



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Michelle Laramee, Town Accountant, Matthew Keane, Chair of School Committee, Edward Mahary, Town Moderator, Jensen Mejia, Florencia Cannabis Delivery Service, Jackson Mejia, Florencia Cannabis Delivery Service, Patrick Hannon and Kathleen Tipping, Administrative Assistant.

1) CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Volunteers needed

Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings. Committee Highlight: Conservation Commission and Finance Committee. Mr. Shaw gave a description of the responsibilities of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Butler announced the opening for the Finance Committee and read a brief description. Mr. Butler stated anyone interested in any Committee should complete a talent bank form and submit it to the Town Clerk's Office or the Town Manager's Office. Talent Bank Forms are available online on the Town's Website.

b) Uxcellent News

Mr. Plasko announced the week of September 17-23, 2020 is designated and recognized as Constitution Week and read the proclamation. Mr. Plasko thanked Karen Driscoll Montanee and Rich Costa for the Blue Hearts in support of the Uxbridge Police Department. Mr. Plasko also recognized and thanked Mr. Andrew Gorman who conducted the Conservation Commission meetings and for all he has done for the Town of Uxbridge. Mr. Butler also thanked Mr. Gorman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Uxbridge.

3) BUSINESS

1) School Opening Update (Chair of the School Committee, Mr. Matthew Keane)

Mr. Keane gave an overview on the opening of School and thanked all the Town citizens for their patience over the last 6 months. The School Committee voted that the District will start school in a Hybrid fashion and explained the different cohorts and schedules for each along with protocols set in place for testing and contact tracing. On behalf of the Town and the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Butler thanked the School Committee for all they are doing and for the patience and perseverance demonstrated during the past few months. Mr. Keane added there is a section on COVID-19 on the Town's website that is updated on a regular basis and also where you can find the correct contact information for any questions.

2) Host Community Agreement: Florencia, Cannabis Delivery Service

Mr. Jackson Mejia and Mr. Jensen Mejia are co-founders of Florencia Cannabis Delivery Service. The Cannabis Control Commission has not specifically identified the correct license as of yet. The Board discussed proposal and determined while Florencia Cannabis Delivery Service is waiting for the Cannabis Control Commission to make their ruling and the Town is also waiting for what the Cannabis Control Commission will do – that the board decided that

until a defined application status is received, the item will be tabled until feedback is received through the Cannabis Control Commission. Mr. Butler, Mr. Sette, Mr. Jackson Mejia and Mr. Jensen Mejia agreed to stay in touch and will monitor the process to see what the Cannabis Control Commission does.

3) 100-acre lot soil test results

The Board discussed the results of the tests done in August out of a concern for any PFAS. Ten samples were taken and the locations of all the tests were tagged by GPS. The raw data was received, and provided to the Board of Selectmen, as to what was tested. The three PFAS samples had a level shown slightly above what was considered to be the reporting limit for the sample. Mr. Sette asked the Town's new Conservation Agent to review and research – and her professional opinion was the field posed no risk. Ms. Franz stated there were four tests above reporting limits and stated the Town would need clearance from DEP. Mr. Sette stated he will present the information from DEP at a later time. Item was tabled until Mr. Sette hears back from DEP. Ms. Franz agreed to wait for a written opinion.

4) FATM meeting location discussion

Mr. Butler asked if there were any representatives from the Board of Health at this evenings meeting as he would like to hear from them. There were no representatives present at the meeting or via Zoom. The location for the Fall meeting is currently to be determined. Ms. Franz stated there is a smaller gathering limit per State requirements that was changed since the Spring meeting and may have changed recently for legislative bodies. If the Board moves forward to have a live meeting, the Board will need to have the Board of Health attend the next meeting. Mr. Butler tabled the item and asked Mr. Sette to send an invitation to the Board of Health to attend the next meeting, 9/28/20, and that a decision will be made at the meeting. The Board agreed. Mr. Hannon stated he is against having a meeting in a church and has had the issued reviewed by a lawyer. Mr. Hannon also stated there is room in the high school.

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- Mr. Sette stated a resident has requested an agenda item and a discussion to move up the Citizens Forum portion of the Agenda up on the Agenda. Mr. Sette stated he is familiar with various placements of Citizens Forum on Agendas. Mr. Sette stated he would like to discuss the request at the next meeting as a formal agenda item to leave it where it is or change it.
- Michelle Laramee shared that Free Cash was certified today for \$2.3 million. Mr. Sette stated the breakdown of numbers. Mr. Sette stated a discussion on the funds will take place at Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Butler, on behalf of the Board, thanked her for all her work on this.
- Mr. Sette announced that on Saturday, 9/19/20, from 9 am – 2 pm the Town will be distributing desks at the McCloskey School. The desks are for students who are participating in distance learning to keep. The desks are free. Information is on the Town Website. Any desks that may be left after 9/19/20, may be given out the following Saturday. Mr. Sette stated they are looking for volunteers to help distribute the desks. Residents picking up desks will drive through the circle and the desks will be placed in cars by volunteers to keep socially distant. No evidence of resident status required.
- The Warrant has been posted with 16 articles. The meetings will begin on 9/29/20 with the Finance Committee to discuss the articles. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen will make recommendations. The Capital Planning Committee has met and is formulating a list to present to Finance Committee.
- Residents will be receiving a letter/post card from the Department of Public Works regarding meter replacement. The Meter Installation Contractor (East National Water LLC) is beginning the first phase of the meter replacement program. Residents should read the letter and schedule a date/time online through the Contractor's website (or call them to schedule, if no computer access).

5) CITIZENS' FORUM

No questions asked for Citizen's Forum.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- Mr. Plasko stated that he visited the skate park recently and was happy to see it so well used and the new ramps will be started very soon before winter. Mr. Plasko stated the skate park workers were very thankful for what the Board of Selectmen, and the residents of Uxbridge, have done to support the Park.
- Ms. Franz announced she will be stepping down from the Board of Selectmen effective 10/1/20 and this meeting will be the last one she will be attending. Ms. Franz stated it has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Franz for all her contributions, commitment and service to the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Uxbridge.
- Mr. Mandile thanked the Senior Center staff, State Representative Mike Soter and volunteers from Bellingham for assisting and supporting the drive through cookout. Mr. Mandile also wanted to recognize the Uxbridge fire fighters for climbing 110 stories on 9/11/2020, to honor the all the fire fighters that sacrificed their lives on 9/11/2001.

7) MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from 8/27/2020:

Motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 27, 2020, as crafted and presented, by Mr. Plasko. Motion seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- Meeting minutes from 9/9/2020:

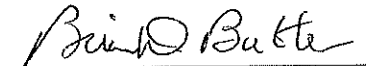
Motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 9, 2020 as crafted and presented, by Ms. Franz. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

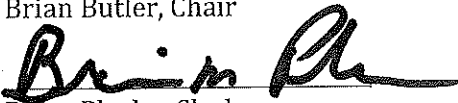
- Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Franz. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Franz YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tipping, for the Board of Selectmen meeting of September 14, 2020.

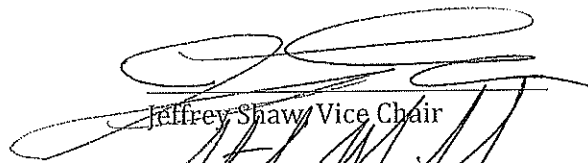



Brian Butler, Chair



Brian Plasko, Clerk

Susan Franz, Member


Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Stephen Mandile, Member

9/28/2020

Date