



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022

2022-02-28 10:00 AM
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This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephan Mandile, and Member John Wise
Present via Zoom/Telephone: Member Peter DeMers (arrived 6:41 PM)
Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Admin. Assistant Alexandra Clauss

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM after recess from the Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting. Pledge of Allegiance recited at the Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting.
- 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) Volunteers needed: Capital Planning Committee and Stormwater Committee; Anyone interested, please fill out a talent bank form to submit online or to the Town Manager's Office. A 10-day posting is required before a member can be appointed to a Board or Committee.
 - b) Uxcellent News: Wise regarding: the current tragedy in Ukraine, our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected!
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak
- 4) BUSINESS

Chairman Butler proposed moving line item c) to the first discussion topic and with no objections, discussion ensued on the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes – see below.

- a) \$1,065,285 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) (renewal money)

The Board of Selectmen voted to allow the Treasurer/Collector, Jessica Messer, to renew the BAN in the amount of \$1,065,285 for FY23. Please see attached for the extended Vote of the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that the Board “adopt the vote prepared by bond counsel in connection with the Town’s bond anticipation note renewal.” The motion carried 4-0-0. Wise-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE (DeMers-not present yet)

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

Clay Williams, developer of Eastland Partners, with Travis Brown from Turning Point Engineering, presented the results of the meetings held with project abutters and department heads regarding this project. Town Planner, Jack Hunter, was present via Zoom to aid in review and discussion of this project. Discussion ensued with questions on the environmental impact of water runoff and dedicating more of the proposed homes to affordable housing. Paul Balutis, 40 Taft Hill Lane, regarding the use of easements for Fire/ Emergency access, on water pressure, and on the density and safety of proposed development. Eastland Partners will submit an amended Notice of Intent with updated project information. Town Manager Sette, clarified one of those changes as the original proposal went from a 36- to 40-home development. Eastland Partners agreed to tie in the infrastructure if Paul Hutnak, P.E. – DPW Civil Engineer, secures the easement with all Abutters.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen support the proposed changes, including emphasis on attaining the easement for water, to the proposed plan for a 40B project known as Pine Ridge Estates and provided a letter of support for the project as necessary. The motion carried 4-1-0.

DeMers-NO, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

c) Continuation: Non-Criminal Disposition

Chairman Butler reviewed background information regarding the continuation of the adoption of non-criminal disposition enforcement by the Uxbridge Police Department. This would need an approval at Town Meeting, but would allow the Police Department to issue a ticket/citation in situations other than the Chapter 90 violations they have approval for in M.G.L. now. Previously, the Board discussed the current limitations of the Police Department, current by-laws or sections of such affected by this, and adopting very specific parameters for Non-Criminal Disposition to be used in the future; further discussion ensued on: safety of snow removal and parking around fire hydrants, the appeal process, and having a Certified Hearing Officer. Sette briefly reviewed the parameters of non-criminal disposition in surrounding towns and proposed the Board move this discussion to the Fall Annual Town Meeting after further discussion among the Board and Department Heads – such as Police and Fire, to prioritize enforcement items.

No vote.

d) Blackstone Watershed Collaborative

Stefanie Covino, Watershed Program Manager, presented the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative via Zoom to try and establish a Resolution to identify specific Town impacts and how the Resolution could be beneficial. Covino gave a brief review of the new organization, established in 2021, as well as the history of the Blackstone Watershed and the goals of the Collaboration. Potential local goals briefly discussed: land protection, storm water management – such as decreases in flooding, and culvert replacement. There is no cost to the Municipality as Covino is with Clark University in a position created through EPA federal funding with the goal to increase climate resiliency among the Watershed. Covino can also help to assist with: MVP, Action Grants, and Letters of Support to gain certain project funding. Shaw inquired further on the clearing of Water Chestnuts and how the Collaboration could help in that; Covino referred to Zap the Blackstone, and confirmed she can connect Uxbridge with volunteers for such projects. The Board will hold vote until further discussion and presentation to other affected Departments and Boards occurs. **No vote.**

e) MassDevelopment: PACE

Rob Anderson and Rob Dolan presented the Board of Selectmen with the PACE program and look for their support of the program via the resolution as supplied to the Board. In essence, the PACE program is a tool for property owners to finance energy improvements. Discussion ensued among the Board and program representatives; Chairman Butler is holding the vote of support until further deliberation between the program representatives and the Treasurer/ Collector.

No vote.

f) Approval of Conservation Restrictions (a portion of 515 Douglas Street and Lot 5 High Street) associated with the Amazon Project

This Conservation Restriction has already been approved by the Conservation Commission but also needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen for recording. Shauna Twomey, Campanelli Development Associate, was present via Zoom to witness the signing; Rob Demarco from Campanelli assisted via Zoom in answering questions of the Board.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the Conservation Restriction as presented. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

g) Local Initiative Program (LIP) Sale of 41 Andrews Drive, Uxbridge

There is a request from the Power of Attorney, Denise Davis, for the previous resident, Donna Davis, of 41 Andrews Drive, to sell this property; since this unit is considered an affordable unit, Board of Selectmen approval is needed. Sette provided the Board with background information on this property and the sale of.

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request from Denise Davis, the resident of 41 Andrews Drive, to sell the unit at this address and that the unit remain an affordable unit. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

h) SATM sponsor street acceptance article for Maslow's Way

Jim Smith, the developer for Maslow's Way, is asking for the Board of Selectmen to sponsor the request for Maslow's Way to be accepted as a town road at Town Meeting. Brief discussion ensued among the Board.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen place an Article on the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant to accept Maslow's Way as a town road. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

i) 2nd Reading: BOS Annual Report

As clerk of the Board of Selectmen, Mandile prepared and presented the Annual Report. Changes and corrections were submitted to the Administrative Assistant prior to this Second Reading and as such, this constitutes a Second Reading for the BOS Annual Report.

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen accept the Board of Selectmen Annual Report as presented. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

5) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Website Update
- b) Budget Season Update
- c) Hiring of Conservation Agent

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Wise and Butler regarding Recognition to Board Member Shaw for his continued dedication to Town Boards and improving Uxbridge, his leadership and involvement in Boy Scouts, and supporting the youth in and around Uxbridge!

7) MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: **MARCH 14, 2022.**

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to adjourn this February 28, 2022 meeting at 8:49 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

February 28, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

Brian Butler, Chair

Stephen Mandile, Clerk

John Wise, Selectman

3/14/2022
Date

Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used

Agenda Notes

Pine Ridge Estates Proposal

Non-Criminal Disposition Packet

Email Correspondence: Jessica Messer – BAN Sale Vote

General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) Packet

Blackstone Watershed Collaborative PowerPoint

MassDevelopment: PACE Presentation & Resolution

Conservation Restrictions Packet

Local Initiative Program (LIP) Packet – 41 Andrews Drive

SATM Sponsored Article – Maslow's Way

BOS Annual Report

Minutes Dated February 14, 2022

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held February 28, 2022, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of \$1,065,285 2.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the Town dated March 4, 2022, and payable March 3, 2023, to Piper Sandler & Co. at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$9,363.85.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 17, 2022, and a final Official Statement dated February 24, 2022, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the agenda for the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was posted on the bulletin board of the Town at least 48 hours before the meeting in compliance with Section 6(b) of Article 7 of the Town Charter.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: February 28, 2022


Clerk of the Board of Selectmen