

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: BOARD MEETING ROOM AND REMOTE
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

Present: Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Select Board Member Stephen Mandile. Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette, Lisa Bernard, Director Council on Aging, Michelle Laramee, Town Accountant, Benn Sherman, Director of Public Works, Peter Demers, Finance Committee, Patrick Stephan, Charter Review Committee, Jane Jassamond, Maslow's Way Abutter, Justus Kyengo, Fairlane Motors, Attorney Robert Bobrowski, Attorney Christopher Alphen, Mr. Ramadar, Principal for Applicant, Kevin Fitzgerald, Hazel St. Abutter, Danielle Marini, Open Space Committee 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 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

Volunteers Needed – See Town Clerk's Office or Town Manager's Office for list of openings.
Community Highlight – Constable. Mr. Butler read the job description for Constable. The position needs to be an Uxbridge resident. Complete online Talent Bank Form or call the Town Clerk's office or Town Manager's Office.

UXCELLENT NEWS (Brian Plasko)

- Recognition scheduled for Susan Franz will be moved to 10/19/20

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

No questions

4. BUSINESS

- a. Public Hearing Continuation – Intent to layout town way: Maslow's Way, Phase II of Tucker Hill Estates.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to open the Public Hearing for the Intent to layout Maslow's Way, Phase II of Tucker Hill Estates. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing was opened.

The Petitioner was not available at the Meeting. The meeting will be moved to continue. Jane (Abutter) sent an email earlier to Mr. Sette with questions. Her questions to be included in next meeting packet. Mr. Sherman commented the DPW has done a final inspection and abutters comments were presented to the Planning Board. The developer has been working on getting it done but there has been no further formal update. Mr. Sherman deferred to the Planning Department for a response. Mr. Sette stated the Finance Committee will also be addressing this issue on 10/14/20.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to continue the Public Hearing on Maslow's way until the 10/19/20 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES, Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

- b. **Public Hearing – Class II License** to purchase and sell second-hand motor vehicles for Fairlane Motors at 504 Quaker Highway.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to open the Public Hearing on the Class II License request at 504 Quaker Highway. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Plasko YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Butler asked if the Board of Selectmen had any questions regarding petition and there were none. Mr. Sette stated the application was complete. The Board discussed the issue with the License applicant on Zoom.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to close the Public Hearing on this matter. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to approve the License application for a Class II License at 504 Quaker Highway, amended to read 15 Cars. Mr. Mandile seconded. Roll Call Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

- c. **Public Hearing – Class II License** to purchase and sell second-hand motor vehicles & **Class III License** for a motor vehicle junk license to Series 1, P.S., a protected Series of Braca, LLC having a business at 0 Hazel Street, 518 Hazel Street, 546 Hazel Street.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to open the Public Hearing for a Class II, License Series of Braca having a business of 518 Hazel Street and 546 Hazel Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Mark Brobowski representing the applicant for the Class II & Class III Licenses, gave an outline of the request and discussed the paperwork. The Board discussed the issue and asked questions of Mr. Brobowski and the abutters. Attorney Alphen displayed photos of the area. Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald, abutter, also asked questions of Mr. Browboski and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Romadar, principle with the applicant, also discussed the application and location also answered questions.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Class II License for Series Braca, LLC for 518 and 546 Hazel Street. Seconded by Mandile; Plasko, YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko motioned to approve the application for the Class II License for Series Braca, LLC for 518 and 546 Hazel Street. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to open the Class III License Hearing for Series Braca, LLC for 518 and 546 Hazel Street. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0. Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Butler asked if there were any questions. No questions by the Board of Selectmen, and no comments or questions from abutters.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to close the Public Hearing for the Class II License for Series Braca at 540-546 Hazel Street. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Public Hearing was officially closed. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to approve the Class III license for Series Braca, LLC at 540-546 Hazel Street. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

d. **Review and approve Open Space Plan**

Ms. Danielle Marini presented the Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Uxbridge to the Board of Selectmen. The board discussed and asked questions during the Presentation. Mr. Butler thanked Ms. Marini for the very comprehensive report. The presentation will be posted to the Town Website. Mr. Patrick Stephan also commented about this report fitting perfectly into a Master Plan for Uxbridge. The Board discussed updating the Master Plan in the future with the Planning Board and possibly a Master Plan sub-committee.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw accept the Open Space Plan as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Mandile, YES; Shaw YES; Plasko YES; Butler YES. Motion carried 4-0.

e. **Update on Hannaford Gift Cards**

Ms. Bernard gave up on Hannaford Gift Cards to the Board. Currently at the maximum of 225 Gift Card limit. Michelle Laramée stated she will be able to send in for reimbursement through the FEMA/Cares Act at least through December and Ms. Laramée stated she can add anyone that's in need of a gift card.

f. **Water Study Presentation**

Mr. Sherman discussed the Water Study Presentation that has been completed and answered questions from the Board and callers on Zoom. Booklets were distributed to the Board and posted on the Website.

g. **DPW Project Update-Construction Update**

Mr. Sherman discussed the status current and future construction projects and answered questions from the Board and callers on Zoom.

h. **Appoint Backup Electrical Inspector – Joseph Bomba & David Ayers**

Mr. Butler stated part-time back up electrical inspectors, (paid at a per inspection basis) are needed due to the recent increases in building.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to appoint Joseph Bomba and David Ayers as back up electrical inspectors. to June 30, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

i. **Approve Warrant for 2020 State Election**

Mr. Butler announced that the Town Clerk's office needed Warrant approval for the 2020 State Election.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to approve the posting of the 2020 State Election warrant. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

j. **Appoint CMRPC BOS delegates (delegate & alternate)**

The Board discussed appointing a Delegate (to replace Selectperson Susan Franz) and an alternate. Mr. Shaw volunteered to be the Delegate (currently alternate) and Mr. Mandile volunteered to be the alternate.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko motioned to appoint Mr. Shaw as the Uxbridge delegate to the CMRPC. Seconded by Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to appoint Mr. Mandile as the Uxbridge alternate to the CMRPC. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

k. **Board/Committee Appointments**

1. Cultural Council: Heather Nicoll exp. 6/30/23 & Ferrell Lamothe exp 6/30/21

MOTION: Mr. Plasko motioned to approve Heather Nicoll to the Cultural Council with a term ending 6/30/23. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to approve Ferrell Lamothe to the Cultural Council. with a term ending 6/30/21, Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

l. **Donations**

1. Senior Center: \$1,000 Fallon grant for annual Thanksgiving meal distribution

MOTION Mr. Shaw motioned to accept the donation, with gratitude, for the \$1k. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Mandile YES; Plasko Yes; Shaw Yes; Butler Yes. Motion passes 4-0.

2. Veteran Affairs:

- a) \$1,000 Unibank gift in the name of former Marine Michael Pasichny on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to accept the donation of \$1k from Unibank in the name of Michael Pasichny. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

- b) \$2,000. CVS gift cards from CVS Headquarters for distribution to Veterans in need.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to accept the \$2k donation from CVS, with gratitude, for veterans in need. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

5. **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

- The McCloskey School continues to be vandalized. The locks been changed. The school building will be cleaned out as of next week. There is a small supply of one-piece desks available if anyone is interested please contact the Town Manager's Office. A local contractor has boarded up the cafeteria windows and the windows were shattered. Uxbridge Police are aware of the matter and have a lead. The School will be closed down but will be used for the upcoming election and will keep it secure.
- The Flu shot clinic will be held tomorrow between 9-11 and 1-3 at the High School by reservation. All 170 drive-through slots are filled. Will be looking into scheduling additional clinics – Call the Board of Health or visit their website for additional information on upcoming Clinics. COVID-19 screenings are done at the Clinic site and anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home. Mr. Sette thanked the Board of Health for setting up the Clinic and Mr. Rubin, the High School Principal for his assistance.

6. **MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS**

- Mr. Plasko stated the Uxbridge Police and Fire Department reported to a Fire on Hazel Street recently on 9/30/20 and were able to save 7 dogs, 4 puppies and 2 cats. The Board thanked the Uxbridge Police and Fire Departments for all they do.
- Mr. Plasko recognized Gabe Wilson, a Senior at St. John's in Shrewsbury, who recently participated in a virtual 26.2-mile Cape Cod marathon. Gabe is the son of Audra and Michael Wilson. Michael was on finance committee. Great Job Gabe!
- Mr. Plasko also was pleased announced that his son Riley's 16th birthday is today. Happy Birthday Riley!
- Mr. Mandile announced that Saturday the Blackstone Valley Opioid Task Force will hold a memorial on the Uxbridge Town Common. 256 purple flags will be set on the common to represent 256 to honor and remember the 256 overdose deaths in Worcester county last year. Also, the group 'No One Walks Alone' offers support to families and to raise awareness and show support to those living with addiction and let them know they matter and they are there for them. There will be a sign in the

Common with a GR code to take a picture. There will also be a free Narcan Training on 10/24/20 including distributing free Narcan. Narcan is used to reverse opioid overdose. There will be a 25 person limit due to Covid-19.

- Mr. Stephan wanted to thank the Town Manager for all of his help the past couple months. He will be sending out an invite to the Board of Selectmen to come to a Charter Review Committee Meeting.

7. **MEETING MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes of September 28, 2020

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to accept the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of 9/28/20. Seconded by Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**


MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.


Next Regular Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

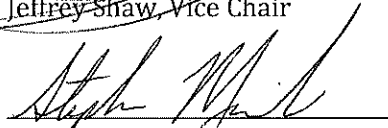
Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tipping.

October 13, 2020 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:


Brian Butler, Chair


Brian Plasko, Clerk


Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair


Stephen Mandile, Member

10/13/2020
Date