

Frequently Asked Questions Re: Mayor Foppoli “Steps Back” As Mayor

April 16, 2021

Q. What does it mean that Mayor Foppoli announced he is “stepping back from an active role as Mayor”?

A. It appears that the Mayor is not resigning but is retaining the elected position as Town Mayor. He indicates he will not participate in Town Council meetings.

Q. Does this mean he is resigning?

A. A statement was received by the Town Manager from Mayor Foppoli on the morning of April 16. The Mayor asked that the Town release the statement, which indicates he is “stepping back” as Mayor. The statement is available on the Town’s [dedicated webpage](#) regarding these issues. It appears that the Mayor is not resigning but is retaining the elected position as Town Mayor. He indicates he will not participate in Town Council meetings.

Q. Is Mayor Foppoli’s attendance at Town Council meetings required to conduct Town Business?

A. In order for the Town Council to hold a meeting and conduct official Town business, a quorum of the five-member Town Council must be present. That is: three members must be in attendance. There are currently four members on the Town Council: a vacancy was created when Mayor Foppoli was directly elected as mayor. A special election will take place on May 4, 2021 to fill that council vacancy. The person holding the seat of mayor is not required to be present at a meeting, just three members of the full Town Council.

Q. Does the Town agree that the Town Council will not function if Mayor Foppoli continues to be actively involved?

A. We agree that the Mayor’s presence at Town Council meetings and in Town Hall does present a distraction that interferes with the Town’s ability to conduct the public’s business.

Q. What does it mean that he will continue to sign resolutions? Is this important?

A. The Mayor’s signature is required on some Town business documents. The Town Manager will communicate personally with the Mayor should he be needed to sign such documents. However, unless he is present for a Town Council meeting at which a resolution is voted on, he cannot sign that type of document.

Q. How can the Mayor be officially removed from office?

A. The mayor can be removed from office if convicted of a felony or recalled by voter initiative.

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