

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569 – 508-278-8600
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S/WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 – 6:00PM

Present: Chair Jay Cahill, Vice Chair Bruce Desilets and Selectman Peter Baghdasarian.
 Also present, Town Manager Sean Hendricks and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.
 Not Present: Clerk Tim Rice.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Announcements - The Board of Selectmen's Office is accepting warrant articles/petitions for inclusion in the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant of 5/14. The warrant closes Friday, 3/15 at 5:00pm. The Town Manager's and Town Clerks office will be open.

Mr. Cahill touched base on the new project proposed by the Superintendent of the High School. He is looking to establish a Town Scholarship Fund in an effort to reduce school choice out. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Mr. Cahill or the Superintendent.

- B. Citizen's Forum – Mr. Michael Potaski inquired about the proposed pricing model presented by Mr. Cahill relating to the fire suppression system. The Board anticipates further discussion on this topic at their next scheduled meeting. Mr. Potaski also commented that he heard the school dept. is seeking a 4% increase in their budget and he also heard them wishing to pursue a proposition 2 ½ override. He suggested an alternative to that would be for the town to look at reducing healthcare costs. Mr. Mike Baril said he did not receive a response from Mr. Cahill with regard to his complaint with a certain member's appointment to the Adhoc Goaling Committee. Mr. Cahill was unaware of any action to be taken. The committee was evoked by the Board of Selectmen.

II. BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. New High School project - update – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 6pm at the High School.
2. SATM Warrant 5/14/13 – consider placement/inclusion of warrant article

ARTICLE 6: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize GLc.44, §53E ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$15,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, to be derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health; operation and restoration costs associated with Pout Pond, under the Conservation Commission, not to exceed \$12,000, derived from user

fees and concession sales; operation and restoration costs associated with the Uxbridge Community Garden, under the Community Garden Committee, to be derived from user fees and donations, not to exceed \$12,000; or take any other action relating thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: Finance Director

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article 6: Revolving Fund Accounts in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Cahill, the motion carried 2-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed as he found the Community Garden Committee is not in the interest of the Town of Uxbridge).

ARTICLE 12: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – WATER MAIN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the design and construction of the “Uxbridge Water Distribution System Improvements, Main Street (Route 122) and North Main Street (Route 122) Water Mains”; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: DPW Director

MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board include Article 12: Borrowing Authorization – Water Main Design and Construction in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 200A, SECTION 9A: DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, relating to the disposition of abandoned funds, to become effective upon acceptance; or take any other action related thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: Finance Director

MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board include Article 14: Acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A: Disposition of Abandoned Funds in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE: UXBRIDGE PRECIOUS METAL DEALER BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town, by inserting a new general bylaw, Chapter 236, to be titled “Precious Metal Dealers” and to read as follows:

§ 236-1. Definitions

PRECIOUS METALS: For the purpose of this bylaw, the term “precious metals” means and includes any precious metal, including, but not limited to, gold, silver or platinum without regard to the form or amount of such precious metal.

PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE OR GEMS: any stone or gem that is rare or costly or any stone or gem that is of lower value than those classified as precious.

ARTICLES: The commodities defined within this section.

DEALER: Any person, corporation, or partnership who buys precious metal and/or precious or semiprecious stones or gems from the general public, whether in bulk or in manufactured form, with an intent to obtain a monetary profit for himself or for a principal.

§ 236-2. License Required

- A. No dealer shall collect, deal in or keep a shop, residence or other location for the purchase, sale or barter of precious metals, and/or precious or semi-precious stones or gems in any building or place within the limits of the town without a license from the Board of Selectmen.
- B. The Board of Selectmen may, for a fee, license suitable persons to be dealers in for the purchase, sale or barter of precious metals, and/or precious or semi-precious stones or gems at such places within the town, as may be designated in such license, under such conditions and restrictions as are prescribed in this chapter, which shall be incorporated in every such license.

§ 236-3. License fee

The license fee as described shall be determined annually by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 236-4. Transacting with minors prohibited.

No dealer shall directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any of the articles of a minor, knowing or having reason to believe him/her to be such.

§ 236-5. Waiting Period.

No article purchased or received shall be sold or altered in appearance, form or substance until a period of at least thirty (30) days from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed.

§ 236-6. Weekly list of articles purchased required.

Every licensee under this chapter shall make out and deliver to the police chief (or its designee), on Friday of each week, a legible and correct list, containing an accurate description of all articles purchased during the preceding business week, the prices paid therefor, the time when such articles were purchased, and the respective numbers of such articles.

§ 236-7. Recordkeeping requirements – Inspections.

- A. Every dealer, licensed as provided in this chapter, shall keep a book in which shall be written, in English, at the time of every purchase, a description of precious metals and/or precious or semi-precious stones or gems so purchased, the name, age and residence of the person from whom purchased, and the day and hour when such purchase was made.
- B. Every such dealer shall, at the time of making any purchase, attach a number to each article purchased and shall make entry of such number in the book. Such book shall, at all times, be open for the inspection of the police chief or any member of the police department.

§ 236-8. Posting of name and occupation.

Every dealer shall display, in some suitable and conspicuous place in his shop, residence, or other place of business, a sign having his name and occupation legibly described thereon in large letters. Such shop and all articles purchased therein, may at all times, be examined by the police chief or member of the police department.

§ 236-9. Violation-Penalty.

Any person or entity not being licensed as required under §2 of this chapter, who/which collects, deals in or barter precious metals and/or and precious or semi-precious stones or gems in any place or manner other than that designated in his license, or which engages in any such activity after notice to him that his license has been revoked, or any person or entity which violates any rule, regulation or restriction contained in his license, shall be subject to a fine to be determined annually by the Board of Selectmen; each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article: Uxbridge Precious Metal Dealer Bylaw in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Cahill, the motion carried 2-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).

ARTICLE : PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT – 500 HARTFORD AVE WEST

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a PILOT agreement pursuant to G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of real and personal property taxes over a 20 year period relative to a 5 acre +/- parcel of land located at 500 Hartford Ave West, Uxbridge; said PILOT agreement is based upon the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 3.5 megawatts effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2034,

or take any other action relating thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: Town Manager

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article: Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement – 500 Hartford Ave West in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE : PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT – 92 ALDRICH STREET

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a PILOT agreement pursuant to G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of real and personal property taxes over a 20 year period relative to a 15 acre +/- parcel of land located at 92 Aldrich Street, Uxbridge; said PILOT agreement is based upon the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.0 megawatts effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2035

or take any other action relating thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: Town Manager

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article: Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement – 92 Aldrich Street in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE : ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 184, SECTION 51 OF THE ACTS OF 2002; REDUCTION OF AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM AGE 70 TO 65.

To see if the Town will to reduce the requisite age of eligibility from any person aged 70 years or older to age 65 years or older, for qualification for exemption under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTERS: Council on Aging/Assessor

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article: Acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002; Reduction of Age

of Eligibility For Exemptions from Age 70 to 65 in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE : RENOVATION AND RECONFIGUARATION OF THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$2,900,000 debt authorized by the vote of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District on March 7, 2013 to pay costs of renovating and reconfiguring the District High School, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTER: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School Committee

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board does not include Article: Renovation and Reconfiguration of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE : DISPOSITION OF THREE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the three parcels of woodland, located on the northerly side of Douglas Road in the easterly part of the Town of Douglas, acquired by the Town of Uxbridge from Harry C. Newell and Howard F. King by deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on May 17, 1928, in Book 2467, Page 224, and shown on Assessor's Map 192, Blocks 6, 11, and 13 respectively, and containing 2.82, 12.6, and 3.14 acres of land, more or less, respectively, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to sell such property and any access easements in and to the property;

Or take any action in relation thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

REQUESTOR: Town Manager

MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board include Article: Disposition of Three Town-Owned Properties Located in the Town of Douglas in the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant. The Board will conduct a site visit. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Presentation – Ryan Ahearn – Bomber Crash Site – Mr. Don Letourneau, with the Trustees Soldiers Memorial and Ryan Ahearn were present. Ryan discussed his proposed Eagle Scout project with the Board. **MOTION:** I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board give Ryan Ahearn permission to do his Eagle Scout Project at the Bomber Crash Site located on Chamberlain Road. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.
2. Street Light Restoration Request – James Foley - Marion Street and Snowling Lane – There was general discussion regarding streets lights. Mr. Foley requested 5 street lights be turned on in the area of Marion Street, Snowling Lane and Hewett Street.
MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board deny the Street Light

restoration Request as it does not meet the street light restoration criteria.
Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

FY2013/FY 2014 Water/Sewer Rate Recommendations (*Acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners*)
The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director and Mr. David Genereux, Finance Director discussed the process and rates. Following discussion and no public input, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Septage Disposal Policy/Fee – **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board concur with the Department of Public Works Septage Disposal Policy and fee for disposal at the WWTF of \$75.00/1,000 gallons. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

FY2013/FY 2014 Water/Sewer Rate Recommendations - **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board of Selectmen vote to set the consumption and capital improvement fee rates listed in the column marked "Proposed Rates" as posted in the notice of public hearing advertised in the Worcester Telegram on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, for the FY 2013-FY2014 water/sewer billing cycle, said rates to be effective April 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

IV. MEETING MINUTES

3/4/13 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board approve the 3/4/13 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**

V. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Follow-up Action Items/Updates - The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes. There was general discussion with regard to the modification of the entrance and traffic flow at the 100 acre lot. DPW is working with the Recreation Commission. The Town Manager thanked DPW, Public Safety and all who contributed to the clean-up efforts after the past several snow storms. They have done a great job.

VI. MEMBER ISSUES

Follow-up Action Items/Issues - The Board/Staff touched base on the following topics:

- PB - No cable advisory minutes
- PB – Legal Bills
- PB – Process for resident complaints
- JC – fire suppression
- JC – Classification Codes for Budgeting
- JC – Outreach for community involvement
- BD – salt shed
- TA- Calendar update

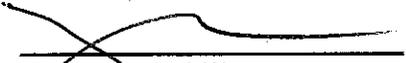
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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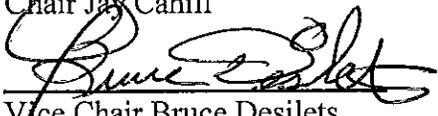
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 – 6:00PM

At 8:30PM, Mr. Cahill adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:



Chair Jay Cahill



Vice Chair Bruce Desilets

Clerk Tim Rice



Selectman Peter Baghdasarian

3/25/13

Date Approved