

# TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM 21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019 6:30PM

Present: Brian Butler/Chairman, Jeffrey Shaw/Vice Chair, Brian Plasko/Clerk, Stephen Mandile/Selectman, Susan Franz/Selectman. Also present: Peter Hechenbleikner/Interim Town Manager

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

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings.
- b) Uxcellent News
  - Retirement: Laura Robbins, Treasurer/Collector's office 28 years
  - Report on Underground Railroad project: Susan Franz provided an update including applying for funding thru National Park Services. Historic Commission to apply to Cultural Committee for a travel exhibit of the Underground Railroad
  - Proclamation: Anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution
  - Thank you letter from Millville Fire Chief: delivery of baby girl by Uxbridge Fire Dept.

#### 3. CITIZENS' FORUM

a) Health Director/Board members re EEE

Dr. Tapscott reviewed the current restrictions/precautions on outdoor activity

Marion Baker recognized National Dog Day and Stephen Mandile's dog "Sid"

### 4. BUSINESS

- a) Update on the progress on restoring the Town Cannon
  Brian Plasko provided an update to include total cost of cannon repair \$25-\$30K. Trustees of
  Soldiers Memorial Committee looking for grant funding. Town Manager noted anyone wishing
  to make a donation, make check payable to Town of Uxbridge and place Town Cannon in memo.
- b) Public Hearing: Establishment of Town Facilities Department (taken out of order after 6. Member Issues) The Public Hearing opened at 7:45 PM. The Town Manager provided an update on the proposed draft to create a Town Facilities Department. A Town Manager's hearing was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. No one from the public wished to speak. MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the reorganization plan submitted by the Town Manager for the creation of a Facilities Department. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- c) Confirmation of the Board of Selectmen's Street Naming Policy
  The Board reviewed the existing street name policy. MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that
  the Board of Selectmen confirm that the Street Naming Policy and Regulations dated
  February 10, 2014 is currently in effect and shall continue to be implemented and enforced
  by the Town. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- d) Approval of Street Names:
  - i. Noonan Way (Bevillacqua Industrial Park)
     The developer selected a name from the list of Veterans provided by the Town.

MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the street name "Noonan Way" for the street in the Bevillacqua Industrial Park. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## e) Licenses:

i. Change of Manager – NE Authentic Eats LLC, DBA Papa Ginos, 158 N. Main St. Request for a change of manager at Papa Gino's. MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve Ray Demers as the manager for NE Authentic Eats LLC DBA Papa Gino's, 158 North Main Street. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## f) Board/Committees:

The Board reviewed the following applicants for committees:

- i. Christopher Shaw, Recreation Commission exp 6/30/22 MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen reappoint Christopher Shaw for a term on the Recreation Commission expiring 6/30/22. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- ii. Board of Registrars: Michael Potaski exp. 6/30/22 & Mary Anderson exp. 6/30/21 MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen appoint to the Board of Registrars: Michael Potaski for a term expiring 6/30/22, and Mary Anderson for a term expiring 6/30/21. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- iii. William Grant, Historic Cemetery Committee, exp. 6/30/20
  MOTION: Stephen Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen appoint
  William Grant for a term on the Historic Cemetery Committee expiring 6/30/20.
  Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- iv. Town Manager Screening Committee reappointments, Jeffrey Lourie, Kelly Cote, Ernest Esposito, Harry Romasco, Bill Kessler, Ed Maharay, Barry Desruisseaux MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen extend the appointment of Jeffrey Lourie, Kelly Cote, Ernest Esposito, Harry Romasco, Bill Kessler, Ed Maharay and Barry Desruisseaux to the Town Manager Screening Committee expiring 9/30/19. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

#### g) Donations:

- i. Senior Center/COA, Central Mass Agency on Aging \$500 Zumba grant MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant from the Central Mass Agency on Aging in the amount of \$500 for a Zumba program. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- ii. \$76,600 Grant from Division of Ecological Restoration, MA DFG
  The DPW Director has been informed that the Town grant application for the culvert replacement on Hazel Street in the amount of \$76,000 has been approved. MOTION:
  Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant from the Division of Ecological Restoration, MA DFG in the amount of \$76,000 for the Hazel Street culvert replacement. Seconded by Stephen Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- h) Continuation of discussion Marijuana Host Community Agreement: Venus in the Campanelli Business Park Passover

- i) Close/sign Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant
  The FATM warrant closed on August 23, 2019 at 5:00 PM. The Board reviewed the warrant
  articles. MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen close and
  approve the warrant consisting of 16 articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting to be held
  on October 22, 2019. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- j) Renew Interim Town Manager Employment Agreement
  The Interim Town Manager was appointed beginning May 28, 2019 with an expiration of August
  28<sup>th</sup>. MOTION: Susan Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen hereby appoint
  Peter Hechenbleikner to a second three-month term as Interim Town Manager for a term
  expiring November 28, 2019 or until a new Town Manager begins work, whichever comes
  first. Seconded by Stephen Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- k) Approve draft letter to legislative delegation re OPEB funding from meals tax
  At the June 18, 2019 Special Town Meeting, Article 6 passed authorizing the Board of
  Selectmen to file a home rule petition to dedicate the proceeds from the meals tax to fund the
  Town's OPEB requirements. The Board reviewed draft letters to Senator Fattman and
  Representative Soter to begin the process of getting the necessary legislation filed to accomplish
  the intent of this article.

MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the letter to the Town's legislative delegation requesting the filing of a home rule petition allowing the Town to dedicate the proceeds of the meals tax to fund the Town's OPEB obligation. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## 5. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a. Appointment of Acting Town Manager September 12, 2019 through September 17, 2019 Peter Hechenbleikner recommended Police Chief Marc Montminy as Acting Town Manager to serve in the Interim's Town Manager's absence. MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen hereby concurs with the Town Manager's appointment of Police Chief Marc Montminy as the Acting Town Manager from September 11, 2019 until September 17, 2019. Seconded by Jeff Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- b. Douglas Street sewer and gas main project update Mr. Sherman provided an update prior to the Board Meeting
- c. Vehicle Charging Station The Interim Town Manager addressed issues raised about the cost of charging being free
- d. Hybrid Zoning Proposal The Interim Town Manager discussed the need for a Special Town Meeting within the FATM
- e. Comment on HC parking at Town Hall follow-up on 8-12 Citizens Forum
- f. Status report on audits Melanson Heath will have the FY 2017 and 2018 Audits complete and submitted to the Town by this Wednesday.
- g. Announce hearing on Municipal Aggregation Plan Hearing will be September 9
- h. HCA for Bare Naked Greens LLC has been signed by both parties
- i. Town Manager search update: Deadline for application has passed 35 applicants. Screening Committee will meet on Wednesday to narrow field to 6-8 for interviews, Board will need to setup date for interviews.
- j. Uxbridge Dog Park Committee Update: Committee will be at the September 9 meeting.

- 6. <u>MEMBER ISSUES</u>
  Hartford Road water line construction
- 7. MEETING MINUTES
  July 22, 2019 MOTION: Brian Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2019. Seconded by Susan Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, September 9, 2019 MOTION: Jeff Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen adjourn their meeting at 7:53 PM. Seconded by Brian Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Hechenbleikner  August 26, 2019 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:	
August 20, 2019 Minutes approved by the Board of	COCCULITOIT.
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Brian Butler, Chair	Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair
Brian Plasko, Clerk	Stephen Mandile, Selectman
Susan Franz, Selectman	9-9-19 Date