



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

SEVEN TOWN CLERK  
2022 FEB 17 PM 4:25

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

**Present:** Chairman Brian Butler and Member Peter DeMers

**Present Via Zoom:** Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Member John Wise

**Also Present:** Town Manager Steve Sette, Admin. Assistant Alexandra Clauss      **Not Present:** Clerk Stephen Mandile

- 1) ROLL CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
*DeMers-HERE, Wise-HERE, Butler-HERE, Shaw-late arrival: 6:13 PM*

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE:** to recess tonight's meeting to Lower Town Hall for approximately thirty (30) minutes for the purpose of awarding certificates to the Uxbridge High School sports teams. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

*DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES*

*Recognition occurred in Lower Town Hall before the Board reconvened in the Board of Selectmen meeting room.*

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE:** to continue the meeting for January 24, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

*DeMers-YES, Wise-AYE, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed: Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): Currently looking for one (1) Associate Member; anyone interested, please submit an online talent bank form as soon as possible for consideration.
    - <https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/board-selectmen/webforms/talent-bank-form-volunteer>
  - b) Uxcellent News:              Wise regarding: Spartan Sports Recognition
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – Matthew Keene, 220 Sutton Street, Chair of School Committee regarding: commendation to the Board for recognition of youth sport success in Uxbridge.
- 4) BUSINESS
- a) Turner Farm Rd./Cobblers Knoll Subdivision discussion

The Board asked for an update on the agreement for this Subdivision. Town Planner, Jack Hunter has been working with Town Counsel and the developer on an agreement to ensure that Phase 1 is completed satisfactorily. The agreement has yet to be signed and being past due, Jack Hunter is to meet with Attorney Jay Talerman on this.

- b) Continuation: Pine Ridge Estates: proposal for 36 home single-family residential development pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40B

Eastland Partners Developer, Clay Williams presented a revised conceptual plan of the proposed development incorporating suggested changes the Board asked for from a previous meeting. Here with Turning Point Engineering, Travis expressed the need for DPW to update the Memorandums on Water Capacity and Sanitary Sewers. Town Planner, Jack Hunter had questions on the Friendly 40B process and suggested all Abutter's be notified before the process begins. Board Member DeMers proposed a joint meeting with Zoning, Planning, and the Town Planner to better discuss the 40B process and development.

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE:** for a continuation of the Pine Ridge Estates proposal for the thirty-six (36) units to be forty (40) pending further discussion with the appropriate Boards. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

*DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**c) Pole Hearings – Petition for Joint Pole Re-Locations from Mass Electric Co. & Verizon:**

- i. Cross Road – install poles 8-84
- ii. Hazel Street – install poles 19-84 and 1/2 and relocate pole 19
- iii. Douglas Street – install mid span pole 69-50 and relocate poles 47-50, 48, 49, 50, 51 on Douglas Street

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Shaw

**VOTE:** to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing electric pole requests from National Grid and Verizon. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

Tatiane Leonel and Michael Parent with National Grid via Zoom to provide background information on pole requests.

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE:** to close the Public Hearing for the installation of poles on Cross Road, Hazel Street, and Douglas Street. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Shaw

**VOTE:** to approve the Joint petition from Mass. Electric and Verizon to install poles at 8-84 on Cross Road. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE:** to approve the Joint petition from Mass. Electric and Verizon to relocate Pole 19 and install poles 19-84 and 1/2 on Hazel Street. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Shaw

**VOTE:** to approve the joint petition from Mass Electric and Verizon to install a mid-span pole 69-50 and to relocate poles 47-50, 48, 49, 50 and 51 on Douglas Street. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

*DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**d) Right of First Refusal: 61B Classified Land - O Chestnut Street**

The owner of this land, Marcia Ferro (176 Aldrich St.) is looking for the Board to waive their Right of First Refusal prior to the sale of this land. Attorney Mark Wickstrom via Zoom on behalf of his client to Marcia Ferro to explain the background of this lot of land. The land has been taxed as three different parcels; however, last year Planning Board approved this as one (1) buildable lot. The lot has no address yet, hence tentative listing of "O Chestnut Street".

**MOTION:** Wise                      **SECOND:** DeMers

**VOTE:** "Pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Sell land taxed under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61B, I move that the Town of Uxbridge NOT exercise and hereby waives its right of first refusal under said Chapter, to purchase that certain tract of land situated on the northerly side of Chestnut Street, the description of which is as follows:

13.35 acres, more or less, shown as "LOT 1" on a Plan of Land owned by Marcia G. Ferro, said plan being dated February 10, 2021 and is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 960 plan 9. The Notice of Intent was submitted for the purchase price of \$162,500.00 and the property may be sold for no less than that amount pursuant to this waiver." All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

*DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

**e) Winter Services Discussion**

- i. BOS Policy Review - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Winter Maintenance on Unaccepted Subdivision Streets & Private Ways
- ii. BOS Policy Review - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Winter Sand Use Policy

Tonight, the Board discussed the updated, aforementioned policies and after a Second Reading, the Board approved both policies. Once approved, the Administrative Assistant will submit to the Town Clerk and post on the website.

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to accept the Winter Maintenance on Unaccepted Subdivision Streets & Private Ways policy as presented. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES**

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Shaw

**VOTE: to accept the Winter Sand Use Policy as presented. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES**

f) 2022 Water & Sewer meeting dates/times discussion

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for 2/28, the same day as the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners discussed meeting at 4:00 P.M. and continuing into a BOS Meeting at their normally scheduled time of 6:30 P.M. The Board selected quarterly Water & Sewer Commissioner meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to adopt Monday, February 28, Monday, May 23, Monday, August 29, and Monday, November 28 as Water & Sewer Commissioner meetings. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES**

g) BOS 2022 Objectives discussion

Chairman Butler proposed moving this Business line item to the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting; with no objections and support from Vice Chairman Shaw, the Board should discuss the 2022 BOS Objectives on February 14, 2022.

5) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) New Hires officially started
- b) MMA 2022 held Virtually: Governor Baker requested an additional \$200 mil. for Chapter 90
- c) Newly announced: State aid going up to 2.7% for cities and towns

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Wise regarding: kudos to DPW for filling pot holes in a timely manner; also, See, Click, Fix App. to report these pot holes; Thank you Department/Board of Health Administrative Assistant, Sarah Manganelli – who is now moving on to new ventures
- b) Butler regarding: kudos to Paul Morante, Highway Supervisor of DPW, on filling pot holes

7) MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2021 Minutes

**MOTION:** DeMers                      **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes of Monday, December 20, 2021. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES**

January 10, 2022 Minutes

**MOTION:** Shaw                              **SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes of Monday, January 10, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES**

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, February 14, 2022 6:30 P.M.

**MOTION:** DeMers

**SECOND:** Shaw

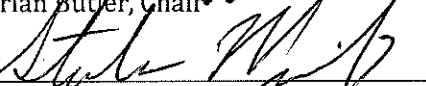
**VOTE:** to adjourn this January 24, 2022 meeting at 7:52 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

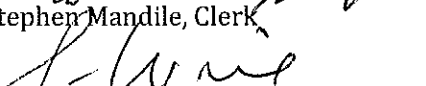
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

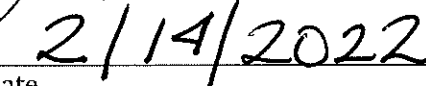
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss


January 24, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

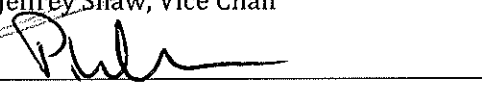
  
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John Wise, Selectman

  
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Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

  
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Peter DeMers, Selectman

*List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used*

*Agenda Notes*

*Pine Ridge Estates PowerPoint*

*NGRID Pole Petition Memorandums:*

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*Douglas Street – install mid span pole 69-50 and relocate poles 47-50, 48, 49, 50, 51*

*Email Correspondence:*

*Mark P. Wickstrom, Right of First Refusal*

*Right of First Refusal Packet*

*Board of Selectmen Policies:*

*Winter Maintenance of Unaccepted Subdivision Streets and Private Ways*

*Winter Sand Use*

*2022 BOS Meeting Dates*

*Minutes Dated: December 20, 2021, January 10, 2022*