

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, Selectman Stephen Mandile, and Selectwoman Susan Franz

Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette and Admin. Assistant Erin Lemoine

1) CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mr. Butler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Highlighted: Constables. Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings and to submit a talent bank form.
- b) Mr. Butler shared announcements from the Clerk's office:
 - i) Please remember to return your census.
 - ii) Please remember to license your dogs. The licensing period runs from January 1st through March 31st. After that there is a late fee assessed of \$10.00 per dog.
 - iii) The Presidential Primary Election is March 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.
 - iv) Early voting for the Primary will take place from Monday Feb. 24th through Thursday Feb 27, during normal business hours. Early voting will be held in Lower Town Hall.
- c) Uxcellent News
 - i) MVP Grant Award – Mr. Plasko congratulated the Town on receiving the \$256,925 grant and thanked all involved in the project. Ms. Franz thanked Joan Lindenmeyer, who was present, for her efforts as well. Mr. Butler shared his appreciation and thanks for all the work done and noted that the Governor had made a presentation at the meeting in New Bedford and showed his support to the Town on this grant.
 - ii) Mr. Plasko recognized Mr. Mandile for his work on cannabis and for representing our veterans.

3) CITIZENS' FORUM

No activity.

4) BUSINESS

- a) Semi Annual Trust Fund Investments and OPEB Trust update
Representatives from the Town's Financial Advisor, Bartholomew & Company, Brian Jamros, Chuck Patterson, and Kathleen Glowacki presented fund updates for both portfolios to the Board.
- b) Donations
 - i) Police K9 Donation – Mr. Sette provided details on this donation.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen accepts the donation from the Uxbridge Animal Hospital for the Police K9 Unit, with thanks. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- ii) Dog Park Donation- sign kiosk donation by BVT and Uxbridge Auto – Jennifer Modica, Chairman of the Dog Park Committee, was present and provided details on this donation plus two additional

donations she received: a \$150 donation from a citizen and \$300 from the Douglas Cultural Council donated to help fund professional training costs. Ms. Modica recommended visiting <https://www.facebook.com/UxbridgeMADogPark/> for updates and to sign up for training. Ms. Modica reminded everyone that the Dog Park is currently closed; she will provide an update on when it will re-open.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the donations of \$510 for the dog park kiosk sign, plus BVT in kind donations of \$150 from a citizen and \$300 from the Douglas Cultural Council on behalf of the Uxbridge Dog Park, with thanks. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

c) Licensing

- i) Class II: Wild Fifty Sevens, Inc.- All for One; Inc., 870 Quaker Highway - Mr. Peterson Pereira was present. Mr. Sette visited the site and Mr. Pereira and advised that after a review, a Class II license is the correct license this business should have. Mr. Sette will follow up with Mr. Pereira to validate the ZBA Decision conditions have been met.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a Class II renewal license for Wild Fifty Sevens, Inc., 870 Quaker Highway, contingent upon compliance of the conditions as prescribed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- ii) Common Victualler: Mom's Restaurant, 307 N. Main Street – Mr. Sette advised the insurance binder was received earlier in the day.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen grant the Common Victualler License for Mom's Restaurant, 307 N. Main Street. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- iii) Charity Wine Fundraising License: Blackstone Valley Rotary Club event on March 7th at Blissful Meadows, DBA Meadowview Tavern, 801 Chocolog Road – Ms. Leslie Reichert from the Whitinsville Presbyterian Church and Mr. Ed Eldridge from the Rotary Club were present. Ms. Reichert advised the Church will take the lead for this license and provided a history of the event, current status, and groups involved. She will forward an updated permit application to the Town.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the Charity Wine Fundraising License under the name of the Presbyterian Church, pending ABCC approval. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved to take item 4.f) out of order. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- f) Committee Appointments: Charter Review Committee- review, discuss and appoint members
Mr. Butler recommended that each applicant come in to meet with the Board. Board members agreed. One of the applicants, Joann Lindenmayer, was present, so the Board conducted her interview. Mr. Sette will contact the remaining candidates to attend the next Board meeting, beginning at 6:00 PM. Mr. Plasko recommended a ballot process similar to what another town has done and the Board agreed. Mr. Shaw recorded the questions asked and will share with the Board to ensure consistency across all candidates.

d) Proposed new Marijuana Legislation

The state legislature is considering new legislation regarding host agreements that Towns currently negotiate with prospective licensees for cannabis businesses. This was also a topic of one of the

breakout sessions at the recent MMA conference that some of the Select Board members attended. The Board discussed this topic at length.

e) **Endorsement: "Protecting Community Television Act"**

Mr. Sette provided details to the Board. Barry Giles, Program Coordinator for Uxbridge Community TV (UCTV), requested that the Board write a letter of support for this proposed action.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen approves the request from UCTV to support the "Protecting Community Television Act" and to write a letter on its behalf, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0.

g) **Signing of Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Solar Pilot Agreement: Kearsarge Uxbridge LLC, 680 & 690 Hartford Avenue (approved at October 2019 Fall Town Meeting).**

Mr. Sette indicated all outstanding issues have been resolved.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the signing of PILOT Agreement for Kearsarge Uxbridge LLC, 680 and 690 Hartford Avenue East, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

2) **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

a) **Update on Snow and Ice Budget**

Mr. Sette provided the Board with an update on where activity is being charged.

b) **Capital Planning Committee Update – Joseph Marchand (new Appointee)**

Mr. Sette announced the new appointee. There are two remaining positions available on this committee; Mr. Butler announced that anyone interested should visit the Town Clerk's office or Town Manager's office to obtain, complete, and submit a talent bank form.

c) **McCloskey Reuse Update**

Mr. Sette updated the Board and said that he expects the final study to be completed in the next couple of weeks. The next decision is property disposition. Any decision will require a Town Meeting warrant article to move forward.

3) **MEMBER ISSUES & CONCERNS:**

Mr. Plasko mentioned it's that time of year again. Members discussed the various boards with position terms expiring and that anyone interested in running should get their paperwork moving.

Ms. Franz announced that the Underground Railroad Student Contest closes on the 13th. Middle School and High School students can submit artwork. The winning artwork will be included in the exhibit. There will be some prizes as well. She asked for certificates for the winners and the other Board members concurred.

Mr. Mandile commented on how fortunate the Town is in that our state legislators, Mr. Fattman and Mr. Soter, are active, engaging with our community, and responsive. He thanked them for all their efforts.

4) **MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

5) **ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: February 24, 2020**


MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen adjourn its meeting of February 10, 2020, at 8:17 PM. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Lemoine.

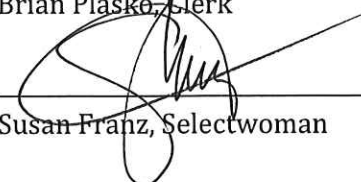
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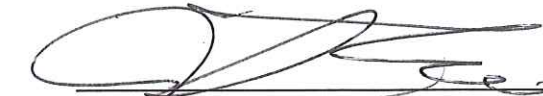
Brian Butler, Chairman



Brian Plasko, Clerk



Susan Franz, Selectwoman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chairman



Stephen Mandile, Selectman

2-24-2020

Date