

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 6:30PM**

REC'D UXBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
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Present: Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeff Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, Selectman Susan Franz, Selectmen Stephen Mandile. Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Mr. Butler welcomed new Town Manager, Steven Sette.

a) **Volunteers needed:** Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings.

- Board/Committee highlight – Council on Aging: Anyone interested should complete a Talent Bank Form.

b) Uxcellent News

- Congratulations to the Uxbridge High Boys Cross Country team finished 10-1 for the season. Congratulations to all of the Uxbridge High student athletes.
- Grayson Matthews received a special Board recognition for his dedication for protecting the environment and animals.

3. CITIZENS' FORUM: No residents wished to speak.

4. BUSINESS

a) 5-year capital paving road program

Benn Sherman, DPW Director and Paul Hutnak, DPW Civil Engineer present. Mr. Hutnak reviewed the plan for the road system based on our pavement management system. The goal of the program is the improvement of the roadway system as a whole. Mr. Hutnak provided an overview of determining priority of roads, budget, MDOT paving standards, overview of pavement management system, streets on the 2020 roadway map plan, 2021 roadway map plan, and 2022 roadway map plan. The Board asked questions including punch list on the water lines going up to East Hartford Ave., Pulaski Street and dead-end streets 2023, future water/gas projects on roadways, Rawson Road brown water, culvert washed out on Blackstone Street. The DPW provided an update on the state TIP project on the overlay milling from the new fire station up to East/West Hartford Ave. Phase 1 of this project has been advertised and is out to bid. Estimated May start date. The DPW will update the website on construction start dates so that residents stay informed.

b) Review & approve Complete Streets Policy

Benn Sherman, DPW Director & Paul Hutnak present. Mr. Hutnak reviewed the policy with the Board. The Program is called Complete Streets which is a supplemental federal funded program. The town has entered into an agreement with MDOT for the Complete Street Programs. The program is a full roadway system that encourages active lifestyle. Projects could consist of sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, lightening, signals to improve towns. State allows the town to write a letter with an intent to put a policy in place this allowed Uxbridge to receive a \$38K grant to hire a consultant to do the prioritization plan. If the Town receives, the \$400k grant would target the Granite Street area. Mr. Hutnak reviewed some of the streets on the prioritization plan. Mr.

Sherman noted that the DPW will coordinate the public hearing as part of the plan. A second reading of the policy will occur at the next BOS meeting. Mr. Sherman noted that the prioritization plan was brought to the Public Safety Committee.

- c) Coyote Cannabis Corporation-Marijuana Host Community Agreement negotiations *(taken out of order after e) Review and approve letter of support for the fall round of the MVP grant)*

Blake Mensing present from Coyote. Intent to open a craft rosin manufacturing operation and cultivation facility @ 56 Industrial Drive, Unit B. Mr. Sette noted that Board of Health is having a meeting with MDEP on Wednesday. The Board made Mr. Mensing aware of the number of available licenses, discussed the CCC's issuance/lottery process, and the Board inquired about local hiring. A copy of the business plan was received prior to the meeting. The Board discussed a vote contingent upon meeting with MDEP. Mr. Mensing updated the Board on the DEP well concerns.

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion to enter into a Host Community Agreement with Coyote Cannabis, 56 Industrial Drive, contingent upon resolution of issues with the Board of Health. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0. Ms. Franz noted that the Board may want to reach out to counsel on how to handle additional HCA's as the town is nearing the limit of 12.

- d) Community Project update: Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) - multi-use Greenway

Bob Contursi discussed the project with the Board. Bike path would start by McDonalds and go thru Depot Street – project is part of a bigger project that would go from Uxbridge to Worcester. Mr. Contursi discussed the benefits of the bike path for the community and reviewed the bike path map. Mr. Butler rescued himself. Ms. Franz noted part of the path is on the Underground Railroad and inquired about adding markers. Mr. Contursi was looking for guidance on the parking lot by McDonalds that is believed to be town owned and town land easements. The Board inquired about ADA compliance and asked for a copy of the feasibility study as well as a listing of property owners, abutters, and town properties that would be part of the path.

- e) Review and approve letter of support for the fall round of the MVP grant: In-kind match of 25% of the Integrated Vector-borne Disease Management Project – Susan Franz *(taken out of order after 4. BUSINESS b) Review & approve Complete Streets Policy)*

Ms. Franz discussed the proposal of the MVP Committee for the fall round of action grant. Project is an Integrated Vector-borne Disease Management Project. Ms. Franz will present a letter for the Board's review at the next meeting. The Board agreed with the direction of the round and would support a 25% in-kind match. Three areas that the grant would focus on: public education (increase CodeRed participation, sending out mailers); purchase of three additional message boards; and look at culvert design and permitting. Ms. Franz reviewed the culverts on Sutton, Albee, and Aldrich. The Board discussed additional grants for the installation of culverts.

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion for the Board to write a letter of support for a 25% in-kind match for the fall round of the MVP grant as outlined. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0. Ms. Franz noted that an inventory has been done on the culverts and the town is awaiting the analysis.

- f) Donations:

- a. Fire Department: VFW chili cookout cash proceeds \$395

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion to accept with gratitude the donation of \$395 to the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- b. Senior Center donation from Michelle Choiniere and David Bell \$300

MOTION: Mr. Plasko made the motion to accept the donation from Michelle Choiniere and David Bell of \$300 to the Senior Center with gratitude. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.

g) Guest Speaker: Veterans Day Sunday, November 10th 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko made a motion to appoint Steven Mandile as the Veteran's Day speaker on November 10th at 2 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

h) Announcement of Charter Review Committee (BOS, FINCOM, School Committee-each appt. 2 & Town Moderator- appt. 3 members)

Mr. Butler reviewed the numbers that are needed for the Charter Review Committee. Mr. Sette mentioned that the Charter notes that the town form a review committee. Plan is to have the group appointed by town meeting in May for work to be completed by the May Annual Town Meeting 2021. Additional information can be found in the Town Charter. Anyone interested should complete a Talent Bank Form.

i) Announcement of General Bylaw Review Committee

Committee would have their work completed by the May 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting. Anyone interested should submit a Talent Bank Form either online or in person. For more information, please reach out to the Town Manager.

5. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

a) Committee appointment updates (ZBA: James Blackburn 6/30/21; Conservation: Mark Richardson 6/30/21)

Mr. Sette discussed the two appointments that Mr. Hechenbleikner made prior to his departure.

6. MEMBER ISSUES & CONCERNS

➤ Part-time facilities admin declined the offer - position has been reposted.

7. MEETING MINUTES – pass over

8. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: TUESDAY, 11/12/19

MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion to adjourn @ 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch

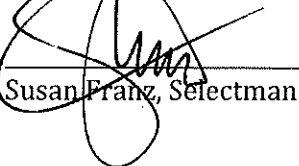
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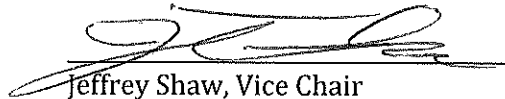
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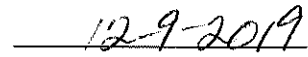


Susan Franz, Selectman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Stephen Mandile, Selectman


Date