

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Select Board Meeting Minutes
First Floor Conference Room & Gala Meeting Room,
Town Hall, 40 South Street
7:00pm

Members Present:

Mark Elfman, Chair (ME)
Stephanie McGowan, Vice Chair (SM)
Leah Gibson, Clerk (LG)
Dennis Keefe (DK)
Seth Ferguson (SF)

Also Present:

Paige Duncan, Town Manager (PD)*
Katie Lang, Executive Assistant (KL)

Paul Dumas, Resident/Pres. Friends of Fox Seniors
Chief Kelleher *
Marie Almadovar *

- Attendance via Zoom

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2. 7:20pm - Citizen's Input - Gala Meeting Room

Paul Dumas, 4 Adams Street. President of Friends of Foxborough Seniors and a resident – Thank you for the Board for their work on looking into the new community center. Applaud those efforts.

3. 7:25pm - Southeastern Massachusetts Emergency Communications Center - Regional 911 (SEMRECC)

Update on SEMRECC Southeastern Massachusetts Regional 911 (SEMRECC) by Chief Michael Kelleher. Regional Communications center and looking to expand. Keep the economies of scale in line and also expand with more communities.

4. 7:30pm - Foxborough Police Department Update

Police Chief, Michael Grace, Deputy Chief Richard Noonan, Lt. Chamberlin & Lt. Byrnes to present a department review.

5. FY25 Budget Review

Discuss & Possible Vote on the FY25 Budget. Follow up from last meeting as we went over the agenda but then we had some questions/concerns to review. AdCom is looking to hear this Board's suggestions/approval. DK reviewed that the local receipt question was answered, and some changes were made post the meeting. Might still be an opportunity for improvement but we don't have all the information. SF – Local receipts seemed to be an area where we could true up that area of the budget. Looked at actuals from 2023 to see what 2024/2025 might look like in terms of local receipts/activity at the stadium. Comfort level on the revenue and expense side of the budget for this upcoming fiscal year. DK – We did pick up some areas of opportunity that we all agreed with. SM – Do we could see the pension obligation to see where we might be trending. LG – would possibly come from the actuary. MA – A study is done every two years to review. No real control on the pension side. Norfolk County will report what will be coming up and when fully funded, etc. MA – Health and Property/Liability numbers came in which have a savings therefore the revision shows a decrease in free cash.

LG – There is talk about the two fire positions. Will need to see where those savings go. DK – The impact on Norwood Hospital down and how that has been a budget buster and the reasoning behind fire and paramedic increase in teams. PD – In accepting my budget, it would be without the fire position so you would want Chief Kelleher to come back and review. MK – For about \$70K, I think we could bring on one firefighter. I think that makes the most help for the department. LG – Propose taking the next two weeks to review. SM – If we don't have another ambulance, then maybe Chief can explain how that would help with another body when they wouldn't be able to get out for a run.

6. Town Manager's Update

- MBTA Communities – meeting held last Thursday. Recommend everyone watch it on FCA on demand/YouTube. Misinformation is out there.
- Town Meeting – 31 articles, many of them substantive. I will be working with FCA to do short segments, some with expert guests, to provide information on the substantive/possibly controversial articles. Hope folks will catch a few of them before TM.
- Community Forum – re 131 Morse Street (Summit Casting article on TM warrant, plus required dam removal). Working with BOH and DPW, we will hold an informational session at 7 pm on March 25th to provide more information. Gala Meeting Room/FCA
- Grants –
 - The competitive Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, Foxborough, Town of has been selected to participate! Cybersecurity continues to be a growing concern across the Commonwealth, and we are excited to partner with you to improve the cybersecurity posture of your local government agency. This program delivers to the enrolled users an initial and final assessment, cybersecurity awareness training, and threat simulation, administered by EOTSS's Office of Municipal and School Technology and KnowBe4 (cybersecurity vendor) as outlined in the learning paths you have selected for your organization.
 - Mass Cultural Council grant - FY24 Local Cultural Council Allocation application (FY24-LC-LCC-1778) has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$9,200.
 - Applied for federal funding for pedestrian bridge over Route 1. With World Cup coming we are turning to federal government to assist with this.

Human Resources Updates:

- Current Open Positions - interviewing
 - Director of Land Use and Economic Development
 - Water Tech
 - Veteran's Services Officer
 - Human resources specialist (part time)
 - Payroll & Benefits Administrator
 - Lifeguard, summer junior camp counselor, summer rec counselor
- Maura Buckley will start as Communication Specialist on March 11th . I hope to have her stop by March 12th meeting for introduction.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Construction Updates

- South Street and Cedar Street Raw Water Main - Sprague Road to Witch Pond – PJ Hayes is slowly completing the pipe install between snow and rain. Will have to wait until spring to complete the portion in the 495 Overpass.

7. Select Board Update

New Business

Old Business – 15-17 Market Street Parking Lot.

8. Action Items

Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group - Approve additional data sheets for Monster Energy Supercross on April 13th 6pm to about 10:30pm and Monster Jam 2024 on April 20th 3pm to 7:30pm (Both fall under the 2023 Annual Entertainment License).

Motion to approve additional data sheets for Monster Energy Supercross on April 13th 6pm to about 10:30pm and Monster Jam 2024 on April 20th 3pm to 7:30pm, by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Use of Public Way Application - Foxboro Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade April 13th 10am to 11am. Route to move down Bird Street to Railroad Ave, through the Common to South Street, ending at the Booth field.

Motion to approve the Use of Public Way application for Foxboro Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade April 13th 10am to 11am. Route to move down Bird Street to Railroad Ave, through the Common to South Street, ending at the Booth field, by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Council On Aging - Accept a donation of \$20,000 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors to help purchase a new COA van.

Motion to accept a donation of \$20,000 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors to help purchase a new van for the Council on Aging, by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Council On Aging - Accept a donation of \$375 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors for the Christmas Carol Performance.

Motion to accept a donation of \$375 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors for the Christmas Carol Performance for the Council on Aging, by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Council On Aging - Accept a donation of \$375 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors for the Christmas Carol Performance.

Motion to accept a donation of \$375 from the Friends of Foxborough Seniors for the Christmas Carol Performance for the Council on Aging., by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Select Board - Approval of Minutes from February 13th 2024 meeting.

Motion to approve Select Board meeting minutes from February 13th 2024., by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

12. Adjourn

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by L. Gibson, 2nd by S. Ferguson.

Approved. 5-0

Agenda documents:

2024 Monster Jam Data Sheet

2024 Supercross Data Sheet

041324_Foxboro Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade License

051824_Lax Boosters Car Wash License

COA Donation_Friends of Foxborough Seniors B

COA Donation_Friends of Foxborough Seniors C

COA Donation_Friends of Foxborough Seniors

Foxboro Jaycees Concerts on the Common 2024 License

Foxboro Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt 2024 License

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