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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: REMOTE MEETING
UXBRIDGE, MA**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Select Board Members Susan Franz and Stephen Mandile.

Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette, Admin. Assistant Erin Lemoine, Town Accountant Michelle Laramée, DPW Supervisor Benn Sherman, and Town Moderator Ed Maharay

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.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Uxbridge Board of Selectmen was conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to view/listen to this meeting live may do so by watching the Government Channel @ www.uxbridgetv.org or on Uxbridge Community Television Channel 191. For those unable to watch it live, you may view the recording of the meeting on the Government Channel @ <http://archive.uxbridgetv.org>.

2) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) **Volunteers needed.** Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings.
- b) **Uxcellent News:**
 - Mr. Plasko read the Certificate of Appreciation for June Bangma, who is retiring this week. Board members thanked and congratulated her and wished her their best in the future.
 - Mr. Plasko read the Recognition Certificate for Mae Wrona and congratulated her on her upcoming 100th birthday.
 - Mr. Plasko gave a special Thank You to Veteran's Agent Carl Bradshaw, who purchased 3 floodlights to shine gold on the entrance to the Town Hall in recognition of the Gold Star Families of Our Commonwealth.
 - Mr. Plasko also recognized the following veterans: Tom Taft, Jeff Keeler, Don Latourneau, Dennis Seely, Lou Baglio, Selectman Jeff Shaw, and Veteran's Agent Carl Bradshaw who participated in the unofficial Memorial Day ceremony, and Joe Poldos and Mattie Greenwald, who played the trumpets.
 - Mr. Plasko offered thanks to the Board members Brian Butler, Jeff Shaw, Stephen Mandile and Susan Franz, as well as Kelly Herrera and the Trustees of the Soldiers Memorials and Chris Cota who cleaned up the memorials.

3) **BUSINESS**

- a) **Board Reorganization**

Mr. Sette stated the Board annually reorganizes itself follow the Town Election. The election was held on May 19 and results have been certified as official. Mr. Sette then called for a motion for nominees for consideration for the Chair for the Uxbridge Select Board.

MOTION: Brian Plasko nominated Brian Butler as Chair of the Uxbridge Select Board, to serve until the next election in 2021. Seconded by Jeff Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote Franz-aye, Mandile-aye, Plasko-aye, Shaw-aye, Butler-aye.

Mr. Butler then asked for nominees for Vice-Chair and Secretary.

MOTION: Brian Plasko nominated Jeff Shaw as Vice-Chair of the Uxbridge Select Board, to serve until the next election in 2021. Seconded by Stephen Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote Plasko-aye Mandile-aye, Franz-aye, Butler-aye, Shaw-aye.

MOTION: Susan Franz nominated Brian Plasko as Clerk/Secretary of the Uxbridge Select Board, to serve until the next election in 2021. Seconded by Stephen Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote Shaw-aye, Mandile-aye, Franz-aye, Butler-aye, Plasko-aye.

Congratulations to all.

5) CITIZEN'S FORUM (agenda item moved by Select Board Chair Butler)

Town Moderator Ed Maharay provided the board with an update on preparations for the June 17, 2020, Town Meeting. Items covered were communication, expected turnout, location options, public safety, meeting management, and article management. The Board discussed Mr. Maharay's recommendations and options.

3) BUSINESS (continued)

b) Town Hall reopening

Mr. Sette updated the Board on details of the reopening of Town Hall today, including bringing back employees on a staggered basis, cleaning activities and safety precautions. The public is not yet allowed; the current plan is to reopen to the public on or about June 3rd, limiting the time from 10-2 PM, preferably by appointment and requiring masks and social distancing. For public meetings, board/committee members would be live in the Lower Town Hall to allow for larger space for social distancing and the public via Zoom initially. More to come on that over the next couple of weeks. For now, some will continue working from home until the time where full staffing in the Town Hall is considered safe. Preparations are in place if a staff tests positive or becomes ill with COVID. The Board discussed options and logistics.

c) DPW Projects/Road Construction Update

Benn Sherman provided the Board with status of current projects. His presentation is posted to the Town's web site for the public. The Board discussed possible ways to assist.

d) Donations: Dog Park - \$412.55 for materials for the kiosk being built by BVT students from Uxbridge Unleashed Inc.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved the Board of Selectmen accept the donation of \$412.55 for materials for the kiosk being built by BVT students; from Uxbridge Unleashed Inc. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote Franz yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

e) Letter to Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs RE: 2021 Planning Assistance Grant Program Extension

Mr. Sette shared that this is an application that was submitted by Economic Development to possibly obtain grant funding for the McCloskey building and eliminate the need to request funds from the Town. No Town matching funding is required as part of this submission.

- f) Discuss June 17, 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles, make recommendations, and/or take any action related thereto
Mr. Butler requested to move this item to the June 4th meeting. This will give further opportunity to discuss and vet articles. Board members agreed.

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Wild 57's – Mr. Sette visited the site but was unable to fully access the site; he shared that based on his initial observations, they are compliant with the ZBA decision. The Board discussed, expressed concern, and requested Mr. Sette revisit to ensure full access. Mr. Sette will also refer to the Zoning office to enforce.

5) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- Mr. Plasko commented on the Town Common cleaning activity and said that a gentleman had offered \$80,000 to assist with the cannon restoration. Mr. Plasko and the rest of the trustees will be working on this and Mr. Plasko wanted to say a UniBank account has been opened to with the help of the VFW: Town residents are welcome to help support restoring the cannon and returning it to the Town Common.
- Mr. Mandile shared his gratitude of all the hard work of the Board members involved and fellow town residents who helped clean up the Common and monuments.
- Mr. Butler added that the flowers and plants Ms. Franz added were a great contribution.
- Ms. Franz shared EEE season is on its way and based on some initial testing in Nantucket, we are in for a robust mosquito season this year. Ms. Franz suggested the Board of Health be invited to an upcoming Board meeting nearer to the summer to do a presentation on mosquito fighting activities.

6) MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 7, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of May 11, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 12, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 14, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 21, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

7) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: June 8, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 8:21 PM. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0 via roll-call vote: Franz-yes, Mandile-yes, Plasko-yes, Shaw-yes, Butler-yes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Lemoine.

May 27, 2020, minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

Brian D. Butler
Brian Butler, Chair

Brian Plasko
Brian Plasko, Clerk

Susan Franz
Susan Franz, Member

Jeffrey Shaw
Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Stephen Mandile
Stephen Mandile, Member

6/8/20
Date