



Select Board Meeting - September 9, 2025 Minutes

at 7:00 PM

Gala Room Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

Select Board Members in attendance: Bill Yukna, Stephanie McGowan, Mark Elfman & Amy LaBrache

Debbie Giardino not in attendance.

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input

1.01 Citizen's Input

Dianne Weinfeld promoting a fundraiser they're throwing
Strive to Thrive Gala Benefit at the Marilyn Rodman

Colorectal cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the US; early diagnosis is crucial to improving survival rates.

Please join us on October 16, 2025 at 6pm for a fun evening of food, drink, and music as we raise awareness and funds to empower patients diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Funds raised will support the Massachusetts General Brigham Cancer Center's work benefitting cancer patients and their families.

3. 7:15pm - Public Hearing: Animal Complaint in the Nason Lane neighborhood on August 27, 2025

****Motion to open the public hearing.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

Roll Call Vote. 4-0

******The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 beginning at 7:15 P.M. in the Gala Meeting Room, Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA, in accordance with MGL, Chapter 140, Section 157 and Chapter 78 of the Code of the Town of Foxborough to address a hearing request filed with the Board regarding an animal complaint reported on August 27, 2025 in the Nason Lane neighborhood. Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

Roll Call Vote. 4-0

- 3.01 Discuss & possible vote on an animal complaint reported on August 27, 2025 in the Nason Lane neighborhood.

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Kaycee Bailey, Animal Control Officer reviewed the incident that occurred on August 27, 2025. A citation has been issued since it was the second offence. Nala will be confined to the property, checking the electric fence and signed up for animal training and met with hired trainer. Behavior plan is being established. The first offence, the collar for the fence was not on the dog and the second offence, the fence was not turned on. Kaycee was not notified of the first two incidents. Complaints have been made to the HOA but this if the first to the Town.

Lark Gaulin, 7 Lyon Lane, took the street instead of the path

while on a walk. Nala did charge. Was told by the owner of Nala that she shouldn't walk on the street if her dog could not handle it.

Penny Saffler, Nason Lane. Owner of Nala. Painted as a dangerous dog but she is a love. Has attended a nursing home to comfort the residents. Not violent at all.

Robert Gaulin, 7 Lyon Lane. The dog might be good with people but not with other dogs. This is a gorgeous path that everyone should enjoy. This dog has taken that away from people due to fear of Nala. Suggestion to put up a real fence.

Karen Mendleson, 172 Cannon Forge Drive. Her dog Sophie is friends with Nala. They play, run and stallion together. Have also used the same dog trainer that the Saffler's have hired. Could the puncture come from the puppy's operation? Lark - no, it was a GI issue.

Stephanie McGowan - the 17 letters date back to even a few years ago. Kaycee was not involved/called for other incidents. Something needs to be done.

Cannot put a physical fence at the home of Nala as the house is rented.

Kaycee does not feel that Nala is dangerous, but she is a nuisance as she is breaking out of the yard. I would consider her a nuisance and would mandate training that is continued on a leash anytime she is off property. Bylaw states that you need a leash or is an on-command animal and comes right back to the owner. Second safety put in place, i.e. a fence or a runner or leashed when outside in the backyard just in case the fence is not working.

Fence has been fixed. Wireless fence will be moved in closer to the house and away from the street.

Maybe impose having the dog being on a leash at all times, enrolled in training that has a recall command, second safeguard, etc.

Debbie Williams, 11 Nason Lane. If the owner of who the complaints are against, can they be notified. Complaints need to be made to the Town and not the Summerfield Association.

**Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

Roll Call Vote. 4-0

****Motion to impose a Leash Requirement**

Nala must be restrained on a physical leash at all times when off your premises. The leash must be held by a responsible person of suitable age and strength.

1. Training Requirement

Within sixty (60) days of this order, you must enroll *Nala* in and complete a professional obedience or behavior training program. The training must be specifically focused on achieving **full and reliable recall** of the dog under all circumstances. Proof of enrollment and completion must be submitted to the Town Manager's Office or the Animal Control Officer.

2. On-Premises Confinement

When outdoors on your property and not on a leash, *Nala* must be kept within a secure fenced yard or in a locked dog run. If the fencing is not sufficient to prevent escape, a second safeguard must be used, such as tethering to a secure run line or maintaining *Nala* on a leash held by a responsible person.

3. Verification

The Animal Control Officer may conduct periodic checks, with reasonable notice, to ensure compliance with these conditions.

Read by Paige Duncan.

****Motion so moved.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes

Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Motion Carries 4-0

5. 7:55pm - Town Manager's Update

5.01 Around Town:Boards and Committee training on September 30, 2025 6pm to 8pm in the Gala Meeting Room - RSVP to Katie Lang.

Morgan Wallen night 1 curfew fine paid \$15,705 (notified us in advance). Walpole resident complaint.

Greg Spier, chair of Foxborough Housing Authority, was granted the Board Member of the Year award by the Mass Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials in recognition of his tireless efforts on the Walnut Knoll project.

Walnut Knoll Update.

Reminder: Short term rentals / World Cup. Also, recent solicitations of residents to sell parking. Reminder, only commercial parking lots are authorized to sell parking spaces.

Employee Appreciation Event: Morning of November 13, 2025. Town Hall will open at 11am.

5.02 Land Use Workshops:

- Update on August 26th at 3:45 Senior Housing Needs Workshop.
- September 9, 2025 at 7pm. Discuss the future of Foxborough, from economic development to conservation and natural resources at the Community Center.
- Master Plan survey. Please go to PlanFoxborough.com for surveys & more.

5.03 Grants/Earmarks:

Through Senator Feeney we received \$75,000 for Central St (Veteran's) parking lot. Looking at relocated dumpsters to central locations and screening with fencing.

5.04 Veterans Update:

- POW/MIA 24-hour Candlelight Vigil from 11am on

September 18, 2025 to Noon on September 19, 2025.

- Veteran's Day – November 11th.

5.05 Communications Update:

- Marie Almodovar, Finance Director, will hold two Municipal Finance 101 session: Lunch & Learn on September 23, 2025 at 11:30am and an evening session on September 30, 2025 at 5:45pm at the Community Center.
- Full issue of the Foxborough Common Newsletter published last week (9/3/2025).

5.06 Construction Update:

Route 140 restriping - DOT finalized their planned restriping of Route 140 from the Charter School entrance on Central Street to the Charter School entrance on Commercial Street. New left turn lanes will be added with a through travel lane in that area of Route 140. We just received word that they are scheduling this work for Sunday night (9/7/2025).

6. 8:00pm - Select Board Update

6.01 New Business

6.02 Old Business

7. Action Items

7.01 Union Contracts - Select Board to approve & sign the FY26 to FY28 integrated contract for the Department of Public Works Employees Union, AFSCME Local 1702, Unit A Highway & the Department of Public Works Employees Union, AFSCME Local 1702, Unit B Water & Sewer.

****Motion to approve & sign the FY26 to FY28 integrated contract for the Department of Public Works Employees Union, AFSCME Local 1702, Unit A Highway & the Department of Public Works Employees Union, AFSCME Local 1702, Unit B Water & Sewer.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

- 7.02 National Grid - Approve a Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations by Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install 1 JO Pole on Elm St beginning at a point approximately 847 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Central St and E Belcher Rd. Install new Pole 24- 50 at approximately (42.05576 7, • 71.23 7250).

[81325 Elm St New Pole.pdf](#)  [Elm Stamped Notice & Agenda.pdf](#)  [DPW Memo - National Grid - Elm Street-1.pdf](#) 

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Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

- 7.03 National Grid - Approve a Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations by Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install 1 JO Pole on Chestnut St beginning at a point approximately 616 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Cocasset St and Putnam Rd. Install new Pole 4-50 at approximately (42.065691, -71.230945).

[81325 Chestnut St New Pole.pdf](#)  [Chestnut Notice &](#)

[Agenda.pdf](#)  [DPW Memo - National Grid - Chestnut Street \(North of Cocasset\).pdf](#) 

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Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, and Mark Elfman

Carried 3-0

- 7.04 Donation - Accept the donation from Dr. Riad Mortada in the amount of \$1200 for the Memorial Bench in memory of Ahmad K. Mourtada.

****Motion to accept the donation from Dr. Riad Mortada in the amount of \$1200 for the Memorial Bench in memory of Ahmad K. Mourtada.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Amy LaBrache

Carried 1-0

- 7.05 One Day Beer & Wine Application - Approve a One-Day Beer & Wine License for Be Hoppy Brewing LLC, dba Wormtown Brewery, for October 17, 2024, from 11am to 4pm, for Patriot Place's Harvest Fest. **DATE FIXED IN THE MOTION**

****Motion to pprove a One-Day Beer & Wine License for Be Hoppy Brewing LLC, dba Wormtown Brewery, for October 19, 2025, from 11am to 4pm, for Patriot Place's Harvest Fest.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Motion Carries 4-0

7.06 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from
August 19, 2025.

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****Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from
August 19, 2025.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Mark Elfman,
and Amy LaBrache

Carried 4-0

8. Adjourn

****Motion to adjourn.**

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes Stephanie McGowan and Amy LaBrache

Carried 2-0