

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2013

Members Present: Mark Sullivan, Chairman
Lorraine Brue, Vice Chairman
John Gray, Clerk
James DeVellis
Ginny Coppola

Others Present: Town Manager Kevin Paicos
Dan Murphy, Kraft Group
George Bell, Stadium Advisory Committee
Mike Johns, Director of the Crossroad's Veteran's District
Bob Siteman, Chairman of the Veterans Services Advisory Committee
Town Historian Jack Authelet
DPW Director Roger Hill
Tree and Park Commissioner Dave LaLiberte
Racino Review Committee members Mike Davidson, Janet Kennedy and Bob Ulrich

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mark Sullivan, Chairman. Chairman Sullivan reviewed the agenda.

Citizen's Input

Finance Officer Randy Scollins informed the Board that the new Assessor's database is now online and available on the town website. This has been a process four years in the making. Residents can now look up property values for tax purposes, a three year history of ownership, sale price, a picture of the property and a diagram of the residence. Creation of abutter's list is also available but it would not be certified. There is information on the town website's Welcome Page. Mr. Scollins encourages residents to explore the database and to contact the Assessor's office if you notice any problems.

Chairman's Update

Mr. Sullivan stated that the website for Clean up Foxboro Day is now up; please go to www.cleanupfoxboroday.com to volunteer on June 1st.

There will be a Boot Drive on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. around the Common. The Memorial Cup tournament will be held this weekend and the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday at 9:00 a.m. Upcoming events include Founder's Day on June 8th and a ceremony marking the 250th Anniversary of the Common will be on June 7th.

UMass Home Games at Gillette Stadium

Mr. Gray read the Public Hearing notice. Dan Murphy of the Kraft Group and George Bell of the Stadium Advisory Committee were present. Mr. Murphy explained that this hearing is for the UMass home football games; there will be six games held between

September 7th and November 16th. The start time is either 12:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. There are usually about 15,000 in attendance and the parking areas are opened two hours prior to the games. All of the games will be on Saturdays.

Ms. Brue inquired about the indemnification agreement. Mr. Paicos stated that they will be responsible for providing an agreement by June 30, 2013 that covers events after July 1, 2013.

Mr. Bell stated that Police Chief O'Leary and the Security Director at the Stadium are looking at advanced planning for events at Gillette due to the recent terrorist acts in Boston. The Stadium Advisory Committee recommends approval of this application.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A motion to move, with the assent of the Applicant, that the application of NPS, LLC to hold the 2013 University of Massachusetts Regular Season (6) Home Games at Gillette Stadium on September 7th and 21st, October 21st and 26th, November 2nd and 16th 2013, be approved, subject to the following conditions: (1) that the Applicant shall, by June 30, 2013, execute and provide to the Town of Foxboro an Indemnification Agreement in a form and substance satisfactory to and approved by this Board; (2) that the Applicant shall, by June 30, 2013, obtain and place liability insurance for said Event(s), insuring both the Applicant and the Town of Foxboro, in a form and substance satisfactory to and approved by this Board and (3) that the physical license for said Event(s) shall be retained by the Board or its representative and held in escrow pending the Applicant's compliance with Conditions No. 1 & 2 above was made by Mr. DeVellis and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Action Items

The minutes of May 13, 2013 were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2013 as amended was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. Gray. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A donation has been received from the Masonic Lodge to the Recreation Department to assist children who need financial assistance to attend Summer Camp.

A motion to accept the \$2,000 donation from the Masonic Lodge to the Foxboro Recreation Department with gratitude was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Donations have been made to the Boyden Library in the amount of \$300 from the Foxboro Lions Club, \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare for the Children's Department and \$250 from the Foxboro Jaycees to renew the Children's Museum of Easton Pass.

A motion to accept the donations of \$300 from the Lions Club, \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare and \$250 from the Foxboro Jaycees with gratitude was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A Hackie License Renewal has been received from Robert Raymond.

A motion to approve the Hackie License Renewal to May 21, 2015 for Robert Raymond was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A request has been received to appoint James Oliver to the Southeastern Mass Commuter Rail Task Force.

A motion to appoint James Oliver to the Southeastern Mass Commuter Rail Task Force to a one year term expiring on June 1, 2014 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A request has been received for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a stand up comedy show at the Orpheum Theatre on June 1, 2013. Ms. Coppola noted that the applicant checked off that they are a dining hall of an incorporated educational institution authorized to grant degrees. Sandra Herrmann stated that this question is asked as part of the state regulations and was checked off in error.

A motion to approve the request for a One Day Beer and Wine License for the Orpheum Theatre for June 1, 2013 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A request has been received to hold the Foxboro Founder's Day Parade on June 8, 2013.

A motion to approve the request to hold Foxboro Founder's Day Parade on June 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

A request has been received from Building Commissioner Bill Casbarra to disband the Sign By-Law Review Committee until the implementation of the Master Plan. Mr. Paicos explained that this committee was appointed by the Board to recommend changes to the sign by-law; however, the Master Plan work has been focusing on sign by-law zoning and General By-law sign zoning. Until the Master Plan work is complete, the committee is requesting to be disbanded. They may reform after the Master Plan depending upon its recommendations.

Mr. Gray inquired if it would have the same people on it. Mr. Paicos stated that it would be comprised of whoever is interested and may be different people.

A motion to accept the disbanding of the Sign By-Law Review Committee was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

An invitation has been received from the family of Sam Berms to his Eagle Scout Ceremony on June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham. Mr. Brue, Ms. Coppola and Mr. DeVellis are available; Mr. Gray is available after 2:00 that day and Mr. Sullivan is not sure of his availability as he will be out of town but he will try to make it.

Mass Electric is requesting permission to install a pole on Chestnut Street across from pole #931.

A motion to allow the installation of a Mass Electric pole on Chestnut Street across from pole #931 was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Brue. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

The proposed meeting schedule for FY 2014 was submitted. The Board would like to change the meeting of February 18, 2014 to February 11, 2014 so it will not fall during February vacation. The Board would also like to add a meeting on April 22, 2014.

Status of Crossroads Veteran's District

The Board met with Mike Johns the Director of the Crossroad's Veteran's District. He informed the Board that the district is being disbanded after June 30, 2013. Mr. Johns stated that they still have work to do before the disbanding.

He reviewed the history of the district; it was formed about 20 months ago from four towns (Foxboro, Easton, Mansfield and Norton). There was some disagreement on how it should be set up initially. After it was established the Director had a shoulder injury and was out for five months, when he returned he retired. Mr. Johns has had issues getting records and files since that time. There was never any disruption to veteran's services but the district was never fully staffed.

The town of Easton quit the district last month. After they left the remaining towns held a meeting on April 30th to discuss salaries for the district and the procedures to bringing the salaries to the District Board for voting. After this meeting, Mansfield quit the district.

Mr. Johns stated that the town will be fine and will still have services for their veterans. A Veteran's Service Officer needs to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen before July 1st. Mr. Johns had that position previous to the District and is willing to return to that position.

As of July 1st that state will cut off access to the computer files of the other towns. An appointment letter needs to be sent to the state by the Board also.

The District did not receive a technology grant that was applied for so there are no additional funds in the district to be returned.

Mr. Johns had recommendations if there is ever another district set up such as choose partners wisely, comply with the laws, know the facts, give a district time to mature and succeed, speak up with concerns and assure resolution, identify assumptions and revisit them and don't rush into partnerships. He also suggested that district staff be different than town staff and to establish a district board first that will focus on the core mission. He would also like to see more veteran's involved in the process and not have selectmen or Town Manager sit on the district board. He would also like to see a centralized administration with satellite service offices and the adoption of one benefit plan, bylaws, and wage plan for all towns for consistency. The district also needs vision and goals.

When asked if he was still a proponent of a district, Mr. Johns replied if staffing is appropriate he is in favor, there are cost savings to the towns involved.

Mr. DeVellis asked about the state mandate for VSO's. Mr. Johns stated that for towns with a population of over 12,000 a full time VSO or the joining of a district is mandated. Foxboro was the smallest town in the Crossroads district.

Ms. Coppola feels the Mr. Johns is a good agent and thinks the townspeople need to be reassured that veteran's services will continue to be provided.

Mr. Gray asked if a draft appointment letter could be on the next agenda. Mr. Paicos will check who the appoint authority is and the length of the appointment and have it on the next agenda.

Resident George Leonard asked if a vote is needed to leave the district. Mr. Paicos responded that the state requires any towns in a district be contiguous; Foxboro and Norton are the only towns left in the district and they are not contiguous, therefore, the district ceases.

Mr. Paicos stated that the Board needs to take Mr. Johns salary into consideration also.

Bob Siteman, Chairman of the Veterans Services Advisory Committee wanted to thank Mr. Johns for his work and noted that the district employees were putting in 50-70 hours per week to keep it running. He feels that the District Director did not want to see the district succeed. He would like to see Mr. Johns stay in Foxboro.

Status of Repairs on the Common

The Board met with Town Historian Jack Authelet on matters relating to the Common. He started by inviting the Board and all town citizens to the Memorial Day parade at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, May 27th. He noted that the keynote speaker will be Pat Mitchell who is graduating from West Point the previous day.

DPW Director Roger Hill and Tree and Park Commissioner Dave LaLiberte joined the conversation to discuss work on the trees and fencing at the Common. The tree to

replace the one lost in front of Memorial Hall was planted three weeks ago after weather delays. The monument to Lida Bristol will have to be remade and reinstalled on it.

On June 7th, during the 250th Anniversary Celebration on the Common, the tree will be dedicated to Ms. Bristol with members of her family in attendance.

Mr. LaLiberte stated that the lanterns have been repaired where needed and cleaned by the Commonwealth Help for Hire personnel. One lantern needs to have parts fabricated as parts were missing. In regards to the granite posts, there was one left at the highway garage that was put in temporarily until a replacement is made. The plantings have been done in the barrels and the benches have been fixed by town groups. The DPW will be mulching and edging the lawn as well as mowing it.

Mr. Hill has been working on finding a foundry to construct the broken fencing. The original was made of cast iron and there are not many foundries that work in cast iron anymore. Cast iron is very difficult to weld to repair. There are three sections of fence that are broken and there are no more extra sections in town. A representative from a foundry in Connecticut is coming later this week to see if he will be able to make the new sections. A pattern of the fence was carved from wood in the early 1970's and that needs to be used to fabricate the new sections. There are also eight granite posts that need to be replaced as they are either broken or cracked.

Mr. Authelet stated that the Tree and Park department has been doing a good job on the Common and noted that the fence dates back to 1857 and was restored in 1972. He is looking forward to it being restored once again.

Mr. DeVellis asked if there are still original 1857 sections. Mr. Authelet said that there are still some sections that are that old. Others were broken by cars and plows over the years.

Mr. Paicos stated that no work will be authorized until they check with Mr. Authelet and if a foundry cannot be found then Mr. Authelet will be consulted on other options.

Mr. Hill stated that most of the foundries were bought up by one company and they have a representative trying to find a location to fabricate the cast iron replacements. The Board would like to see the fencing repaired by next year's Founder's Day Celebration. Mr. LaLiberte noted that cars can't come in contact with the fence as often now that the curbing has been raised in the area.

Report from the Racino Review Committee

Mike Davidson, Chairman of the Racino Review Committee as well as members Janet Kennedy and Bob Ulrich came before the Board to discuss the status of their review. The committee has six members in total.

They are reviewing the proposed 1,250 slot development in Plainville and the effects in Foxboro. They have met with the proposed developer; Town Planner Sharon Wason

has asked the MAPC to review their traffic study and she is also working on proposed impacts to the town. A draft RFP has been created to hire an outside consultant and committee members have been studying the impacts of the casino in Lincoln Rhode Island for comparison.

Ms. Kennedy stated that she went to Lincoln recently and asked some residents about impact. She could find no complaints about traffic or crimes. They will be having table games soon and have approximately 4,700 slot machines.

The committee would like to ask the Department Heads to create lists of questions that could be asked of Lincoln officials. The committee will be attending the Plainridge community meeting this week where their consultants will present their findings. The meeting will be on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Wood School in Plainville.

They have a preliminary timeline from the state and are assuming the slots will be approved to be able to review its effects on Foxboro.

The committee has identified three potential effects to the town; they are traffic, DUI and social effects.

Ms. Coppola asked if the May 22nd meeting will address Route 1 impacts and if it will take into consideration traffic on Patriot game days.

A question of who would be paying for the consultant was asked. Mr. Davidson stated that it may be paid for by the state or by the town depending on its cost.

Status Report on Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy

Mr. Paicos has been trying to locate a subject matter expert and thinks he has one. She will be coming to a meeting in June. This person is a national speaker on sexual abuse. She has looked at the proposed policy and suggested edits that will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Paicos has also found an online training module that includes information on indicators, effects and steps to prevent abuse. He will send this information to the Board also.

Mr. Paicos stated that all town employees were offered the chance to take the Darkness to Light training. The program was offered twice at Town Hall and Department Heads and some staff attended. Employees who are mandated reporters take higher training as required. The Darkness to Light program is run by the YMCA and they stated that there was a high level of participation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session and not return to regular session at 9:15 p.m. was made by Ms. Brue and seconded by Mr. DeVellis. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

John R. Gray, Clerk