

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Foxborough Town Hall
Andrew Gala Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chris Mitchell, Chair
Mark Elfman, Vice Chair
Leah Gibson, Clerk
James DeVellis
David Feldman

Others present: William Keegan, Jr., Town Manager
Amanda Smith, Community Information Specialist
Kathleen Connolly, Town Counsel

Minutes generated by Amanda Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Citizen's Input

No citizen's input.

2. Public Hearing - NPS LLC/Kraft Sports and Entertainment - Taylor Swift Concerts – Reputation Stadium Tour - July 26, 27 & 28, 2018

L. Gibson read the public hearing notice into the record.

J. Enos of Gillette Stadium and G. Bell of the Stadium Advisory Committee came before the Board to request licenses for three consecutive Taylor Swift shows in July at Gillette Stadium. J. Enos said the parking lots would open at 3:00 p.m., the gates would open at 5:00 p.m. and the shows would start at 7:00 p.m. with three opening acts. She said her department has received positive feedback from other venues regarding opening acts for shows completed thus far: as part of her tour.

J. Enos estimated the Thursday show would see approx. 37,000 in attendance; 50,000 in attendance for the Friday show and approx. 50,000 for the Saturday show. She said the shows on this tour consist of dynamic-priced tickets, prices range from \$49.50 to about \$350.00. She said the Stadium is anticipating a lot of theatrics as in the past. The Stadium sent a team to her show in Arizona to get a better understanding. She added that the load-in process would be extensive but the operations in-house have a good handle on these shows. She acknowledged these shows would coincide with the first three days of New England Patriots training camp and that the Stadium is doing a lot in-house to prevent issues that may arise from having that many people on site. She said these shows will include the standard procedure for ride-share and parent pick up lots as in the past and the taxi stand will be in use as it has shown to be a popular option. She said they are requesting use of Putnam Parkway to be open for emergency vehicle as well as VIP parking pass holders.

G. Bell commented that the SAC was impressed with rideshare, parent pick-up and taxi options at the stadium. He asked J. Enos if they were going to be able to get the MBTA to run the commuter rail for these shows; J. Enos replied they are still unsure but do not expect that to be an option. G. Bell said they asked previously about clear bags and was told that all ticketholders were contacted regarding the clear bag policy. The SAC recommended the application for the three shows to the BOS for approval.

B. Keegan added that this concert demographic lends itself to a good crowd with very few problems; a younger crowd that is also family-oriented. C. Mitchell asked if the entertainer sets the price for the tickets; J. Enos said yes and that this particular show had the most price points (25) that they have ever seen. G. Bell added there is a general admission area for about 300-400 people right in the front of the main stage.

No public comment.

Motion to close the public hearing made by L. Gibson, made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Motion to approve the Taylor Swift Concerts on July 26, 27 and 28, 2018 made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

Discussion: J. DeVellis thanked Gillette Stadium for the tickets donated to the girls' basketball team when they won the championship; it did not go unnoticed.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

3. OJO Realty Investments LLC / Ripple Realty - Answer Is Fitness - New Commercial Parking License – Lot #102

Dan Fortier, General Manager of Answer is Fitness, and Ovar Osvold, owner of 7 Lincoln Road, came before the Board for a new commercial parking license for stadium events. B. Keegan said they first went through the Zoning Board of Appeals process for a special permit; no appeals and no limitations raised during that period. O. Osvold said the gravel portion required the special permit, not the paved part. J. DeVellis asked if anything unusual came up through the planning board process; O. Osvold said there were no concerns. J. DeVellis asked if a new applicant of parking spaces affects the stadium lease agreement since there would be additional parking spaces for the same number of attendees to the stadium. D. Feldman said he believes the lease agreement lists a minimum number of parking spaces, not a maximum.

Motion to Approve the Commercial Parking Lot License for Lot #102 made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Result: Motion Carries 5-0-0

4. Selectmen's Update

C. Mitchell said Matt Sharkey, a junior at Foxborough High School, got selected to go to Boys State and was elected Lieutenant Governor at Boys State. He congratulated him for all of his hard work.

C. Mitchell summarized the railroad informational meeting from the previous night at the Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel in Foxborough regarding the anticipated and planned changes on County Street. He said it was a good meeting; a lot of work was put into finding a solution for one of the problems – the trains blocking the intersection. B. Keegan said the MBTA is aiming to have the side rail available for usage/passage in a month. C. Mitchell said the North Street railroad crossing will be shut down beginning Friday, July 13th through Tuesday July 17th for repairs. B. Keegan mentioned additional streets lined up for repair at railroad crossings; this work would be funded by the State as the crossings are State property.

5. Town Manager's Update

B. Keegan told the Board the new hotel in Town, the Hampton Inn & Suites, is holding a ribbon-cutting on Tuesday July 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

B. Keegan showed a binder to the Board of the documents R. Verdone pulled together regarding regional dispatch that included the documents requested through public records requests. J. DeVellis asked for this to be made electronic and B. Keegan acknowledged that it would. B. Keegan added that the SEMRECC Board of Directors Meeting would be holding an informational update for all four towns on July 25, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Town Hall. D. Feldman asked if this meeting would be posted; B. Keegan confirmed.

B. Keegan said all Foxborough residents are invited to this year's in-stadium practice at Gillette Stadium on July 30, 2018. He clarified that the stadium would be using electronic tickets only this year. L. Gibson asked about the stadium would monitor that only residents get the tickets; A. Smith said that she would reach out to the ticket office for clarification.

B. Keegan said the Town is aiming for a Fall 2018 Special Town Meeting to be held during the first or second week of October, for the primary purpose of getting approval for the Burrell School Improvement Project.

B. Keegan said Vicki Lowe's retirement party will be held on Friday, July 13th at Lakeview Pavilion starting at 1:30 p.m. He added the hiring process is underway for her replacement. In person interviews will occur over the next week or two.

B. Keegan said the Town has been working on unaccepted street issues; including Fairbanks Road and Camp Road. We are working with the Planning Department and Public Works to try and find affordable ways to address the issues.

B. Keegan said that the FBI Alumni Youth Leadership Academy held in Foxborough and at Gillette Stadium last week went very well with 25-30 students involved. He also added that the visit from the Haitian Officers as part of the exchange program with the Foxborough Police Department was a big success. B. Keegan thanked Chief Baker and the members of the Police Department for organizing and coordinating both events for the Community.

6. Assistant Town Manager's Update

M. Bernard was away on vacation and was not in attendance.

7. Action Items

7.01 Historical Commission - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$62.00 to the Foxborough Historical Commission from Jocelyn Tripp and others for the general historical fund

Motion to approve gift donation made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

7.02 Cultural Council - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$125.00 to the Foxborough Cultural Council from the Foxboro Moms' Club

Motion to approve gift donation made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

7.03 COA/HS - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$1,405.00 to the Council on Aging/Human Services from the Friends of Foxboro Seniors for programs held at the Senior Center

Motion to approve gift donation made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

7.04 Boyden Library - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$125.00 to the Boyden Library from the Moms Club of Foxboro for use in the Children's Department

Motion to approve gift donation made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman

No further discussion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

7.05 BOS Approve minutes from 6/12/18 and 6/26/18

Motion to approve BOS minutes from 6/12/18 made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman.

No further discussion.

Final Result: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Motion to approve BOS minutes from 6/26/18 made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman.

No further discussion.

Final Result: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Motion to close the public session and move into Executive session for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of the real property identified on Foxborough Assessors Map 79 as Parcels 2222 (21 Market St.), 2224 and 2225 (School and Rockhill Sts.) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; the Board not to reconvene in Open Session made by L. Gibson, motion made second by M. Elfman.

No further discussion.

Final Result: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Roll Call: L. Gibson – Yes; J. DeVellis – Yes; C. Mitchell – Yes; M. Elfman – Yes; D. Feldman - Yes