

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Selectwoman Susan Franz.
Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette and Admin. Assistant Erin Lemoine
Absent: Selectman Stephen Mandile

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.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Highlighted Committee: Charter Review and Bylaw Review Committees, as well as the Cultural Counsel. Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings and to submit a talent bank form.
- b) Uxcellent News
 - 1) Congratulations to Ben Sherman and his staff. The Completed Streets Policy was approved by Mass. DOT and received a score of 92. Awaiting the prioritization plan that has been submitted.
 - 2) Thank you so much to the Evergreen Center for the Town Hall beautiful wreath donation.
 - 3) This Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 PM, the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at the Town Common. Please come out and support.
 - 4) On December 19th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM, the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor is holding their holiday open house, celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, 670 Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville. Please come out and support them.
 - 5) Great job by the Boy Scouts, Troop 25: they sold all of their Christmas trees at St. Mary's this weekend. Thanks to all the volunteers.
 - 6) The new Town Manager, Steve Sette, held a meet and greet at the Senior Center last Friday. Feedback was very positive.
 - 7) Thanks to everyone involved in last Saturday's celebrations.
 - 8) Ms. Franz shared that Senator Fattman has a new addition to his family. Congratulations to the entire family.

3. CITIZENS' FORUM

Mary Cates thanked Mr. Plasko and Mr. Sherman and the DPW for fast cleanup during both storms. She commented that mailbox damage via storms and plow and/or vehicle damage. Mr. Sette indicated this is question for the Postmaster.

4. BUSINESS

a.) PRESENTATION - Rep. Mike Soter - Legislative Update:

The Board welcomed Rep. Mike Soter this evening to update the Board and the residents of the Town regarding important pieces of legislation that will affect the Town of Uxbridge. Rep. Soter reflected on the year to date and updated the board on upcoming work being done across the Commonwealth and specific projects and programs his office is working on.

b.) 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar:

The Board reviewed the proposed BOS Meeting Schedule for 2020.

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the 2020 Meeting Calendar with the amendment of the warrant submission dates being corrected to March 12th and August 27th. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.

- a) Marijuana Host Community Agreement with Neamat, LLC 100 Acres, LLC, owned land know as South Main Street.; Map 30 Lot 1289, - Indoor cultivation, Manufacturing, Testing and Research, and Transportation business on land in the planned subdivision at 290 Millville Road: Neamat, LLC, representatives present were Grace Sahagian, owner, John Sahagian, consultant, and Brian Carney, industry consultant. After discussion, it was recommended Neamat complete the work remaining on the Project Review and resubmit the request to the Board through Mr. Sette.

b) 2020 License Renewals

The Board reviewed the list of current 2020 licenses that were ready for approval as of 12/9/2019.

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion that the table under 4.d) be submitted for renewals of licenses pending resolution of fire inspections, taxes due, and any other outstanding issues for all Alcohol, Auto Amusement, Entertainment, Common Victualler, Class I-III, and Precious Metals Dealer licenses with the stipulation that the Board receives notice at the first meeting in January that all are up-to-date. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-0.

c) Board and Committee Appointments:

The Council on Aging is recommending that the two following individuals be appointed to the COA; Dorene Landy or a term to expire on 6/30/2021 and Elizabeth Tancrell to a term to expire on 6/30/2020.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the appoint of Dorene Landy to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on 6/30/21 and Elizabeth Tancrell for a term to expire on 6/30/20. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.

d) MVP Engineering Team Preliminary Report:

Ms. Franz, representing the MVP Team, provided a preliminary Engineering Report. The team is at a decision point where projects need to be chosen to enter into the vulnerability assessment; these projects would likely then become the projects worked on in the next 5-6 years. She asked for review and input and is hoping to sign off with the engineering team later this week. She provided an overview of the report that includes road-stream crossing assessments, dam assessments, green infrastructure assessments, and water supply resiliency analysis.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen accept the MVP Engineering team preliminary report, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-0.

e) BOS Annual Report:

Selectman Plasko wrote and submitted the report for the year-end activity of the Uxbridge Board of Selectman per law. The Board will review and revisit at next meeting. The Board agreed to table this item until next Monday's meeting so members have time to review and amend if necessary.

f) One Day Liquor Licenses:

The Board had granted the previous Town Manager the authority to approve one day liquor licenses for special events etc.; the Town Manager after granting the license would inform the Board of the approval at the next scheduled BOS Meeting in his update to the Board.

MOTION: Ms. Franz made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to approve one day liquor licenses and to report such licensing to the Board at its next regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.

5. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Bond Rating Agency Update – A conference call was held with the rating agency. Questions were sent in advance so could be reviewed and addressed on the call. The agency was pleased with work done and provided positive feedback. They advised we were downgraded from AA+ to AA. The reason given was that the people in place are new and S&P wants to see some time pass to ensure policies and procedures work and are maintained. Town could request and pay for another review in a year to bring town back to AA+ rating, and this may be something to consider if a significant borrowing situation occurs.
- b) Attorney General's Office: OUI Last Drink Data – the Board reviewed the report.
- c) Mr. Sette recommended to the Board that warrant opening dates be set to ensure all are aware of the time to submit articles for the warrant. Mr. Sette recommended an item be on the agenda at first meeting in January to alert the Town of the open and close dates in order to give people time to respond.

- d) First Night activities: This was Mr. Sette's first attendance. Thanked everyone involved in the planning and support activities. Passion for the town was first rate.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS & ISSUES

- a) Mr. Plasko asked Mr. Sette to follow up on grants for the canon repair for the Town common.
b) Ms. Franz had meeting with National Parks Service on the underground railroad sites Met with the Parks Service leadership, corridor leadership, and our individuals involved with the bike path as well as the marketing staff for the corridor. They would very much like to do a partnership with the Town on this and would like to host the traveling exhibition. They have made some of their volunteer services available to the Town and they would like to reach a wider audience. Ms. Franz will be following up with the Historic Commission on this.
c) Mr. Shaw requested possible grant money for the Town clock and the historic building where it is located.

2. MEETING MINUTES

- a) October 28, 2019 Minutes: **MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes as submitted of October 28, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0.**
b) November 25, 2019 Minutes: **MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve as amended the meeting minutes of November 25, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: DECEMBER 16, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Plasko made a motion that the Board of Selectmen adjourn its meeting of December 9th, 2019 at 8:33 PM. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Lemoine.

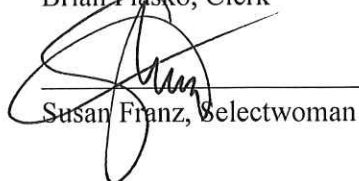
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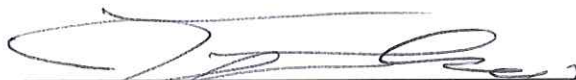
Brian Butler, Chairman



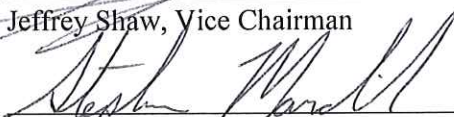
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Susan Franz, Selectwoman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chairman



Stephen Mandile, Selectman

12-16-2019

Date