

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Gala Room, Town Hall
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Leah Gibson, Chair
Stephanie McGowan, Vice Chair
Seth Ferguson, Clerk
Ed O’Leary
Mark Elfman

Also Present:
William Keegan Jr., Town Manager
Mike Johns, Assistant Town Manager
Christina Metcalf, Community Info. Specialist
Katie Lang, Executive Assistant
*Attended remotely

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input – No input

2. 7:05pm Foxborough Police Department Certification Announcement – Chief Michael Grace, Deputy Chief Richard Noonan and Sergeant Lucas Drayton

MG – Thank you for the ability for allowing us to share this milestone with the community. I want to highlight that this milestone reached is not an individual award but rather an amazing police department that serves a community filled with compassion and pride. I’m here with Deputy Chief Richard Noon and Sgt. Luke Drayton to announce that the Police Department has reached a new level in professional excellence with being awarded the prestigious status of Certification by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC). The Department proactively committed to the process many years ago. Certification is considered the best measure of a police department against established best practices around the country. Certification means the department is committed to meeting professional standards, is willing to be assessed regularly by Commission-appointed assessors to confirm compliance with professional standards, and agrees to correct deficiencies discovered during the assessment to establish or re-establish compliance with standards.

MPAC program requires that departments meet 159 mandatory standards to attain certification. The recent Police reform mandated 8 standards. These standards include maintaining up-to-date policies on Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid, Collection and Preservation of Evidence, Communications, Working Conditions, Crime Analysis, Financial Management, Internal Affairs, Juvenile Operations, Patrol Administration, Public Information, Records, Traffic, Training, Drug Enforcement and Victim/Witness Assistance. This accomplishment is no small success and should never be minimized. Of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, 98 are accredited, and 19 certified. Another 112 are in the self-assessment stage and many haven't even attempted. So how did we get here today and what does that mean? At this time I'll let Deputy Chief Noonan describe the processes we use, the team that was built and where we are headed moving forward.

RN – This has been a long process to get to where we are today. You see the binder full of papers and what does those mean and how does that impact the police department and community. A 21st century policing task force identified the most important part of policing is you need to have sound policies. With sound policies you are able to obtain police legitimacy in the community, you are able to have administrative oversight. Every time we change a policy, we have a training on the change. The oversight assures the community that the officers are doing the right thing, not only by the words by the actions. We have the policies and procedures. Out of the 159 standards that we meet we need to incorporate the language into our police and then we bring in assessors to our department. They go through the policies. We have to go through and see that we are compliant. We have to prove that we do cell inspections every week for example and we have to do that for each of the 159 standards and practices. Sgt. Drayton and Lee McCarthy were extremely helpful in putting updating the policy and procedure.

We get feedback from the division commanders, and get it reviewed by a Selectperson, including Town Manager, and Town Counsel.

MG – We can't get accreditation until we get certification. In the next 9 months we are aiming to be an accredited police department. We want the community to know what we are working towards.

BK – Please explain the significance of accreditation.

MG – As we moved forward, we are ahead of the game. This takes years you have to practice the policies over and over. We are an operation at the highest level and that gives you the confidence to do your job at the highest standard.

BK – This is an extraordinary department. This will ensure that or police department that is operating at the highest level.

MG – This is a fluid document and is always changing, as case law come out and procedures are changed by court decisions. It's a process forever and a part of the department operation forever.

LG – We are very proud of our police department. When will we get to the accreditation stage?

MG – You can never say you'll get there but we will get there you go from 159 standards to 257.

RN – We add another 167 standards but some of those policies we have already integrated so we are a bit ahead of the game.

3. 7:15pm Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee (CSAAC) Donation – Bob Correia, CSAAC Chair and Pastor Bill Dudley, Vice Chair CSAAC

BC – We are here tonight to present a check from a gentleman for \$2,000 to support our training efforts and spread awareness.

BD – Our committee is to prevent child sexual abuse. I was at Stop and Shop in Mansfield and happened to mention this committee. I was approached by a sexual abuse survivor and he asked how he could help. He is splitting his time between Foxborough and Costa Rica. He has begun an effort to prevent child sexual abuse which means our efforts are reaching Costa Rica. Christina has been a great contact for our committee, arranged trainings, and has been terrific, so we're grateful for her.

BC – We were filmed in a documentary dealing with the Boy Scout problem in the US. The American documentary will be filming here starting Monday. They will highlight our struggles and how we have dealt with them. The CEO of Darkness to Light was here a few weeks ago and we are talking to her about building a new set of trainings as our current one is starting to be outdated. We have the largest training in Foxborough in the whole world. We owe it to the kids of Foxborough to spread awareness and hold trainings and continue to be vigilant. Covid was difficult for children as they were quarantined with their abusers. It was a frustrating time.

LG – With Covid, do you feel like we are in a good place with training with Town Hall, Schools and coaches?

BC – Schools is great, Town Hall has a great program now, but we did fall behind in training the sports coaches. We did have an incident recently in Foxborough that showed that we still need training and to be vigilant about training. It is important that if you see something to say something.

SM – My daughter has taken the training as a Booth camp employee and that training has followed her and has been an asset in her life.

Motion to accept a \$2,000 donation to the Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee from Mr. Dorian VesLauries by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

4. 7:20pm Special Town Meeting Warrant - Closing of Warrant

BK – We have a total of 21 articles and half of them are zoning related articles. There aren't finalized in terms of language but did make it in to the warrant in terms of their consideration. I would recommend you close the warrant.

LG- Did we get any Citizen's Petitions at the point?

BK – No Citizen's Petitions at the point and we will be providing you with a list of articles by the end of the week.

LG- To remind everyone, Special Town Meeting is November 15th at 7:30pm at the High School.

Motion to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman.

Approved, 5-0.

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5. 7:25pm 119 Morse Street Realty Trust/Foxstar Corp -Morse Street Condominiums/40B Local Initiative Program
Informational Session and possible vote regarding a proposed 40B Local Initiative Program Application for Comprehensive Permit Project

LG – I want to set a few ground rules. It will be 3 minutes per person. If you have spoken at a previous meeting and/or have written a letter, please know that we have read all the letters and would appreciate only adding new information or comments.

PD – They are filing under a 40B Local Initiative Program (LIP) plan. This means that the BOS will support plan to move to the next level. This is part of the 40B program whether or not the BOS sign on they can still apply to the state to receive site eligibility and then can go to the ZBA. The reason that they are applying under the LIP is that they get more financing options. Tonight we are at the point after the site visit and hearing from neighbors and then discussing it as a Board.

LG – We've heard from the neighbors and the full BOS was able to be at the site visit. This is not a meeting where this project is decided that if it goes forward. This will determine if we sign on as an LIP. This will still go through Conservation and ZBA. We can put a stipulation in to place. We are not the experts to put into place but other boards will weigh in on those particular areas.

Mark Powers 44 Prospect Street - In a letter to Mike Saegh, Paige Duncan made a comment that said it was a nimby and I believe that was a very broad brush. The concerns are about our schools, public safety, highway, what will happen to open space. People are considered nimby we are we going to be in 2, 5, or 10 years. It is not as simple as I don't want it in my backyard. What I heard Paige say this that it goes to the ZBA not the Planning Board and that needs clarification. I also see this as precedent setting that if you allow this type of project to go through. There are 10 acres of land behind the dairy queen. If you already set the precedent here, how do you say no to somebody else?

Schneider is shutting down and that is a mile on Neponset Street. I ask you to use common sense and not be emotional please. Enforce our town zoning, we have it for a reason.

PD – This project will not go to the Planning Board.

Bruce Bowden, 89 Morse Street – How this is going to affect our neighborhood? I think if we approve this the traffic is going to be something like a state highway. Morse Street is the direct route to the Mansfield train station. I fear the traffic will be so bad that the whole neighborhood will be changed. I have no adversity to the 6 acres to be developed but the density seems too high. I don't think that we should void the zoning requirements to allow this because it is a money making project.

Arthur Muldoon, 112 Cocasset Street Unit 7– There was only 2 residents on the site visit. I've been in construction for most of my life. I've never been to Morse Street and finally visited it before the site visit, after passing the site we continued on and ended up in Mansfield. It didn't seem that there would any traffic on Morse Street because of its proximity to Mansfield. If it does become a problem we post signs and get a police to do a traffic study. I am in favor of this project. It is going from industrial to residential. The 25% of the 40B would allow people to get a condo at a reduced market rate. I don't think it would disrupt the town and if it does set a precedent that might be a good thing.

John Chlebek 13 Faxon St. – This proposal is not in the long or short term interests of the residents of Foxborough. This will drive up taxes and drive down property values. High density housing will only introduce demands on our services. This room has capacity, it is defined, and rules and reasons for capacity there is reason why we have zoning. It's not like we have 20,000 residents with 3 not having a home. This would draw more and more people in, it could set a precedent.

Michelle Callahan, 40 Ridge Road – I am here on behalf of Gil Santos, Local Remaxx real estate agent. She read a letter of support for 119 Morse Street. On a personal note, I agree that this would benefit the town

Carl Vandenboom - You'll hear about the history of this land and the parcel itself. I'm shocked that this project has go this far and if it happened in 2008 I would have taken it to the level that I have done tonight. I take great exception to the staff report as many committees got together without knowing the history of the land and called it a blighted area. The past land owner was a great neighbor and was meticulous maintained by Arthur. It was not blighted 13 years ago. My parents moved there for the view and wild life.

Kathy Vandenboom – There is a lot of angles that we are taking around this. At the last meeting the board was posed for two questions do we need this type of housing and if it is the right place. We have a civic engagement focus group and looking at data that was collected that came out of that group. The top 3 criteria for any new housings were any new housing wouldn't impact public services, wouldn't negatively impact wetlands, wildlife and habitat and traffic. I don't think you can find a worse place to choose to put this. There are other places that we could do this that are upcoming. Why is this being pushed? I'm not sure that we need 40B. The surveys sometimes we put out seem guided one way or the other. There is never an option with the surveys to be able to leave the land alone. I have issues with Planning guiding us into these decisions. We moved to this place for the pond and now we what happened to the values of Foxborough residents. It is this other agenda coming from the Planning Board for this type of Foxborough. If you look at what the civic engagement group said that they want to have, why does this fly in the face of what residents are saying?

ME – At no point is Paige pushing 40B, she is trying to put forward an agenda of affordable housing.

KV – I think the surveys are influenced in the way the surveys are written. And it seems like all of sudden the location was dropped out of the discussion.

LG – To say we aren't evaluating the particular site, isn't true. We did a site visit to evaluate the location.

KV – I don't think she was trying to be sinister. I think people want to protect open space. We want housing, but we don't want to impact other things.

LG – We've had meetings pre-Covid regarding affordable housing with a packed meeting room. This didn't come out of a survey sent there. We talk about affordable housing in other forums.

CV - We are proponents of 40B and diversity. This rise to the top of the list and is this focused on right now. With all the projects in the pipeline, is this the time and place.

SF – The way it's being positioned, it is being portrayed as a Town funded project and clearly this is a private property owner bring this to the town right now which is why it is rising now. We got this application, it was not sought out.

KV – You set 2 criteria last meeting, you said is this a need and is this the right location. I think the location part dropped of the conversation and I think it is important to pick the right place.

LG – We are looking at both pieces.

BK – It is important for people to know that those 400 are rental units where as these will be ownership.

Drew Hoyt, 9 Orimet Lane – I am a Foxborough resident and I represent the Vandenbooms. You can see in my letter the concerns I have. As a Foxborough resident and as an environment attorney and working in environmental service. My job was dealing with contaminated sites. When I saw this proposal, contamination was the first thing that came to my mind. I learned about environmental legacy site, and there are some with a lot of intractable problems. Those two happened to be located near this development site. I want to make 2 points. With the respect to the BOS role in this, that the Town takes the place of the state as the subsidized agency. Mass Housing conducts a review to ensure that the project is both appropriate in size scope, location, etc. In the LIP program the Selectmen take the place of the subsidizing agency. It doesn't count for 40B unless it's a LIP. The BOS becomes the subsidizing agency. Without the developer doesn't get in the door of the ZBA. If they don't get this, they'll have to do through Mass Housing and get a subsidized interest loan. The BOS would be the sponsor and subsidizer of this project. Point two, you are under no obligation to endorse this project and you shouldn't. You shouldn't because this project is on a site that you don't know is safe for housing because it is right next to a very bad industrial legacy waste site. Whatever is buried in the ground is in the ground water and would flow through the development site. Based on what is known to have occurred on this site and how little investigation has been done you cannot know that this property is safe. You have no reason to say that this site is appropriate for housing until you know a lot more than you know right now. What you need to know if this is appropriate site, is to test the soil for lead and others, do ground water sampling as well.

LG – I'm know that there needs to be 21E to happen and that will still be required even we approve and support this LIP. I appreciate the history of the site.

DH – I think it is a mistake to believe that if this Board endorses this project that the ZBA would not approve it. I've worked on a 40B projects for many years. I've never had a project with a Selectmen endorsement through the LIP project has been rejected by the ZBA. I would ask that you take a month and think about the environmental issues.

LG – I don't think it's punting to the ZBA.

SM – I don't think we are following the process.

LG – We are following the process. This Board doesn't punt it. We do not taking this lightly.

SM – I didn't take anything offensive. I don't think he was suggesting. I have lots of issues with this project. If we can be bypassed and he can go to the state, he should so we aren't in this position.

ME – I don't think the ZBA would do anything outside their realm because we approved or disapproved.

SM – I feel that you got a bit defensive. I think he wasn't being offensive and he wanted to give us time.

LG – There are people who have been in this room before, just because this might be your first time here does not mean we are rushing this through.

DH – My sense was this was that it was the town's first time in the LIP project.

Greg Spier, 1 Hutchins Drive - I am a developer out of Foxborough. The last development was the only one specializing in 1st floor masters and those houses never reached the market for more than 30 days. There is a huge demand right now for all the baby boomer that would want a 1st floor master bedroom. There are people who want to stay in town with first floor master in a smaller house that would server their needs. This would free up in town larger houses for families. I take a bit of concern talking about other projects in the pipeline, as this is the only one that is in front of the Board and who are serving the \$500,000 price range. I think what is going on at the Fire Station and if they are for sale or rent. These are the only ones. We have 2,000 people on the affordable housing list. Any project that will serve a need of the upper end of what is affordable would be a big help to allow families to stay in town. I have some concerns regarding location, but I don't believe the traffic would be an issue but could use a traffic study to confirm.

LG – I have a few questions.

Bill Buckley – I'm not an environmental engineer. I received the letter from Drew Hoyt regarding the contamination. A 21E handles contaminated sites in the Commonwealth. All commercial sites are asked for these. The bank will ask for. Mike Saegh got a 21E in 2007 when he purchased the property. All things that were talked about in a report was talking about the Bleachery not the Morse street property. When an assessment is done, they look at the site and surrounding areas that could impact the site being evaluated. From the 2007 report. The most recent info on the file at the Bleachery was a site investing closure that was done in 1998. This could meant that a removal action is not appropriate at this time. The concentration levels for the contaminants for the problem site don't warrant a time critical removal action. This paints a bit less dire picture than was painted earlier. There was also discussion about ground water. "Indicated the ground water flows across the site to Rumford River (in the opposite direction of the Morse Street site) the contamination is not flowing toward but away from us. At the end of a site assessment a recommendation has to be made. They didn't 'feel that a phase 2, to pull samples and dig holes, was necessary. It is our opinion that we don't have a contamination issue on site. I believe that the bank Mr. Saegh would use would request a 21E. Just because this is a 40B, does not exempt us from any state permit requirements. This was prepared by Theodore F. Lowe and Associates on Oct 17, 2007

SM – In 2007, it was potentially going to be commercial or resident site. Are there different guidelines for commercial versus residential?

BB – For phase 1 no, once you go into contamination you go into different tiers.

LG – The 21E Mr. Saegh has was for the purchase, not for the development of a commercial site. It would be just for him to take the sale of the property.

SM – If it were to go 40B, the bank would possibly would want another 21E done.

BB – I would assume so, it is 12-13 years old. I know that we would like to see single family housing. No housing is allowed in a general industrial and is non-conforming.

SM – The house was there before the zoning?

BB – Yes, that house was there before the zoning happened in the 1950s.

SM – In the application, accessory apartments are included and asked for an exemption. Are you asking the state to allow for accessory apartments? With the density there I wouldn't want that on top of the density.

Bill Casbarra - The bylaw has a section on accessory apartments. This would be if an owner would want to put in an accessory apartment for an in-law apartment. The ZBA does not have to entertain that exemption if they don't want to.

SM – Why would that be in there with the density already going in? That is concerning. We also may have a warrant article on them as well.

BC – That is within your purview to delete that recommendation. That is a request and the ZBA could take that out as well.

SM – On the site plan there is a potential dog run as well.

Architect Jeremy Lake - You could make a recommendation to remove that.

LG – There is a lot of information. I came up with 71 units on Morse Street and this is proposed 52. On the flipside, Mr. Campos's letter sums it up perfectly. We have 8 active houses on the market and the most affordable is \$425,000. We have sat on Zoom and in this room about affordable housing quite incredible. The houses on Bleacher are going for \$700,000 because there is a need. There is a need for housing. I don't think any neighbor wants these things in their backyard with the exception of one. There are not a lot of abutters. The sidewalk is a concern and if we can't get one I don't think it's a good idea. We need little cottage style, we need some but the 4-plexes are little hard to swallow. This is the only project in front of us that is ownership. I know people who bought across from stop and Shop and others who searched for a house in town. This particular site that it could be a good site. Besides everything else that will be vetted, like 21E, sewer and sidewalks, is the density that gives me pause.

ME – This project falls in line with what we have been seeing over the last few years. Mike Saegh is going out of his way to make it a palatable as possible and keeping a lot of greenery. He's already wanted to keep the prices \$500-\$550,000 without the 40B lower price. I think it's a perfect project for where it is and where we are in the housing crunch but I think this will be in the right place for the first starter home.

SM – I get affordable housing is the hot topic. I feel that my job on this board is to the existing tax payers. I live in a development that was made for first time homeowner's and downsizing and that is not what it has turned into. I don't have anything from families but when you hit this type of density, I see the draw coming to young couples, you may get some downsizers. I wonder what the impact is to all our services. There are so many people in Foxborough that are struggling. What happens to the tax payers and increasing the costs per person/student in the town. The burden will go to the existing tax payers. I worry about the people who are going to be priced out of homes. My first responsibility is to the tax payers.

LG – I've thought the same thing about taxes. How many houses in town are covering that? With anything new the argument against remains. Part of the budget is new growth and how do we cover that going forward.

SM – For me it is the density of the growth. What happens if they come behind Dairy Queen? The reason why kids want to stay is because of how our town is a smaller town. That is why the zoning is the way it is. Towns like Mansfield and Franklin grew quickly and it hurt them and the taxes went up. I can't wrap my head around the density and what it would do to services. Bill Casbarra might have said that it was good because it would add more inventory in town it would make other homes affordable in Town. I feel like this project could go forward without us, I would prefer that.

If this project is approved by the BOS and approved by the State, does this make it a by right project?

PD- No, it will still have to go the Zoning Board.

SF – What you had said about school budget, there is a concept that George Samia could speak to there is an incremental cost are low and don't add to the fixed costs.

SM – I'm not talking about the building, if you add students, you might have to add teachers. That cost might be higher as it is after that the state gets reimbursed the town.

ME – Steph, you said that people want to move here because of the ambiance. Mr. Saegh is allow 70% of those housing to have Foxborough resident preference.

Bob Enger – That is a 40B property DHCD allows for a 70% local preference if you show the need. My son runs affordable housing. Most of the people in the lottery are from the area not from further away. The other point made by Drew Hoyt, the DHCD is the subsidizing agency not the BOS. The developer the town and state. It is important what you are doing but you are a sponsor and it will still have to go to the ZBA. I've done many LIPS. Zoning boards are just as critical, because they have to follow the law. Peer review consultants are hired by the applicant. The same ZBA will go under the same process whether we do a LIP or not.

PD – I did collect information for my own edification. Out of 562 40B units in Foxborough, there are 96 students. Nadia Estates is the most similar and there are only 9 kids in schools from there.

SM – The over turn in my neighborhood has brought us 10 more kids under 5 years old. I think we have stay away from other communities because I'm being bombarded for saying the word children. For me I'm not concerned with where people may come from.

Mike Saegh – To make a point about the schools, if Paige's ratio holds true, I believe the head count is going down in the school system.

LG – From a documentary I watched recently a quote that stood out was, 'Is our past more important than our future?' Is our past of how we were and holding the population more important than where our town can go? I know change is scary but that piece worries me too.

John Chlebek – In support of the project. The assertion has been made. I would like to see the data that supports this? Is this true and are we making a data driven decisions?

LG – I did sit in some of those housing meetings and have heard anecdotes that support this.

BK – There was a significant announcement today made in housing since 2012. There are when that news broke that sent the stock market down 300 points. This is a long-term issue. When asking for examples, I go to the Council on Aging and that is the number 1 issue that they talk about to me. The biggest challenge we face is that there is a deficit in housing and it is a nationwide issue.

SM – The problem is in Foxborough not everyone lives in a \$700, \$800, and \$900,000 home. They are not going to qualify for affordable because you have to be a first time home buyer.

BK – They will if they sell their house.

SM – I don't see the long term Foxborough families, in \$1 million homes. A lot of them are in their original small home, capes. I don't know if the whole downsizing and financially would help people wanting to downsize.

MS – The other issue they don't have to worry about plowing and lawns, etc.

SM – There is going to be a lot more for expenses in here that maybe someone can't afford.

LG – Whether or not we vote to approve or not, the BOS took this very seriously. Unfortunately, this is a decision that will divide and this will keep us up at night. I don't to drag this on. We could take a vote but I'm not good with where the conditions are at currently.

SM – Would that be list that we came up with along with Paige as suggestions.

LG – We don't have a solid list of conditions to know in this motion what the Board would vote on tonight.

BK – I did send out a list of conditions and we can talk to Paige.

SF – That list was more concerns than conditions.

BK – That list is a good starting point and be able to provide additional input on those conditions.

SF – That list felt like concerns more like conditions. Some felt that it was outside the scope of what we were talking about, like building a sidewalk. Instead of 25% affordable it could be 35% for example as a condition.

LG – The preliminary list collected, size of project seems excessive, and sewer needs to be evaluation, sidewalks inside and outside development.

CV – One of the concerns is that there is a toxic waste dump. There was no delineation from the Bleachery to think it's not contaminated is crazy.

LG – That is not on the conditions but a 21E will happen for the review process.

BK – It's more expressing your concerns that you have identified going through this process, turning them into conditions, which would be part of the final decision issued by the ZBA.

LG – If we do a vote, I want to make sure that we protect ourselves, and it's clear what we are supporting.

MS – I think your charge is to vote on whether if the town needs affordable housing. You are the board of directors for this town at the 300,000-foot level. There isn't anything that has been talked about that will be addressed.

LG – The BOS wouldn't be endorsing the number of units or the site.

SF – I feel like some of us have laid our cards on the table and some of us haven't. Prolonging it would drag the process out when we have an understanding on how the votes will fall.

LG – I'm still not sure if I want to vote on this tonight. I have not made up my mind. I really value listening to my peers bring to the table.

EO – I've been listening to the discussion and to the Board. I feel that when we go forward with additional housing project. I think it has been clear by residents for and against this project.

SF – I'm comfortable.

CV – I have a legal issue with this property and am taking this piece of land by adverse possession.

SM – I want to talk about conditions before we vote. I don't like this project. If this project were to go through.

LG – I think we've been talking about this for a month and half and we need to fish or cut bait on behalf of the applicant.

SM – My goal that we didn't take a vote at all and let it go through the steps without us.

Motion for the Board of Selectmen to support the 119 Morse Street Local Initiative Program Application with the proposed conditions to be met by the 119 Morse Street Realty Trust and Foxstar Corporation by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 4-1. S. McGowan opposed.

SM – I would like to say that it was not signed off on by me and have that in writing. Also, (to Mike Saegh) this has nothing to do with you and I look forward to being part of the process going forward.

MS – Thanks you for your vote and I'm working to make it better.

6. 8:25pm Assistant Town Manager's Update

-Prior to the BOS meeting the Person Board met and voted to send forth two policies for the next meeting are the Town Electronic Communication and Computer Use policy and bringing it up to date. The second policy is the Performance Evaluation and Review policy. This is an umbrella review policy to capture all the tools we are using and helps with guidance for our managers and for those who are being evaluated. Not to say we don't have training but we need to expand on that.

LG – While we were talking earlier today, I know when I came on that I had to do Darkness to Light Training. I think we should be sending that out to the boards and committees as well to have them take the training.

MJ – When we do the next training, Christina will inform not only employees but board and committee chairs as well.

7. 8:35pm Town Manager's Update

7.1 Update regarding options for Trash & Recycling for Town – We met with the local representative of the preferred trash provider, WIN, and will be working him directly. We have received requests to serve on the working group for looking at trash options. There aren't a lot of options but worth evaluating.

7.2 Update on American Rescue Plan Act Funds – The town has secured a contract with Clifford Larson who will be advising the Town on its ARPA funding. The county ARPA funding will be available to us through a portal that should be available by the end of the month.

ME – In other words, it will cost us money to get our money?

BK – It. will but it will be a relatively small amount and insignificant, but worth it to spend it correctly.

BK - There were two cases of West Nile in Massachusetts. Residents are

LG – Is the county spraying?

BK – They did spray in May.

BK – We have 56 cases of Covid, locally. We are in the yellow right now but nationally things are turning around and numbers are going down.

LG – I would like to have DC Kenvin and Director of Public Health Matt Brennan come and give us an update.

BK - We did get a proclamation from the governor for the town for the 20th Anniversary of 9-11. CNN did a segment for 9-11, the program was called Shine a Light.

7.3 Events on Town Property - Foxborough Boys Soccer Booster Car Wash- Sept 19 at Town Hall, Lions Club Fair on the Common - Oct 2, FHS Volleyball Car Wash at Town Hall - Oct 3, and Foxborough Jaycees Annual September 11th Memorial on the Common

BK - We had the first Patriots game this weekend. There was a snafu on getting the tickets done. I did send an email to the Kraft group to address and they are already addressing it.

MJ – Another good thing is that will be getting new street names on our Special Town Meeting warrant. Kathryn Levesque started in our office this week.

ME – Can you give me some info on this Registry of Deeds? Also I had a couple of people call me about DPW workers at streets entrance and wanted to know why?

BK – We are short, in terms of police officers. So we had 5 DPW workers help out with the situation.

Chris Gallagher. – The Police chief asked a few weeks ago and I was asked if the DPW could help. We put together an agreement with AFSCME. It maybe something you see more of moving forward, and will used as needed.

ME – Why were those three sites chosen?

CG – It is what Chief Grace gave me for posts. Those might be the less hassled locations.

BK – We will have to have a conversation on the police reform and our ability to provide details. I have spoken out about this and has been short sighted. State police and FPD has had a tough time getting people to do details.

8. 8:45pm - Selectmen's Update

8.1 New Business - Rabies Clinic - September 25, Trash Working Group, and Chair Training is October 7.

ME – Milli Green the COA who spearheaded the Feasibility study for the community center. She is calling for volunteers for a working group.

SM – Seth was at Clean Up day and was working really hard. Thank you for representing the BOS and doing a great job.

SF – It was a great time they had a DJ and was well attended and organized.

8.2 Old Business - Chair Training - October 7th

9. Action Items

9.1 COA - Appointment of Jeanne Bonneau to the Council on Aging for a term to end 5/31/24

Motion to appoint Jeanne Bonneau to the Council on Aging for a term to end 5/31/24 by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

9.2 BOS - Approval of BOS Minutes from 8/17 and 8/30 meeting

Motion to approve the August 17, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

Motion to approve the August 30, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

9.3 BOS - Approval of Use of Town Property Policy

Motion to approve the Use of Town Property Policy as proposed by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman.

Discussion: SF – Has this changed?

BK – It's a new policy and I made some changes after Leah sent some notes.

Approved, 5-0.

9.4 Block Party Application

Motion to approve a Block Party Application from Danielle LaPlante for 9/18/21 from 4pm-8pm on Joanna Drive from 19 to 23 Joanna Drive by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

9.5 Block Party Application - Nancy Dimand, 7 Howard Ave, Rita Greeley

ND – We wanted to have a powder house reunion.

Motion to approve a Block Party Application from Rita Greeley for 10/2/21 from 1pm-10pm on Howard Ave from Carpenter Street to Shaw Place by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.

10. Adjourn – 10:04pm

Motion to adjourn by S. Ferguson 2nd by M. Elfman. Approved, 5-0.