



Select Board Meeting - February 17, 2026 Minutes

at 7:00 PM

Gala Room Foxborough Town Hall 40 South Street

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

1. 7:00pm - Citizen's Input

1.01 Citizen's Input

2. 7:05pm - 119 Morse Street Regulatory Agreement

2.01 Discuss & Vote on the 119 Morse Street Regulatory Agreement for the developer to submit final approval to the State.

No action taken as item is moved to the next Select Board meeting on March 3, 2026.

3. 7:15pm - Health Insurance Review

[Town of Foxborough Selectboard Education Presentation 02.17.26.pdf](#) 

3.01 Employee Health Insurance Review Presentation by Marianna Gil and Danielle Chaplick, Hilb Group.

Danielle Chaplick & Marianna Gil presented the attached PowerPoint. Educational piece to this where the town is trying to educate employees and retirees. The Hilb group did issue an RFI to all national plans in the area and other group benefit groups in the area outside of MIIA to make sure that we are offering the best plan possible.

4. 7:35pm - Town Manager Recommended Balanced Budget Presentation

4.01 FY27 Town Manager Recommended Balance Budget
Presentation by Marie Almodovar, Finance Director & Paige
Duncan, Town Manager.

[Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation.pdf](#) 

Target of around 3% budget increase. Most departments did try to stay around the 3% target, but the budget did come in at a 4.37% increase which is mainly due to the school budget and fixed costs.

Paige submitted a balanced Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for your consideration. This proposal reflects months of collaboration among the Finance Team, department heads, and our major policy boards, all guided by the Financial Summit goal of maintaining level services with a target increase of approximately 3 percent.

While most Town departments worked hard to stay close to that benchmark, the overall budget, including Enterprise Funds, reflects a 4.37 percent increase, or \$4.47 million. The General Fund budget reflects a 4.20 percent increase, or \$3.9 million. The primary drivers of this increase are education and fixed costs, which together account for more than 81 percent of the total General Fund increase. The School Department budget rises 3.68 percent, driven by contractual obligations, special education, transportation, and student needs. Debt service reflects a decrease of 1.90 percent, or \$79,051, due to debt runoff. Fixed costs, including pension, health insurance, property & liability insurance increased by 7.68 percent, or \$1.57 million.

To reach a balanced budget, \$846,569 in town-side reductions and reallocations were implemented after all requests were submitted. Several new General Fund positions, including a mechanic, IT support specialist, stormwater funding, and other requests, were not funded. Health insurance assumptions were moderated based on updated projections, and certain costs were shifted to revolving funds where appropriate.

Importantly, the budget reduces reliance on Free Cash by \$100,000, continuing the Town's commitment to limiting one-time revenues for recurring expenses. Free Cash and Overlay Surplus are being directed primarily toward non-excluded

debt service for the Town Hall and Burrell School projects.

On the revenue side, projections include the 2.5 percent levy increase, \$850,000 in new growth, updated local receipts reflecting concerts and economic activity, modest increases in state aid based on the Governor's proposal, and adjustments to indirect cost allocations.

Several key figures remain preliminary, including final state aid, health insurance, property & liability insurance, and school assessments. We expect to bring forward refinements in March as those numbers are confirmed.

With that overview, I will turn it over to the Finance Director to walk through the details.

Marie, Finance Director reviewed attached Power Point.

Stayed away from the wants and kept with just the needs, looks like we stayed as lean as possible. The fixed costs are hard to deal with. On the meals tax revenue are not enough to cover the OPEB payment.

**Motion to approve the presented FY27 Town Manager Recommend Balance Budget.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

5. 8:05pm - FIFA World Cup 2026 Entertainment License

5.01 Review & Discuss FIFA World Cup 2026 Entertainment License. Deadline for executed license is March 17, 2026.

No major updates post a few updates and a few responses back from FIFA.

FIFA US is the applicant, Boston 26 is the host. Waiting on the Federal award to see what we are looking at in terms of funding. White House Task Force is part of the essential services is still operating during the shut down, how fast FEMA

can move during the shut down is the question. The Town put in an application for grant funding which is now in FEMA's hands. Who is the responsible party for funding the World Cup?. Boston 26 has no funding. Is FIFA responsible?

Underlying the hosting agreement, Boston 26 has responsibility for safety of the event. contractually to provide this for the games

Kevin Clark, vending operation for the games.

The Select Board and the Town Manager Office has been working diligently to make this event happen safely and have been working on this for years. It is not something that we just started working on.

Confusion as to why we are still here even after two weeks and none one knows who is paying when items need to be ordered now. The Kraft Group has been working with the Town to back stop however no money has been received as of yet. This event is not a money maker for this Town - possibly more in meals and hotel tax but not a money maker like people think it is - still a per ticket fee. Possibly more of a headache than anything else. We don't want this to be about the money, we want this to be about the games and to be about doing our jobs and keeping the event safe.

6. 8:35pm - Proposed Pedestrian Bridge Discussion

- 6.01 Discuss application for grant funding of proposed pedestrian bridge and mobility hub to support Gillette Stadium and Patriot Place.

Request from the Kraft Group to request to apply for the grant to apply for funding for the pedestrian bridge funding. Second go.

Rich Hallworth, VHB & Kaitlyn Morris, VHB to review the attached presentation.

If voting, should have subject to with no costs falling to the tax payer.

**Motion to submit an application for grant funding of proposed pedestrian bridge and mobility hub to support Gillette Stadium and Patriot Place subject to The Kraft Group

covering all legal costs, i.e. procurement, OPM, grant facilitator,

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

7. 9:05pm - Town Manager's Update

7.01 Around Town:

- Grants: Congressman Auchincloss is proud to announce that the Foxborough PFAS Treatment Plant project was included in the FY26 Community Project Funding and was awarded at a funding level of \$1,092,000 in the appropriations process. This is for 1st PFAS plant.
- 75 Central Street (former senior center) for sale. Proposals accepted until February 24, 2026 until 9am. See Procurement page of website.
- New Uptown On Premises All Alcohol Liquor Licenses – unfortunately have to get these approved by Town Meeting before Senator Feeney can move forward.
- Strategic Plan update: Polco will be sending out surveys to 3500 households through a random, statistically significant selection. These households will first receive postcards and the survey packet will arrive 1 week later. Households not chosen in statistically significant sample will have a chance to complete same survey a bit later. Maura will be creating a web page for Strategic Plan on town's website. Please stay tuned.
- Bill Yukna and I recorded 3rd Common View with FCA. Currently available on FCA's YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@FCA-TV>
- Capital Improvement Planning Committee Annual Meeting scheduled for March 7, 2026 at 8:30am on Zoom.
- Fox25 Zip Trip, Friday April 24, 2026.

- 7.02 World Cup Update:
- License status: Deadline for executed license is March 17, 2026.
 - Land Use Dept continues to work on site plan issues for World Cup.
 - Stadium Advisory Committee meeting February 26.
 - Continue meetings with Governor's office/ MassDOT, etc.
 - Reminder: Short term rentals prohibited by zoning in Foxborough, as is selling parking spaces unless commercial parking lot.
- 7.03 Communications: Sign up now for FoxAlerts (front page of website). Over 1000 signed up!
- 7.04 Human Resources/Other Updates:
Currently Advertised Positions
- Firefighter/ Paramedic
 - DPW Department Coordinator
- 7.05 Construction: Closure of right-turn lane at I-95 NB&SB On/Off-ramp in Foxborough & Sharon.
- 7.06 Town Common: Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt approved to be held on the Town Common March 28, 2026 from 8am to 1pm.
Jaycees Spring Vendor & Craft Fair to be held on the Town Common on May 2, 2026 from 9am to 3pm with a rain date of May 3, 2026.

8. 9:15pm - Select Board Update

- 8.01 New Business
- Condolences to Paul Godin's Family. Thoughts and prayers to his family.
- Congratulations to a great season to the Patriots!
- Thank you Paul Famer for the Town Common signs!
- 8.02 Old Business

9. Action Items

- 9.01 Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group - Approve the additional data sheet for the Brazil vs. France: International Soccer Friendly Match on March 26, 2026 starting at 4pm (Under the 2025 Annual Entertainment License).

[020426_2026 Brazil France International Friendly Data Sheet.pdf](#) 

HOLD. Working through the logistics. No Action.

**Motion to approve the Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group additional data sheet for the Brazil vs. France: International Soccer Friendly Match on March 26, 2026 starting at 4pm (Under the 2025 Annual Entertainment License).

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

5-0

- 9.02 Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group - Approve the additional data sheet for the 2026 New England Revolution Home Games including potential playoff games, international matches as well as select Revs II matches, including potential home playoff games on March 7th, 15th, April 4th, 11th, & 18th, 2026 with kickoffs to be determined and shared with public safety officials as soon as announced. (Under the 2025 Annual Entertainment License).

[020426_2026 Revolution Data Sheet \(1\).pdf](#) 

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Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

- 9.03 Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group - Approve the additional data sheet for the 2026 Boston Legacy Games on March 14th at 12:30pm, March 28th at noon, and April 3rd at 8:00pm, 2026. (Under the 2025 Annual Entertainment License).

[020426_2026 Boston Legacy Data Sheet.pdf](#) 

**Motion to approve the Kraft Sports & Entertainment Group additional data sheet for the 2026 Boston Legacy Games on March 14th at 12:30pm, March 28th at noon, and April 3rd at 8:00pm, 2026. (Under the 2025 Annual Entertainment License).

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

- 9.04 Change of Hours Application - Big Night Venues Foxboro LLC dba The Scorpion Bar & Mexican Cantina located at 253 Patriot Place to serve alcohol starting at 10am on Sundays.

**Motion to approve a Change of Hours Application for Big Night Venues Foxboro LLC dba The Scorpion Bar & Mexican Cantina located at 253 Patriot Place to serve alcohol starting at 10am on Sundays.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie

Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

- 9.05 Notification of Political Party - Select Board authorizes the Town Manager on behalf of the Select Board to notify the Chair of the Republican and Democrat Town Committees that they shall submit to the Board of Registrars (Town Clerk's Office), prior to June 1st, a list of party members who wish to be appointed election workers.

**Motion to authorize the Town Manager on behalf of the Select Board to notify the Chair of the Republican and Democrat Town Committees that they shall submit to the Board of Registrars (Town Clerk's Office), prior to June 1st, a list of party members who wish to be appointed election workers.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

- 9.06 Boards & Committees - Appoint Robert Cutler as the Burial Agent.

**Motion to appoint Robert Cutler as the Burial Agent.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

- 9.07 Boards & Committees - Appoint Michael Eisenhower as the Gas Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Michael Eisenhower as the Gas Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.08 Boards & Committees - Appoint Michael Eisenhauer as the
Plumbing Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Michael Eisenhauer as the Plumbing
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.09 Boards & Committees - Appoint Paul Steeves as the Assistant
Gas Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Paul Steeves as the Assistant Gas
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.10 Boards & Committees - Appoint Paul Steeves as the Assistant
Plumbing Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Paul Steeves as the Assistant Plumbing
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.11 Boards & Committees - Appoint Jack Lee as the Assistant Gas
Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Jack Lee as the Assistant Gas Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.12 Boards & Committees - Appoint Jack Lee as the Assistant
Plumbing Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Jack Lee as the Assistant Plumbing
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache
Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.13 Boards & Committees - Appoint Shawn Wills as the Wiring
Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Shawn Wills as the Wiring Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.14 Boards & Committees - Appoint Randy Butt as the Assistant
Wiring Inspector.

**Motion to appoint Randy Butt as the Assistant Wiring
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.15 Boards & Committees - Appoint William Cooke, Jr. as the
Assistant Wiring Inspector.

**Motion to appoint William Cooke, Jr. as the Assistant Wiring
Inspector.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

9.16 Select Board - Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from
February 3, 2026.

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**Motion to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes from
February 3, 2026.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0

10. Adjourn

Meeting Documents: [020426_2026 Brazil France International Friendly Data Sheet.pdf](#)  [020426_2026 Boston Legacy Data Sheet.pdf](#)  [020426_2026 Revolution Data Sheet \(1\).pdf](#)  [Select Board Meeting - Feb 03 2026 - Minutes - Html](#)  [Town of Foxborough Selectboard EducatiFiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation.pdf on Presentation_02.17.26.pdf](#) 

**Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Amy LaBrache

Seconded by: Mark Elfman

Yes: Stephanie McGowan, Bill Yukna, Debbie
Giardino, Mark Elfman, and Amy LaBrache

Carried 5-0