

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 6:30PM

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK  
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Present: Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeff Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, Selectman Susan Franz  
Not Present: Selectmen Stephen Mandile. Also present: Interim Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner

1. CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG 6:30 pm

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF RETIRED FIRE CHIEF WILLIAN B. ALBIN

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Volunteers needed: Highlighted Committee - Capital Planning Committee. Interested residents can submit a Talent Bank Form online or in person at the Town Manager's office.

b) Uxcellent News

i. Dynamic Douglas Day thank you: Donna Hardy, representative of Dynamic Douglas thanked Brian Plasko for his support.

4. CITIZENS' FORUM

The following residents spoke:

- Alexa Romasco: EEE concerns, precautions, spraying
- Harry Romasco: EEE concerns and joining Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares; update on litigation relating to Helen's Fuel vs Town of Uxbridge.

**MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation - Helen's Fuels vs Town of Uxbridge - if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 by a roll call vote: Butler-YES, Shaw-YES, Plasko-YES, Franz-YES.**

6. BUSINESS

a) Dog Park Committee report. Travis Ann DoRosario and Jennifer Modica were present from the Dog Park Committee. Ms. DoRosario & Ms. Modica updated the Board on the project including maintenance and reviewed the concerns under Citizen's Form from the August 12<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Meeting. The Board asked questions. The Committee will forward the MOU to the Board. Citizens can donate to the Dog Park Committee. The BOS directed Mr. Hecheleikner to reach out to Counsel for clarification on the revolving fund reporting.

b) **6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING:** Municipal Electrical Aggregation Plan

John O'Rourke from GoodEnergy was present. Plan allows lower price of electricity, savings not guaranteed, longer term price stability, and plan offers more reliable energy options. Citizens can opt-out at any time without any penalty with no termination fees. This is an opt-out program. Citizens asked questions regarding rates and solar energy customers.

**MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing on the Municipal Aggregation Plan. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the Municipal Aggregation Plan as submitted. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

- c) Review of EEE spraying program, and options for truck-mounted additional spraying  
Dr. David Tapscott and Kristin Black present. Dr. Tapscott discussed the options and advantages/disadvantages of continuing to spray for mosquitoes because of the “critical” designation of the community as designated by the MA Health Department related to EEE. The Health Director completed research, including getting information from the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project about the potential and cost of Uxbridge re-joining the project and state reimbursement for additional spraying, state samplings, and truck mounted spraying. The Board discussed having the Town Manager work with CMMCP on a plan. The Board discussed adding this to a Special Town Meeting. **MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen direct the Town Manager to request from CMMCP a plan to provide for maximum benefit of mosquito control for the remainder of the Fall of 2019 with minimal risk. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

- d) Review Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant and draft Warrant Report  
The Board reviewed a draft of the warrant report. The warrant has been posted, but the warrant report is a work in progress including commentary. The Town Manager and Board reviewed the proposed budget amendments and proposed capital projects. The Board discussed the DPW vehicles including lease options. The Board will meet with DPW to review the vehicles. The warrant report will be posted two weeks prior to Town Meeting. The Board will review and vote recommendations at the next meeting.

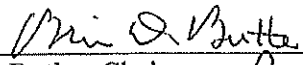
- e) Discussion of participating in Pilot Program - Cannabis Café  
The Board received materials on the potential for creating Cannabis Cafes which would require legislative changes and local acceptance. The Cannabis Control Commission has a working group on cafes. The state is looking to establish a pilot program to have six communities designated and six communities join. Discussion took place as to whether Uxbridge should explore the option to be included in the program. The Board will proceed and let Town Meeting make the decision at a future meeting. No vote was taken.

7. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

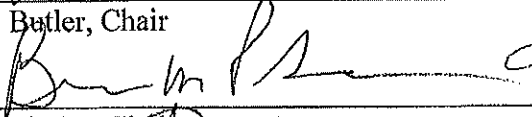
- a) Update on planned road construction: the Town Manager reviewed the list of FY20 paving projects, funding, and timeframe.
- b) Update on East Hartford Avenue water main construction: Contract signed last week for water line, working thru railroad insurance. Once the town has start dates, these will be placed on the website. Senior Center Parking lot: in progress - Parking lot pavement out to bid
- c) LED installation in Town buildings: in progress – lighting updates taking place under the Green Communities Grant
- d) Hiring –
- i. Admin – BoS/TM office: have received resumes/applications
  - ii. Facilities Administrator: advertised and resumes/applications are coming in

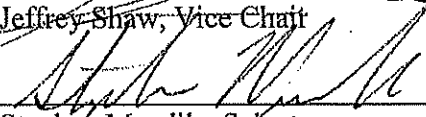
- e) RFP for McCloskey building consulting services: RFP is to evaluate physical qualities of building with estimated cost of repairs/replacement and work with town on building reuse options. RFP has been advertised. Looking for a number prior to Town Meeting.
  - f) Updated Talent Bank forms: Talent Bank form has been updated and the form will be a fillable document on the website.
  - g) License enforcement – Wild 57's Class II: concerns about operations, number of storage vehicles. The Board licensed 30 cars, visit showed 80 vehicles. Owner applied to ZBA and hearing was held last week and applicant submitted a plan. ZBA and Fire will go back for a revisit.
  - h) BoS/FINCOM joint meeting: 9-12-19 re: solar PILOTs
  - i) Town Manager's Administrative Policy – Technology: Schooldude should be used for reporting any IT/Technology problems and IT has to review/approve all technology purchases in advance.
  - j) Free flu clinic: Senior Center on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2 PM open to all residents, employees
  - k) School Committee Vacancy: Joint BOS/School Committee opening, has been posted on website. Joint meeting will be held to vote member.
  - l) OPEB Legislation: Board members received an email from Representative Soter's regarding OPEB legislation, Town Counsel has reviewed, effective July 1 2020. Board should forward comments to the Town Manager.
8. MEMBER ISSUES
- Brian Plasko: Town Manager Screening Committee will be interviewing candidates tomorrow. The Town Manager reviewed the process. The Board discussed timing of interviews with Board.
  - Susan Franz: Call with DLS: Regarding communication between Board of Selectmen and FinCom and available training resources.
  - Peter Hechenbleikner: Open Meeting Law & Conflict of Interest meetings: Will be held on 9/18 3pm & 6:30 pm, lower town hall by Town Counsel.
9. MEETING MINUTES
- August 5, 2019
- MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of 8-5-2019. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**
- August 12, 2019
- MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of 8-12-2019 with the amendment with Mr. Silbor under Citizen's Forum. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**
- August 21, 2019
- MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of 8-21-2019. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0.**
- August 26, 2019
- MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of 8-26-2019. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**
10. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
- MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen adjourn its meeting of September 9, 2019 at 9:56 PM. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

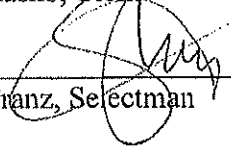
Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch  
September 9, 2019 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
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Brian Butler, Chair

  
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Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

  
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Brian Plasko, Clerk

  
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Stephen Mandile, Selectman

  
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