

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Foxborough Town Hall
Andrew Gala Meeting Room
7:00pm

Members present: Mark Elfman, Chairman
Leah Gibson, Vice Chair
Edward T. O'Leary, Clerk
David Feldman
Chris Mitchell

Others present: William Keegan, Jr., Town Manager
Michael Johns, Assistant Town Manager
Amanda Smith, Community Information Specialist

Minutes generated by Amanda Smith

Chairman M. Elfman opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and read the agenda into the record.

1. Citizen's Input

Fire Chief Mike Kelleher came before the BOS to announce that the Foxborough Fire Department, in collaboration with Mansfield Fire Department, has received a grant to replace all fire hoses in both departments so all rescue equipment is compatible for mutual aid (approx. \$150,000 in funding).

2. Board of Health Vacancy - Joint Meeting - Joint Discussion and Vote with the Board of Health to appoint new member of Board of Health to fill vacancy until May 2020 Town elections

Board of Health members, Eric Arvedon and Paul Steeves, opened their meeting with the BOS to discuss appointing a new member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Health until the May 2020 elections. E. Arvedon said they received word that one of their members resigned in July and is recommending Elena Deckers to fill the vacancy on the BOH until May 2020 elections. H. Deckers came before the BOS to introduce herself. Dr. Deckers said she read there was an opening on the BOH and expressed interest to the BOH, then attended some meetings and decided she could be a positive addition to the Town and the BOH.

E. Arvedon entered Elena Deckers into the record for nomination.

Motion to nominate Elena Deckers to the BOH until the May 2020 elections made by E. Arvedon, motion made second by P. Steeves

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 2-0-0

Motion to Approve the appointment of Elena Decker to the Board of Health to fill a vacancy until the May 2020 Town Elections made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Motion to Adjourn BOH meeting at 7:16 p.m. made by E. Arvedon, motion made second by P. Steeves

No further discussion
Final Resolution: 2-0-0

3. Hughes Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a XtremeCraze - Hughes Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a XtremeCraze - Applications for Common Victualler License and 7-Day Entertainment License, located at 30 Commercial Street, Foxborough, MA 02035

Greg Hughes came before the BOS to request a Common Victualler License and 7-Day Entertainment License for XtremeCraze. G. Hughes said they expect to open mid-November and will include an inflatable air park and laser tag, along with amusement games and a pizza café.

No questions from the BOS.

Motion to Approve Hughes Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a XtremeCraze Applications for Common Victualler License and 7-Day Entertainment License, located at 30 Commercial Street, Foxborough, MA 02035 made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

4. Public Hearing - SV Patriot Place, LLC. d/b/a Splitsville Patriot Place - Application for Transfer of Stock and Change of Ownership/Beneficial Interest for an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License for SV Patriot Place, LLC. d/b/a Splitsville Patriot Place, located at 220 Patriot Place

E. O'Leary read the public hearing notice into the record.

Attorney Ryan Gazda said the applicant would like to withdraw the application at this time to resubmit it with a pledge of license for a future meeting.

Motion to close the public hearing made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

Motion to take no action as the application is withdrawn by the applicant made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

5. Flag Discussion - Discussion regarding placement of flags on the Common; follow-up discussion re: Patriots flag on the Common

B. Keegan said the Town did not fly the flag on the Common for the first home game this season. Bob Murphy, Comey Avenue, came before the BOS to express frustration, as a Veteran, that the Patriots flag is not flown below the American flag on the Common for home games. B. Murphy said he does not believe flying the Patriots flag on the Common beneath the American flag violates the flag code. B. Murphy said flying the flag on the Common would show pride in the Patriots and this would not offend him as a veteran. B. Murphy said the Patriots are a source of pride for the Town and flying the flag would show this pride. B. Murphy said he tried to get people to sign a petition in Town and said some said they just did not want to get involved at all. M. Elfman said he has done research and has also found that flying the Patriots flag beneath the American flag would not violate the flag code. M. Johns said the flag code is guidance, not law. M. Johns said when he was Veteran Services Director, he also said this would not violate the flag code but was clear to say he is not advocating for or against this matter. M. Johns said all American citizens get a say in this matter and in all government matters. M. Johns said the only official government flag pole in Town is in front of Town Hall. E. O'Leary asked if the BOS discussed the flag last year as this would be a matter of policy. L. Gibson said he has heard from people in the community that represent both sides of the argument but would like to make a motion to fly the flag for home games as a show of pride. B. Keegan said the Town took measures to create a separation between the two flags and ensure that they do not touch; M. Johns said this was a suggestion by a local veteran and was made possible by Dave Laliberte, Tree & Park Supervisor. B. Keegan said there have been very few who expressed concern over flying the Patriots flag since first doing so a few years ago. M. Johns said the catalyst to this discussion was one player taking a knee during the National Anthem and this is a separate issue.

Motion to fly the New England Patriots flag below the American flag, with appropriate separation, on the Common for home games this season made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

6. Wayfinding and Branding Results - Wayfinding and Branding Working Group and Consultant, Mark Faverman, to present results to the Board of Selectmen

Paige Duncan, Planning Director, and Mark Faverman, consultant, came before the BOS to present the results of the work done by the Wayfinding and Branding working group. L. Gibson said when local businesses were asked about the 1-hour parking signs around the Common, the goal was to prevent people from parking there for New England Patriots games.

M. Faverman said the working group looked at word descriptions and symbols that represent Foxborough for branding the Town. M. Faverman presented options to the BOS including those showing Memorial Hall and mirror the fencing around the Common; showed various components within the design family to be used around Town. M. Faverman said the design allows for use on trails, as a weathervane, on poles, etc. and would be installed in phases to be determined. M. Faverman worked with Ryan Norton, GIS technician, to create a map of the current and proposed signs, and identified those that should be removed. P. Duncan has already received donations of \$2,000 for these signs and will presenting the funds to the BOS for review and acceptance. B. Keegan asked for timing; P. Duncan said the Town is ready to order some signs after the BOS has time to review this

information and vote. C. Mitchell asked about cost; M. Faverman said the Town could have impact with the signs for approximately \$10,000; P. Duncan said the first nine signs around the Common would be approx. \$5,000. E. O'Leary asked if this was discussed with the Historical Commission; L. Gibson said the working group held multiple meetings to elicit feedback and input to get to this point. L. Gibson said local businesses and the Historical Commission participated in these meetings. L. Gibson said there could be a more formal process for the installation of the signs in the future that would prevent clutter or unnecessary signs. M. Faverman said a secondary project could include information kiosk and furniture around Town.

B. Keegan said there needs to be a downtown parking strategy that would evolve with the area and these signs would work to address the common confusion regarding the existing and new, available parking. B. Keegan recommended a specific action for the BOS to act upon at their next meeting. D. Feldman asked if these maps and examples can be placed on the website; P. Duncan said yes and M. Faverman suggested having the boards

7. Selectmen's Update

M. Elfman said there was a request to hold a discussion about the Green Community program in the State and how it could come to Foxborough; will be part of a presentation at the October 1st BOS meeting from a resident and Deputy Director of the program for the State.

8. Town Manager's Update

B. Keegan said Town Counsel has added language to the Special Town Meeting Warrant for the animal control article to allow the BOS to appoint the Town Manager as the dog hearing officer.

B. Keegan said the 2019 Financial Summit will be held here at Town Hall in the Andrew Gala, Jr. Meeting Room on October 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reaching out to the public for questions and feedback about the biggest concerns regarding the Town budget. D. Feldman said it would be a good opportunity to re-educate the public on the financial policies adopted by the Town; new Finance Director can give an update and discuss future goals.

B. Keegan said the swearing-in ceremony for the new Police Chief will be held on October 1st at the Public Safety Building and will be sending the final details to the BOS as soon as they are available.

B. Keegan said the new playground at the Booth field is beginning construction and should be completed within a few weeks.

B. Keegan said Joan Gallivan submitted a letter to the BOS requesting a meeting prior to Special Town Meeting to educate interested people on the warrant articles; B. Keegan is supportive of the idea.

B. Keegan said the new parking lot at Schneider Electric is nearing completion and will be complete after the final barriers are installed.

B. Keegan said Amanda Smith is working on a new process with the Town Clerk to develop a process for updating the new website with past and current Board/Committee minutes for easier access.

B. Keegan said the Town is nearing an agreement with the Kraft Group for an annual event license at Gillette Stadium and will be presenting that to the BOS when it is ready. E. O'Leary asked the purpose of the single event license; B. Keegan said it would reduce the number of hearings but would allow the BOS to call a hearing for any of the events as needed on their discretion. B. Keegan said this would allow the Kraft Group to plan ahead, as well as the Town to plan for future events. B. Keegan said Taylor Swift has announced a tour that will bring her to Gillette Stadium in the summer of 2020 for two shows (only 1 of 2 venues in the country).

9. Assistant Town Manager's Update

M. Johns said the 9/11 Ceremony at the Public Safety Building took place last week at 9:55 a.m. and included a short service by Pastor Bill Dudley.

M. Johns said he attended an event at the Senior Center today for a BBQ that included a tour of the new fire truck for seniors, as well as a session to share important fire and home safety information. M. Johns said the Fire Department is announcing a new program for residents 65 years or over who would receive a free home safety inspection, by appointment.

M. Johns said the annual employee health and wellness fair is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at the Ahern Middle School from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. that will include flu shots and promote a healthy lifestyle.

M. Johns said the Town will be pushing out facts and a short quiz regarding municipal finances in preparation for the Financial Summit on October 17. L. Gibson asked if the summit will be televised; B. Keegan said yes.

10. Action Items

10.01 Application for (7) One-Day Wine and Malt Licenses for Wormtown Brewery, LLC. for 9/21/19, 9/22/19, 9/28/19, 9/29/19, 10/5/19, 10/6/19, and 10/10/19.

Motion to Approve Wormtown Brewery, LLC. Application for (7) One-Day Wine and Malt Licenses for 9/21/19, 9/22/19, 9/28/19, 9/29/19, 10/5/19, 10/6/19, and 10/10/19 made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

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10.02 Splitsville - Approval of early liquor license extension request of 10:00 a.m. for New England Patriots Sunday home games accompanied with food service for the following dates: September 22nd, December 22nd (only if a 1:00 p.m. game), and December 29, 2019

Motion to Approve Splitsville early liquor license extension request of 10:00 a.m. for New England Patriots Sunday home games accompanied with food service for the following dates: September 22nd, December 22nd (only if a 1:00 p.m. game), and December 29, 2019 made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

10.03 Appointment of Finance Director, George Samia, to the following Boards: Town Asset Review Committee, Billboard Advisory Committee and Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a 1-year term to expire 5/1/2020

Motion to Appoint Finance Director, George Samia, to the following Boards: Town Asset Review Committee, Billboard Advisory Committee and Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a 1-year term to expire 5/1/2020 made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

10.04 Public Event Application - Sage School 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Motion to Approve Public Event Application for the Sage School 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

10.05 Fire Department - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Foxborough Fire/Rescue Gift Fund from Charles E. and Jean R. Albert

Motion to Accept Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Foxborough Fire/Rescue Gift Fund from Charles E. and Jean R. Albert made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

10.06 Veterans Services - Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Veterans Services Department from the American Legion Post 93 for the POW/MIA Vigil

Motion to Accept Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Veterans Services Department from the American Legion Post 93 for the POW/MIA Vigil made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

Discussion: Ally Rodriguez, Veteran Services Director said the Town of Foxborough is holding a 24-hour vigil from Saturday, September 20th to the 21st that will culminate with a ceremony. A. Rodriguez said all are welcome to attend and the vigil will be staffed for 24 hours straight and said donations are welcome for those staying overnight.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

10.07 Approve 8/20/19 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve 8/20/19 meeting minutes made by E. O'Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0

11. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 8:32 p.m. made by E. O’Leary, motion made second by D. Feldman

No further discussion

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0-0