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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Jeffrey Lourie | Uxbridge Police Department |
| Bill Kessler | Uxbridge Fire Department |
| Peter Emerick | Uxbridge Police Department |
| Benn Sherman | Uxbridge Department of Public Works |
| David Genereux | Uxbridge Town Manager |

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Jeanne Daley | Recording secretary PSC |
| Jenn Modica | Chairman of the Board, Uxbridge Selectmen |
| Tim Rice | Board of Selectmen |
| Michael Potaski | Uxbridge Resident |

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Approval of minutes

***** Motion by Bill Kessler, seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes with amendments. Motion carried 5-0-0

***** Motion by David Genereux seconded by Bill Kessler to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes. Motion Carried 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS:

#2. Crosswalk in front of Good Shepherd Church:

Benn said that he cannot put a crosswalk in front of Good Shepherd Church because there are factors that need to be considered traffic, traffic speed not in compliance with ADA. Benn Sherman said that there cannot be a crosswalk in front of the Church because it is not handicap accessible and it does not meet requirements and guidelines. On Linwood St., DPW did all the ramps for intersecting streets in compliance with ADA. Jeffrey Lourie asked Benn are there any laws or documents out there that say you cannot put a crosswalk in at the location you want to put a crosswalk. Benn said yes, there is a whole list of parameters under MUTC.

Benn is not opposed with the crosswalk but his concern is since the road has been fixed there is traffic speed concerns, parking on the side of the road with people exiting their vehicles. There are things that have to happen and be in place to make it safe. Chief Lourie will try to get Officers there when he can to do traffic enforcement. Benn said he will do whatever he can do to get something in at the Church. He will do what he can as quickly as possible and if not done next week will be done by the spring.

******* Motion made by Peter Emerick seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to support the action and installation of crosswalk at the Good Shepherd Church. Motion carried 5-0-0**

Jeffrey Lourie asked if there is something the Town can put temporarily just to get everyone through the holidays. Benn said he will do whatever he can to get something in there.

*******Motion made by Jeffrey Lourie seconded by Bill Kessler to put in a temporary crosswalk that was there in the past and will be replaced when Benn gets the procurement done and weather permits DPW to replace it. Motion carried 4-1-0, Benn Sherman opposed.**

David Genereux said going forward, if something like this should happen again, the Public Safety Committee should have discussion on it before it is removed. The public just saw this crosswalk go away with no explanation.

OLD BUSINESS:

#2. Linwood Post Office, Linwood St.

A discussion was held on whether a crosswalk was necessary or not in this area of Linwood St. by the Post Office.

Jeffrey Lourie agreed with Bill Kessler if they just moved it to give people more line of site.

Benn Sherman said there are more problems than the line of site, you need to factor in cars, blind drives, traffic, and parking is tight in that area.

Jenn Modica suggested moving the parking to one side of the street, to the side of the Post Office. Benn said people turning around will cause traffic problems.

Peter Emerick suggested that the Public Safety Committee contact the Postmaster and have discussion to find out how much pedestrian traffic there is at this location.

Benn Sherman to contact the postmaster and also visit him and have discussions with him about the need for a crosswalk.

******* Motion made by Peter Emerick seconded by Bill Kessler that this discussion be tabled due to a lack of research and pending a report from DPW on traffic at that location. Motion carried 5-0-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Discuss – Street Lights

Discussion held and Jenn Modica will have Tracey get the list that shows which lights are on and which lights were turned off in town.

David Genereux suggested that Public Safety Committee look at what their concerns are put together a list together and he will deal with them with a National Grid representative. While he is discussing these concerns he will also ask them if there are any other Global Opportunities out there at low or no costs to the town.

#4. Bus availability – from 1 to 1 ½ miles for k-5 – street distance.

The school committee is discussing this now.

5. West Hill Dam – Viola Brumel – Parking on E Hartford Ave.

Discussed.

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

June 25, 2015

MEMBERS:











