

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: BOARD MEETING ROOM AND REMOTE
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

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, Michelle Laramee, Town Accountant, Benn Sherman, Director of Public Works, Paul Hutnak, Public Works, Mike Schrader, Consultant Tighe & Bond, Jesse Greenberg, Medline Industries; and Kathy Tipping, Administrative Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 will be conducted live and via remote participation to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided 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

Volunteers Needed – See Town Clerk's Office or Town Manager's Office for list of openings.
Community Highlight – Mr. Butler stated the following Boards/Committees have either a full or alternate opening(s) and to submit a Talent Bank Form (on the website) to the Town Manager or Town Clerk if interested: Bylaw Review Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Cultural Council, Dog Park Committee, Historic District Commission, Parade Committee, Planning Board, Pout Pond Recreation, Wastewater Building Committee.

UXCELLENT NEWS (Brian Plasko)

- Mr. Plasko thanked Lisa Bernard and the Sr. Center Staff for the event to celebrate Mr. Pachinsky's 100th Birthday. Mr. Plasko also recognized 'Uxbridge Supports our Troops' group for their past 18 years of support.

3. BUSINESS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **BOS ACTING AS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS – SETTING OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AS ADVERTISED.**

MOTION: Mr. Butler moved that the following rates as advertised and discussed at this Public Hearing be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. The Public Meeting is now open.

Mr. Butler stated this Public Hearing is held to answer any further questions about the proposed Water and Sewer rates. Mr. Mike Schrader and Paul Hutnak, DPW were present. There were no questions or updates from the Board, Mr. Schrader or Mr. Hutnak.

Mr. Butler opened it up for public comment. Ms. Mary Svelnis of 17 Moody St. came forward with questions and concerns. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Hutnak of the Public Works Department, Mike Schrader, Consultant with Tighe and Bond, Ms. Laramie and Mr. Sette answered her questions. Mr. Paul Balutis had questions regarding septage and water pressure issues. Ms. June Ouellette had questions regarding the report being based on population of the Town vs the number of rate payers in the Town in the rate study report and affordability.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to close the Public Hearing and set the Water and Sewer rates as published in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. Motion seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion carried 5-0, the rates carry.

Mr. Butler also stated a time schedule should be set up to review rates periodically, and consider updates on Water and Sewer on a bi-monthly schedule. Ms. Franz would like to take a look at further items Mr. Schrader has brought forward in his presentations.

b. **MEDLINE INDUSTRIES**

Mr. Jesse Greenberg, Medline Industries introduced their business. Medline is a privately owned, family business for medical products located in Uxbridge, that distributes to major health systems, nursing homes and hospital systems. They are building large distribution centers and are excited to be a member, and taxpayer, in the Uxbridge community. Mr. Greenberg stated they value the role of helping the Fire Department and Police Department with PPE. The Board welcomed Mr. Greenberg and Medline to Town and are looking forward to a great partnership. Ms. Franz asked about hiring residents and Mr. Greenberg will be reaching out to local residents, as it is always a priority.

c. **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE-PAUL HUTNAK**

Mr. Paul Hutnak gave an update on the project construction schedule for DPW. Specifically, on the construction updates for Hartford Ave. and the Sr. Center parking lot. The construction update is also on the Town's website for review.

d. **STOP SIGN REQUEST**

The Public Safety committee recommended to the Board that two stop signs be installed 1) at Tea Party Lane and 2) at Cotton Mill Way where they intersect with Crownshield Avenue. Discussion was held by the Board at the request of Mr. Shaw, with regard to the unfinished development in this area. Mr. Shaw agreed with putting a stop sign at Cotton Mill Way but suggested holding off on the stop sign at Tea Party Lane until completed. Mr. Sette said the BOS could vote on the two signs, with one to be placed after development is substantially completed.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Town approve the request for two stop signs at the intersection of Tea Party Lane (when construction is substantially complete) and one to be placed at Cotton Mill Way at Crownshield Avenue as supported by the Public Safety Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Plasko YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 5-0.

e. COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE-IGNITION NUTRITION

Mr. Sette stated a new Nutrition Club (Ignition Nutrition) requested to open on S. Main St. near Subway, making meal replacement shakes and tea. He stated there is currently not much food preparation - the Common Victualler License would be for something they may expand to later on. All inspections have been complete and okayed by licensing authorities.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the Common Victuallar License for Ignition Nutrition, 5-c South Main Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Mandile YES; Mr. Plasko YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Kyle Porter and Evelyn Parks are Poll Workers who needed to be added to the list. The Talent Bank Forms have been completed. No questions by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Kyle Porter and Evelyn Parks as Poll Workers for a term ending 7/31/2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 5-0.

f. October BOS Meeting Dates

The BOS discussed moving a meeting date that conflicts with a Finance Committee hearing. The Board discussed and took no action.

4. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

The warrant closes on 8/28/2020. Mr. Sette will be at Town Hall to accept any items. 14 items are currently on the warrant. Meeting location is TBD due to COVID. School will be starting mid-September. The Town has quite a few desks at McCloskey School for any parents interested in picking up a school desk for their child. There will be an announcement made to come pick up a desk in the back part of the school. The School Committee has endorsed the idea. Received a grant for \$31,390. for a COVID fund to allow the Town to buy PPE masks for Police Dept, SCBA adaptors with cartridges for the Fire Department and to purchase electrostatic foggers for disinfecting buildings on a regular basis for employees, staff and residents. There is another grant that the Board of Health will be announcing. Mr. Butler asked for note to go to the Library and posted on the Town Website so parents are aware of the availability for the desks.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Patrick Stephan – 44 Andrews Drive. Trustee at Summerfield at Taft Hill. As chair of Charter Review Committee very thankful to Mr. Sette and staff for assisting the Committee to get started. Mr. Stephan stated the BOS, as Water and Sewer Commissioners, should be interviewed and the BOS as Selectmen, as well as private citizens - as individual meetings or group meetings, as well as a form sent prior to interview regarding questions. A discussion was held around setting an interview schedule either as Individually or Zoom meeting. Mr. Stephan is also looking closely at

projects being pursued at Taft Hill. Ms. Franz will get report that was done recently sent to Mr. Stephan.

6. **MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS**

Ms. Franz stated a parent has concerns with how school opening is going to go. Bring in Board of Health or Superintendent. Testing regimen be available to students/teachers. Rapid testing being available as Uxbridge is so isolated. Closest testing center in Bellingham. Would like update for next meeting.

7. **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting minutes of August 10, 2020.

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes as crafted and written for 8/10/2020 made by Mr. Shaw. Motion seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn made by Mr. Plasko. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion passed 5-0.

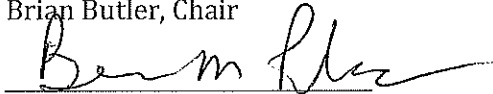
Next Regular Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tipping.

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

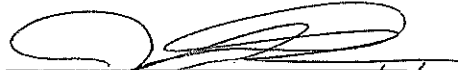


Brian Butler, Chair

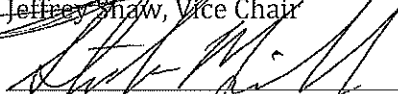


Brian Plasko, Clerk

Susan Franz, Member



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Stephen Mandile, Member

9/14/20

Date