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 Baldassarre, School Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:

March 19, 2024

MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street, Uxbridge, MA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy

Uxbridge Police Chief (Chairman)

Tom Dion

Uxbridge Fire Chief

Steven Sette

Benn Sherman

Uxbridge Town Manager Uxbridge DPW Director

Dr. Michael Baldassare

Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Almeida

Recording Secretary PSC

Peter Demers

Resident-Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 9:03 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Montminy.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes:

***Motion by Chief Tom Dion, seconded by Dr. Michael Baldassare to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

***Motion by Chief Tom Dion, seconded by Dr. Michael Baldassare to accept the Executive Session minutes of the February 20, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School

Dr. Baldassare states he is still waiting for the proposal from Allen Engineering. Chairman Marc Montminy advised Dr. Baldassare to contact Allen Engineering and when plans are received, they need to be presented to the Public Safety Committee, Dr. Baldassare agreed.



III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Any New Business that comes before the committee.

Chairman Marc Montminy re-addressed the committee regarding the roundabout on Douglas Street. Chairman Marc Montminy states the police department has documented (2) two more incidents of blown tires from the roundabouts since the last public safety meeting. Steve Sette suggests installing cameras to see how motorists are navigating the roundabout. Chairman Marc Montminy states he will research installing the cameras and continue gathering incidents of blown tires reported to the police department for the next meeting.

Chief Tom Dion states the Opticom preemption sensor on the traffic signal in North Uxbridge has not been operating in months. Chairman Marc Montminy states that this has not been reported to his department but will have them tested. Chairman Marc Montminy asked who owns the Opticom. Benn Sherman indicated MassDOT has jurisdiction over these signals. Chairman Marc Montminy will reach out to MassDOT to ask them to test the Opticom.

B. Sutton Street Culvert Detour-Benn Sherman

Benn states Sutton Street needs to be shut down for reconstruction of the culvert. Benn states that a double barrel culvert that crosses Sutton Street just north of West Hartford Ave has been in disrepair for quite a while. This has caused massive flooding in the area. Benn states there will be no change to the roadway configuration. The project scope includes the removal of the existing culverts and replacing them with (2) two new 48" concrete pipes crossing Sutton Street. All construction signage will be in place and all surrounding towns will be notified of the detour.

C. Future proposed traffic pattern at North Main Street Intersection-Chief Tom Dion Chief Dion states there is a proposal at the North Main Street intersection to take the Rt. 122 southbound right-hand lane and make it right turn only. Benn explained the proposed work is part of the Big Y development and associated offsite improvements. The project went through MEPA permitting process and the certificate identified improvements to mitigate transportation impacts. The improvements included the low cost/short term safety improvements that were identified in the 2022 Road Safety Audit (RSA) at the downtown intersections.

D. Citizen complaint Hannaford's South bound exit brush obstructing traffic

Chairman Marc Montminy states a citizen's complaint regarding landscaping brush obstructing the sidewalk view from the southbound exit of Hannaford's. Chairman Marc



Montminy will reach out to the owner of Hannaford's Plaza, private property, to have the brush cut back for pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic.

E. Citizen complaint parking issue at the Skate Park

Chairman Marc Montminy states the complainant regarding parking issues at the skate park. Discussion was made within the committee on parking issues. Chief Tom Dion states fire apparatus has had issues when vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway and it's tight, but the apparatus gets through. Chairman Marc Montminy states there's no reason to make any recommendations on changes now, but in the future, we might want to consider widening one side of roadway.

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Benn Sherman, seconded by Chief Tom Dion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Claudine Almeida.

Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee

Date Approved:

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Steven Sette

Dr. Michael Baldasarre