



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 4:00 P.M.**

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This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, and Members Peter DeMers and John Wise

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Admin. Assistant Alexandra Clauss

Acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners – 4:00 P.M.

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Butler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) Water Hydrant Flushing: 40 Glendale Avenue

Benn Sherman, DPW Director, and Jim Boliver, Water Division Superintendent, present to give background on the water hydrants and practice of flushing them. Chuck McQuade, 40 Glendale Avenue, raised attention to how the hydrants are being flushed; present to discuss ramifications of the practice. Discussion ensued regarding this matter and the possible improvements to be made.

No Vote.

3) Water Service Request: 85 East Street

A request was made by Jim Smith to establish water service at this address. Attorney Rob Knapik present to represent the owners of this property and ask the Board to waive the moratorium regarding water service, allowing a connection to Town water, since the lot was in existence before the moratorium was created. Letter dated November 18, 2020 and plans dated January 5, 2007 referenced and distributed to the Board of Selectmen by Attorney Knapik. Discussion ensued regarding: water pressure in the area; and, number of homes built since the plan. Attorney Knapik and clients left the Meeting Room for a brief hiatus to discuss a plan moving forward for the property; further discussion ensued once the Attorney and clients returned regarding property taxes previously paid. Final decision after consideration: owners will withdraw the request to waive the moratorium to investigate if a well could be constructed on the property instead.

No Vote.

4) Minutes dated February 28, 2022

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to accept the Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2022 as printed. The motion carried 4-0-1. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE, DeMers-ABSTAIN

5) **RECESS: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022.**

- Member Wise asked to speak further before adjournment regarding: creating a Water & Sewer Commissioners Advisory Committee; and, a resident request for a water usage app and the cost/benefit to that. Discussion ensued regarding the current composition and

culture of the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners versus creating an Advisory Committee.

- DeMers regarding: the Board of Selectmen keeping a positive, forward momentum acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners; working in conjunction with the Town Manager and Department Heads to comprise the Advisory Committee; and, continuing to promote community engagement.

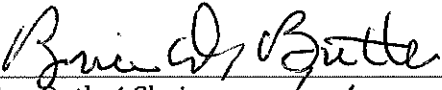
MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Shaw

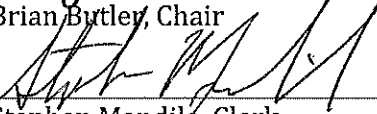
VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen recess until 6:30 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

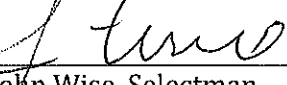
May 23, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners:



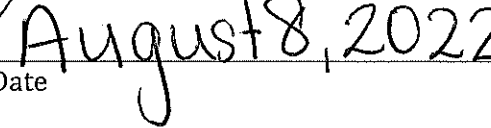
Brian Butler, Chair



Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman



Date

Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used

Agenda Notes

Water Hydrant Flushing – Email Correspondence

Water Service Request Packet

Minutes dated February 28, 2022