

**Foxborough Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014
Boyden Library**

Members Present: Kevin Weinfeld, William Grieder, Gordon Greene, Ron Bressé

Members Absent: John Rhoads

Also Present: Planner Sharon Wason, Associate Member Designee Gary Whitehouse, Jenn Thomas, Larry Thomas

7:00 p.m. Review of old/new business

Planner's Report

Ms. Wason discussed her upcoming meetings:

January 13th – Citizens Advisory Committee subcommittee and Recreation Board later that evening

January 16th – Billboard Advisory Committee public meeting

February 7th – Budget discussion with Citizens' Advisory Committee

Active Subdivisions

“Autumn Valley Estates” demand

Ms. Wason explained that Walpole Co-Op is requiring that the Board sign the demand letter for the bond.

A **motion** to approve and sign letter to Mr. Chaggaris concerning “Autumn Valley Estates” was made by Mr. Bressé and seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion carried (4-0-0)

7:15 p.m. Discussion of possible zoning articles for Annual Town Meeting

Scenic Roads

Jenn Thomas was present to discuss her research. She explained the methods of her research. The project involved the consolidation of data in the form of both GIS data and digitized data, since the town is limited in GIS data. The GIS data was in the form of:

- Historical data in the form of both points and areas
- TIGER roads
- Land use data
- Aerial views of the town in the form of raster data

Non--GIS data was in the form of:

- The Foxboro street book which lists all roads in the town and other information about each road
- Historical maps
- Other documents regarding history of the town and the history of the scenic bylaw

The analytical methods used involved:

- Geo-referencing historical maps
- Combining digitized road data with the TIGER roads shapefile
- Using definition queries to eliminate roads with non--scenic characteristics

- Intersection of land use, historical areas, and roads to discover which roads best fit the scenic road by-law description.

The results determined the roads that should be considered to be added to the current scenic roads:

- Chestnut Street
- Cross Street
- Cocasset Street
- Bird Street
- Maple Avenue
- Bentwood Street
- Market Street
- Leonard Street
- Sherman Street
- Garfield Street
- Park Avenue
- Pleasant Street
- Leonard Place
- Payson Road

These were determined through an intersection of residential and forested areas (non-urbanized areas), considered roads found based on a series of constraints, and the location of historical areas. This also helped to inform if the already scenic roads should keep their scenic road label.

The Board thanked Ms. Thomas for the all the work that she did.

Ms. Wason discussed a list of possible zoning articles:

- Medical marijuana
- Downtown zoning including brew-pub
- Scenic roads – the Board has had 2 public hearings but will need to have a public meeting with neighbors for the roads to be added
- Adoption of State’s Complete Streets policy

7:50 p.m. Continued Public Hearing – Revisions to Subdivision Regulations

Mr. Weinfeld read the public hearing notice. Ms. Wason explained that the changes are as a result of problems that we have had to deal with. Amendments include:

- Street signs must be installed before lots are released;
- Street and public utilities to service lots have to be completed and street sign installed prior to the release of a lot;
- Curb cuts not permitted within 14’ of centerline of a catch basin, fire hydrant, traffic control sign or a tree;
- Regulations concerning leveling of road grade prior to an intersection;
- Regulations concerning curbing;
- Regulations concerning invert channels

There were no comments from the public.

A **motion** to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Grieder and seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion carried (4-0-0)

A **motion** to adopt the proposed amendments was made by Mr. Grieder and seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion carried 4-0-0

7:45 p.m. Update on Master Plan

Mr. Greene informed the Board that he and Mr. Rhoads have met with Ms. McCabe to discuss progress on the Master Plan chapters. Ms. Wason stated that the Downtown chapter has been finalized; next week they will work on Transportation. She stated that she is not sure how the new Town Manager will want to proceed. Mr. Greene stated that the Board will need to request from Town Meeting the appropriation of funds for the same amount that was requested last year since those monies weren't spent.

8:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gabriela Jordan

Approved by: Kevin Weinfeld _____

Date: 5/22/2014 _____