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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
LOCATION: BOARD MEETING ROOM AND REMOTE
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brian Butler, Vice Chair Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Select Board Member Stephen Mandile. Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette, Ed Maharay, Town Moderator, Kelly Cote, Town Clerk, Uxbridge Community Television and Kathy Tipping, Administrative Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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>.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. Butler announced that long time colleague and friend, Thomas (Tim) Rice passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Butler sent their deepest condolences to the Family. A formal recognition honoring Mr. Rice will be held at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.

2. BUSINESS

a. Consider an adjustment of Town Meeting quorum requirements

As previously discussed, the FATM will be held outdoors on Tuesday December 15th, since there is only one article left for discussion and the fact that the meeting will be held outdoors; there is concern regarding getting a quorum for the meeting; the Governor's Order has given the BOS the ability to adjust the normal quorum due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Board will discuss reducing the quorum to 25 voters. The required advertising for this has been appearing on the Town Website.

Mr. Butler reviewed the set up planned for the continued Town Meeting scheduled to be held outside at the McCloskey School Fields on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Board discussed how important this meeting is and the need to have as many residents attend as possible. After a discussion between the Board, Mr. Maharay and Mr. Sette, the

Board agreed to reduce the quorum requirement from 50 registered voters to 25 registered voters to convene the continuation of the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Butler also reiterated that although the quorum will be reduced to 25 registered voters, there is no limit as to how many residents can attend the meeting and encouraged as many residents that can attend, do so.


MOTION: Mr. Shaw motioned that the Board of Selectmen reduce the quorum required to convene the continuation of the Fall Annual Town Meeting by reducing the quorum from 50 registered voters to 25 registered voters; as acting under Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, Section 7. Motion seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote: Mandile YES; Plasko YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

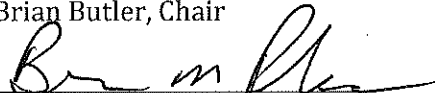
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Mandile motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Plasko. Roll Call VOTE: Plasko YES; Mandile YES; Shaw YES; Butler YES. Motion passed 4-0.

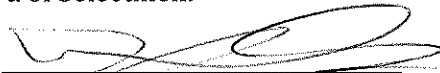

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tipping.
December 9, 2020 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:


Brian Butler, Chair


Brian Plasko, Clerk

12/28/2020
Date:


Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Stephen Mandile, Member