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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 – 6:00PM**

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Present: Chair Jennifer Modica, Vice Chair Jeff Shaw, Clerk Jim Hogan, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian and Selectman Lance Anderson. Also present Town Manager David Genereux and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcements – The Town Manager thanked the police and public work departments for their efforts during the last two snow storms. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Code Red. Visit the town's website for additional information.
2. Citizen's Forum – A resident from Summerfield inquired as to past town meeting action appropriating funds for the sewer treatment plant. The Town Manager provided an explanation. This topic is scheduled for discussion at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting on 2/22.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation – Power Generation Plant – Mr. Charles Doherty and Mr. Jack Arruda with Energy Management, Inc/EMI NextGen were present and discussed the proposal to cite a power generation plant at 775 Millville Road. The parcel consists of approximately 198 +/- acres. There is a pending agreement with the landowners. They discussed the history with EMI NextGen and facilities successfully developed. There was additional discussion on advanced technology, the need for facilities and the local economic benefits. The proposal on Millville road would be approximately 1000MW dual fuel combined-cycle power project. The site is a previously disturbed property (gravel pit). The Algonquin transmission gas pipeline and electric transmission lines run through the site, making this an ideal site for the proposed development. There was additional discussion regarding the application process.

The Town Manager will be appointing a committee to compile information on the project and report to various Boards/Committees. To cite this facility, there are several zoning bylaw amendments that would be required. No votes or action was taken.

2. Endorse Warrant for Presidential Primary Election (March 1, 2016) – **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board endorse the Warrant for Presidential Primary Election (March 1, 2016). Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0.**
3. Appointment – Poll Worker – Brian MacDonald – **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board appoint Mr. Brian MacDonald as a Poll Worker. Seconded by Mr. Anderson, the motion carried 5-0.**
4. Appointment – Poll Worker – Jean Lawson – **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board appoint Ms. Jean Lawson as Poll Worker. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

I. Medicare Part B Reimbursement for retiree – consider eliminating – The Town Manager discussed the reimbursement for the retirees and asked the Board to consider eliminating this reimbursement. Four years ago, town meeting voted to support retirees receiving 80% Medicare Part B reimbursement. Following the passage of the Health Insurance Reform Act, the Board has the option to consider eliminating this reimbursement. If eliminated, this could be a cost saving to the town of \$170K per year. There are currently 171 retirees receiving this reimbursement. Mr. Nick Federico, Chair of the Insurance Advisory Committee advised the Board that the IAC voted 4-1 not to eliminate the reimbursement for the existing 171 retirees, but to eliminate any new retirees effective July 1st. Several retirees spoke in opposition. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Board continue the benefit for the 171 active retirees currently receiving the benefit and eliminate any new retirees. Seconded by Mr. Shaw.** Discussion ensued regarding the issuance of monthly payments. **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Board amend the motion to include payments to be issued on a bi-annual payment schedule, December and June. Notification will be sent during open enrollment. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 4-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).**

IV. MEMBER ISSUES

There was general discussion regarding the manager crafting a budget with a 0% tax increase and there was also discussion regarding the capital plan.

V. TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes.

VI. MEETING MINUTES

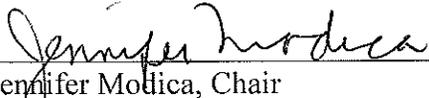
1/25/16 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Board approve the 1/25/16 Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.**

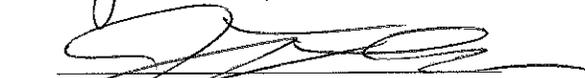
VII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2/22/16

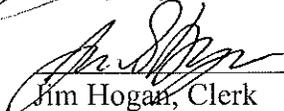
Ms. Modica adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

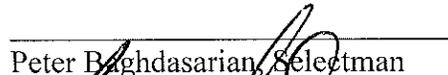
Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante.

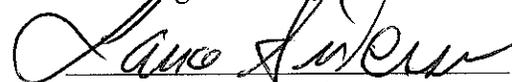
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Jennifer Modica, Chair


Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair


Jim Hogan, Clerk


Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman


Lance Anderson, Selectman

Date: 2/22/16