

**Foxborough Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016
Town Hall Meeting Room, 40 South Street**

Members Present: Kevin Weinfeld, John Rhoads, Gordon Greene, Ron Bressé and Gary Whitehouse

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Planning Director Paige Duncan, Staff Planner Gaby Jordan

Planner Report

The Economic Development Committee would like to bring back Mackenzie Leahy as an intern to assist them to be funded under the EDC budget. She worked for the Planning Department last summer and did a great job. Ms. Duncan is preparing a proposal for the Board of Selectmen; she would be a great asset to the Economic Development Committee.

Mass Development is coming out next week to meet with Ms. Duncan and the Town Manager to talk about Route 1 and the downtown area.

Traffic Engineer Jack Gillon will be meeting with Ms. Duncan, Mr. Greene and Mr. Rhoads to discuss the traffic issues with the downtown rotary.

The Affordable Housing Trust has been discussing their goals. There is \$320,000 in the trust currently.

Ms. Duncan will be doing a cable show with Kathy McCabe about the Master Plan; a summary also needs to be prepared for Town Meeting. Hardcopy Binders are being prepared for the Board members.

Ms. Duncan and Ms. Jordan visited the town of Beverly recently to discuss and review projects associated with their Main Street program. They are very far along and have been very successful as the business community is the driving force behind the program. They also have a number of benefactors supporting them such as local colleges.

Jim Gibson wanted to meet with the Board to discuss a proposal for downtown. Mr. Gibson is purchasing the former American Legion building and would like to convert it to a retail/apartment mixed use. He is proposing three 1-bedroom apartments on the second floor and would like to expand to a third floor with two additional apartments. He envisions a restaurant with a patio on the ground floor. The Board members noted that parking will need to be

addressed but generally like the concept. Ms. Duncan noted that this would be located in the Downtown Node and they are looking to get more liquor licenses for the downtown area.

Ms. Duncan will be going before the Advisory Committee soon to discuss the budget for next year.

The Ella Hill playground project is on track; Ms. Duncan is looking for a group to apply for the Partners in Patriotism grant which is worth \$10,000. The Planning Board may be responsible for up to \$21,000 of the project.

Ms. Duncan attended a workshop on Complete Streets which makes Foxboro eligible to apply for funding under the State's Complete Streets program.

Active Subdivisions

The paving problem at Governor's Meadow still needs to be addressed. Mr. Rhoads suggested that the coring be checked to see if the pavement has been installed with the proper thickness.

ANR – 14 North High Street – Heather Harding

This is an Approval Not Required to change a lot line for a land swap. The Plan meets all the ANR requirements.

A motion to endorse the Approval Not Required Plan for 14 North High Street was made by Mr. Rhoads and seconded by Mr. Weinfeld. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Continued Public Hearing – Subdivision Rules and Regulations

The Hearing was started by Sharon Wason before she passed away; Ms. Duncan has now had a chance to look at the proposal and explained that it is to increase the size requirements for cul-de-sacs and also proposing changes to the process for Open Space Plans. The Board members would like to know if any other town uses these measures as they do not want to make the process too restrictive.

A motion to continue the Subdivision Rules and Regulations hearing to April 28, 2016 was made by Mr. Whitehouse and seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 3, 2015 and February 11, 2016.

A motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2015 and February 11, 2016 as amended was made by Mr. Rhoads and seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

Approved by: Kevin Weinfeld

Date: 4/28/16