

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman Chief Marc Montminy, Police Dept.
Steven Sette, Town Manager
Benn Sherman Director DPW
Chief Tom Dion, Fire Dept.
Dr. Michael Baldassare, School Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2024
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Fire Department, 25 S. Main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Uxbridge Police Chief (Chairman)
Tom Dion	Uxbridge Fire Chief
Steven Sette	Uxbridge Town Manager
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW Director
Dr. Michael Baldassare	Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools

2024 FEB 20 PM 4:58
2024 MAR 01 PM 3:57

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Almeida	Recording Secretary PSC
Peter Demers	Resident
David Caouette	Pare Engineering/Members
Kyle Stanley	Pare Engineering/Members
Christopher Deturk	Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 2:08 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Montminy.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes:

*****Motion by Chief Tom Dion, seconded by Dr. Michael Baldassare to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1. Benn Sherman abstain, he was not present at the January meeting.**

*****Motion by Chief Tom Dion, seconded by Dr. Michael Baldassare to accept the Executive Session minutes of the January 22, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1. Benn Sherman abstain, he was not present at the January meeting.**

*****Motion to move out of order by Chairman Montminy and Seconded by Steve Sette Motion to Address Old Business Item C. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**



B. Email from Kyle Stanley from Pare Corporation regarding Rice City Pond Dam maintenance (Via Zoom).

David Caouette, a Geotechnical Engineer from Pare Corporation addressed the committee regarding the proposed project involving maintenance to the Rice City Pond Dam located on E. Hartford Avenue. The scope is primarily vegetation removal and very limited slope stabilization. Christopher Deturk from Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation addressed the committee that the preliminary schedule design is late 2025 permitting to 2026 construction. He is anticipating the roadway will need to be closed (except for emergency vehicles) for approximately 4-5 months. Discussion was had regarding the 4-5-month road closure being far too long and are looking for Pare Corporation to revise their plans. All East/West bound traffic through Uxbridge will only have one option, which is going to significantly increase the congestion in the center of town. Chairman Montminy states the committee will make a recommendation to the Select Board who grants the authority to close the roadway. There needs to be time provided for that process. The process takes 2 weeks to 30 days.

A. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School

Dr. Baldassare had a meeting with Allen Engineering regarding the feasibility of the most recent plan, that is still not completed. Dr. Baldassare states I have addressed the School Committee, and we will then address the Capital Committee for \$500K for the 2nd Egress. Chief Tom Dion states the Allen Engineering plans should be looked at by PSC then to the School Committee. Dr. Baldassare agreed. Chairman Montminy states when plans are received, they need to be presented to the Public Safety Committee.

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Email regarding Crosswalk in-front of The Congregational Church next to Town Hall.

Chairman Montminy states cars are parked on either side of the road with parking spaces marked right to the crosswalk. Individuals attempting to utilize the crosswalk are not seen by motorists until pedestrian are out into the street. Benn Sherman states reconstruction of the roadway from Susan Parkway to Harry's will take effect in a couple of years. The crosswalk will be taken away and pedestrians will not be able to cross there. Chairman Montminy states once the weather improves DPW will reapply the paint and eliminate the parking spot. The crosswalk will be easier for vehicular travel to identify.

C. Email regarding Town Loop Challenge Planning on April 7th.

Chairman Montminy has spoken to Lt. Burke he states they are off the travel portion of the roadway this has happened in the past, and there is no change in the route.



***** Motion by Dr. Baldassarre made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Steve Sette. All approved motion carried 5-0-0.**

D. Town Common Request Form Uxbridge School Department Hearts of Kindness Project.

Due to the postponement of the Public Safety meeting the Hearts of Kindness are hanging in the Town Common.

***** Motion by Chairman Montminy made a motion to approve the request seconded by Dr. Baldassare. All approved motion carried 5-0-0.**

New Business

Benn Sherman addressed the committee regarding the roundabout on Douglas Street. Chairman Montminy states we have had complaints from motorists that are blowing tires from the exit to the roundabout. Officers are documenting the incidents of where it occurred, we have only 3 incidents reported to the department at this time. Benn and I have reviewed it with the designer and noticed tire tracks over the roundabout due to distracting driving. Chairman Montminy states give me 3 months to collect more data to see the commodity exactly where the incidents occurred.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 {a} {4}) to discuss the School Security at Whitin & Taft at 3:09 p.m. and dissolve the meeting thereafter. Motion made by Steve Sette, Seconded by Dr. Baldassare Motion carries. Motion carried 5-0-0.



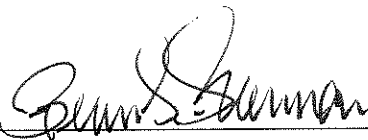
Minutes respectfully submitted by Claudine Almeida.

Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee

Date Approved: _____




Marc Montminy, Chair



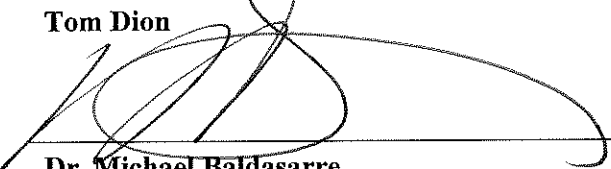
Benn Sherman



Tom Dion



Steven Sette



Dr. Michael Baldassarre