

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
LOCATION: BOARD MEETING ROOM AND REMOTE  
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Select Board Member Stephen Mandile. Also present: Susan Franz, State Representative, Michael Soter, Jim Smith, Developer for Maslow's Way, Town Manager Steven Sette and Ellen Welch, 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](http://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. RECOGNITION OF SUSAN FRANZ**

Each member of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Sette and State Representative Michael Soter, gave thanks to Susan Franz for her time spent on the Board of Selectmen, as well as for all her efforts and commitment to the Town of Uxbridge and for making the Town a better place for all. The Board then took approximately a five-minute recess.

**3. BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Smith gave an update of the status of Maslow's Way and Tucker Hill Estates. . An Inspection with Peer Review and DPW has been done. Concerns were addressed. Now waiting for a re-inspection from Town Engineer. The Board discussed the issues with Mr. Smith. Ms. Jassmond, Maslow's Way abutter, asked about concerns she had emailed earlier to Mr. Sette and the Board, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sherman addressed her concerns. Mr. Sette made a suggestion to move out the vote until the 10/26/20 or 11/9/20 Board meeting.

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to move the vote until the Board of Selectmen meeting on 10/26/20. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The Public Hearing is closed but the vote will be continued to the 10/26/20 Board of Selectmen meeting. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.**

- b. **Discuss October 27, 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles, make recommendations, and/or take any action related thereto.**

The Board read and discussed each of the 16 Articles for Town Meeting.

**Article 1: Transfer to Stabilization**

Mr. Shaw asked about the total in the fund. Mr. Sette confirmed the total. Mr. Sette also suggested the wording be changed to read "current balance".

**Motion: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action for Article 1. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.**

**Article 2: Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund**

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 2. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.**

**Article 3: Acceptance of Stabilization Fund Provisions**

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 3. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.**

**Article 4: Revenue Dedication to Capital Stabilization Fund**

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote favorable action on Article 4. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.**

**Article 5: Capital Purchases**

**1. FIRE APPARATUS**

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 5 (Fire Apparatus) Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile; YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.**



2. **DPW APPARATUS**

Motion: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 5 (DPW Apparatus). Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.

3. **POLICE STATION HVAC**

Motion: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote favorable action on Article 5 (Police Station HVAC). Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.

4. **TAFT SCHOOL ROOF**

Motion: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 5 (Taft School Roof) Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.

5. **WHITIN SCHOOL ROOF**

Motion: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote favorable action on Article 5 (Whitin School Roof). Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES, Butler YES. Motion Approved 4-0.

6. **TAFT DOORS**

Motion: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote unfavorable action on Article 5 (Taft Doors) Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion was not approved. Unfavorable Action 4-0.

7. **WHITIN DOORS**

Motion: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote unfavorable action on Article 5 (Whitin Doors). Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion was not approved. Unfavorable Action 4-0.

**ARTICLE 6: ESTABLISH DRUG AWARENESS TASKFORCE**

MOTION: Mr. Mandile recommended to vote favorable action. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

**ARTICLE 7: COMPENSATION STUDY**

MOTION Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 7. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

**ARTICLE 8: LEASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – 59 HAZEL STREET**

MOTION: Article #8 Withdrawn – passed over. Article has already been approved and now needs to be withdrawn at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 9: ESTABLISH RE-ADOPT OPEB TRUST (MGL c.32B, s20)**

MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote favorable action on Article 9. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

**ARTICLE 10: VOLUNTARY DONATION TO MUNICIPAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND BY DESIGNATION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX OR MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS.**

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 10. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.**

**ARTICLE 11: GRANT OF EASEMENT: WEST RIVER PUMP STATION-145 HECLA ST.**

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote favorable action on Article 11. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.**

**ARTICLE 12: AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS BY AMENDING ZONING TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS 7 ZONING TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

**MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to vote favorable action on Article 12. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.**

**ARTICLE 13: ZONING BYLAW REVIEW**

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote unfavorable action on Article 13. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion 4-4 unfavorable.**

**ARTICLE 14: CITIZEN'S PETITION: ACCEPT TUCKER HILL ROAD AS A PUBLIC WAY**

**MOTION: Passed over. Vote scheduled for 10/26/20 Board of Selectmen meeting.**

**ARTICLE 15: CITIZEN'S PETITION: ACCEPT MASLOW'S WAY AS A PUBLIC WAY**

**MOTION: Passed over. Vote scheduled for 10/26/20 Board of Selectmen meeting.**

**ARTICLE 16: CITIZEN'S PETITION: TO NO LONGER CHARGE RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESSES A COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE**

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned to vote unfavorable action on Article 16. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call Vote Plasko YES; Mandile ABSTAIN; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 3-0-1.**

Mr. Sette will put the results on the website as the final version people will be voting on. Ms. Welch will let the Board know when to come in and sign.


State Representative Michael Soter gave update on Municipal and School budgets, expenses, revenue and ongoing projects. He also spoke about multiple power outages with many storms and hopes to get some tree work done before the winter. Mr. Soter will also be extending an invitation to the Secretary to come down to observe and discuss the culverts and obtain her support. Mr. Soter further discussed the Climate bill and COVID as being a moving pendulum. He announced that a warning will be going out tonight over cell phones about COVID in high risk communities. He would like to see the economy up and running while ensuring the public is following the rules put in place for hygiene and businesses, etc. He also encouraged residents to reach out to this office and staff with any concerns. Mr. Butler thanked Mr. Soter on behalf of the residents of the Town and the Board of Selectmen for all his work he does for the Town.


4. ADJOURNMENT

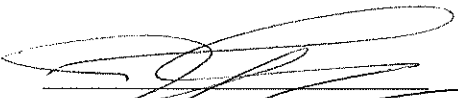
**MOTION:** Mr. Plasko motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Roll Call  
**Vote:** Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

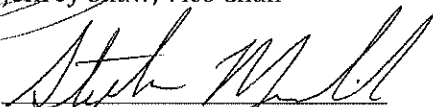
**Next Regular Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tipping.  
October 19, 2020 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
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Brian Butler, Chair

  
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Brian Plasko, Clerk

  
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Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

  
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Stephen Mandile, Member

10/19/2020  
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Date