to approve a Use of Public Way for the Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2025. To assemble in the back parking lot of the Church of Emmanuel, parade to proceed right onto Central Street, to South Street & around the Common.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

12.04 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025.

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**Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025.

Moved by: Debbie Giardino Seconded by: Bill Yukna

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Dennis Keefe

Carried 5-0

13. 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