

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Chair Brian Butler, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Members Susan Franz and Stephen Mandile
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.

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: Highlighted: Town Common Committee. Please see the Town Manager's office or Clerk's office for a list of openings and submit a Talent Bank Form.

b) Uxcellent News

- Certificate of Commendation – Girl Scout Silver Awards: Mr. Plasko read the certificate and those who are receiving: Catherine Hughes, Madeline Kay, Sophia Kay, Marissa Manning, Mikayla Ouellette, Sadie Schultsberg, Sara Snyder, and Sabrina Tivedo. Congratulations to all.
- Mr. Plasko thanked Peter and Tim Demers for all the work done on the planters and flowers outside the Town Hall.
- Mr. Plasko offered congratulations to Sgt. Paul Stuczynski on his recent retirement. Thank you for your service to the Town.
- Mr. Plasko welcomed the Town's newest police officers: Graeme Carlton and Jesse Miller. Good luck and thank you for your service.

3) **BUSINESS:**

a) Charter Communication License Expiration: Vote to authorize Cable Advisory Committee, Town Manager, and Town Counsel to negotiate license on behalf of the BOS.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Uxbridge Board of Selectmen authorize the Cable Advisory Committee, the Town Manager and Town Counsel to negotiate a new cable license contract on behalf of the Town of Uxbridge. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

b) 100-Acre Lot Cropland Use Discussion

- Brian Palmer
- Justin Harshaw

The Town has the 100-acre lot that is currently used regularly for activities like, the soccer field, the community gardens, and dog park; and there is still a significant amount of unused land, and the Town has received two proposals from parties who operate farms in the area who are interested in using part of this land in their farm operations. One proposal is from a group of three farmers: Harshaw Cattle Company, Hawkes Dairy & Greener Acre Farms, and Cedar Hill Farm who are requesting the use of approximately 45 acres; and the other proposal is from Brian Palmer who is requesting the use of approximately 10 acres.

Both Mr. Harshaw and Mr. Palmer were present on the call, provided an overview and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Harshaw had forwarded an updated proposal late this afternoon, so the Board postponed to its next regular meeting on July 13, 2020. Mr. Sette will follow up with Town Counsel for their review.

c) Social Media Policy

The Board of Selectmen has received a complaint from the Board of Health of an apparent violation of the Town's social media policy by a Finance Committee member. Mr. Sette reminded all boards and committees of the policy purpose and the importance of compliance. The Board requested Mr. Sette request that Town Counsel, review, investigate, and advise follow-up measures. This agenda item will be postponed pending the completion of these activities.

d) Board/Committee Reappointments

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint the Sally Selvidge to the Council on Aging with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Elizabeth Tancrell to the Council on Aging with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Donna Hardy to the Cultural Council with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen appoint Joanne Lamothe to the Cultural Council with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Beth Butler to the Historic Cemetery Committee with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint William Grant to the Historic Cemetery Committee with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Peter Emerick to the Historical Commission with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Roy Henry to the Historical Commission with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved the Board of Selectmen appoint Christopher Delarda to the Historic District Commission as a full member with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen appoint John Wise to the Scholarship Committee with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Daniel Hicks to the Wastewater Building Committee with a term ending 6/30/2021. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Joseph Marchand to the Wastewater Building Committee with a term ending 6/30/2021. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Eugene O'Rourke to the Wastewater Building Committee with a term ending 6/30/2021. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen reappoint Brian Plasko to the Virginia Blanchard Scholarship Committee with a term ending 6/30/2023. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

The Recycling & Sustainability Committee appointments were postponed to the Board's next meeting.

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Union Contracts Discussion – Mr. Sette provided Board members with the status of ongoing negotiations with the unions.
- b) State Reopening Update – Mr. Sette provided an update on establishments who have applied for and been approved for outdoor expansion; 5 for food and alcohol and 3 for food only. The food and alcohol approvals are: The UXLocale, Kapi's Pub, Quaker Tavern, Meadowview Tavern/Blissful Meadows, and the VFW on Cross Road. The food (no alcohol) expansion approvals are: Mom's Restaurant, The Burger Grille, and The Valley Bean.
- c) Town Meeting and Town Budget – Mr. Sette thanked everyone involved in preparing for Town Meeting and the Town Budget, including the Board of Health, Kelly Cote, Town Clerk, Ellen Welch and Erin Lemoine, Michelle Laramee, Lisa Troast, the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen, Valley Chapel, and Pastor Matt and Pastor Josh, and Town Moderator Ed Maharay; and, most importantly, to all the residents of the Town of Uxbridge who prepared and participated and ensured the meeting went as smoothly as it did. Mr. Butler echoed Mr. Sette's comments and offered thanks to all involved in both the Town Meeting and Town Budget processes.
- d) Mr. Sette reminded everyone the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting will be opened on July 27, 2020. That warrant will close on August 28, 2020. The FATM will be held on October 27, 2020.

5) CITIZENS' FORUM

Mr. Dave Lyman was on the call and said he was requested to attend the meeting because he had applied for membership on the Recreation Commission. Because the list of new applications was submitted to the Board late this afternoon. Mr. Clark and Mr. Casper were also on the call. Mr. Sette advised the Town had not received Mr. Casper's talent bank form and requested he send an email to Mr. Sette and Ellen Welch. Mr. Casper will email Mr. Sette and Ms. Welch.

MOTION: Mr. Butler moved the Board of Selectmen postpone appointments for this committee to its next Board meeting. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

Mr. Plasko shared a chat request from a member of the Historic District Commission to appoint the alternates to members if they have completed a talent bank form. The Board will address at the next meeting.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

Mr. Plasko thanked both Police and Fire Departments for all their help during recent events.

Mr. Mandile thanked everyone involved in putting the Town Meeting together and especially to those town members that attended, adhering to social distancing. He also thanked all those involved in public safety in handling the recent storms and flooding.

Mr. Mandile requested that anyone who would like to reach out to the Board to please use the email links located on the Town's web site. Please do not use social media sites.

7) MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of May 27, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 28, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 3-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-abstain, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of June 2, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 4, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of June 4, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 3-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-abstain, Butler-yes.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 7:53 PM. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0 via roll-call vote: Plasko-yes, Mandile-yes, Franz-yes, Butler-yes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Lemoine.

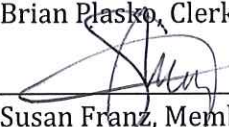
June 29, 2020, minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chair




Brian Plasko, Clerk



Susan Franz, Member



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Stephen Mandile, Member

7/13/20

Date