



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

RECD UXBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
2022 03 28 4:12 PM

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, and Member Peter DeMers

Present via Zoom: Member John Wise (arrival: 6:35 PM) and Clerk Stephen Mandile (arrival: 6:39 PM) **Also Present:** Town Manager Steve Sette, Administrative Assistant Alexandra Clauss

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Butler called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) Volunteers needed: Cable Advisory Committee
 - b) Uxcellent News: Moment of Silence for Eileen A. Gorman, formerly of East Hartford Ave., long time Uxbridge Resident who passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022.
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – Pat Stephan, 44 Andrews Drive, regarding an update to a previous Business discussion on the Summerfield Taft Hill FY 2022 Assessments & Taxes

There was a request from Board of Selectmen Member DeMers to move the Town Manager update to this part of the meeting.

- 4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE:
 - a) Recreation Department Survey on Town Website
 - b) Wednesday, April 20th Senior Center Luncheon Volunteer Appreciation
 - c) Chief Montminy regarding new Regional Animal Control – Blackstone Valley ACO Partnership with surrounding Towns, including benefits and future of the program
- 5) BUSINESS
 - a) Revised Warrant for Annual Town Election May 24, 2022: sign

The Town Clerk, Kelly Cote, has asked for the Board to revise the Annual Town Election Warrant. Present via Zoom, Cote discussed the need for that change and the Board voted accordingly.

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to accept the revised Warrant for the Annual Town Election for May 24th, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

- b) Board/Committee Appointment: Cultural Council – Deborah Cang

Deborah Cang applied for the opening on the Cultural Council. The Board reviewed her Talent Bank Form and Resume before discussion and appointment.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Deborah Cangi to the open Cultural Council position to expire June 30, 2025. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

c) ABCC License Hearings:

i) Uxbridge Progressive Club, Inc., 18 Whitin Street: Change of Manager & Director

The Uxbridge Progressive Club is looking to make a Change of Manager and a Change to their Board of Directors on their liquor license with the ABCC; Albertus Alexander III, present via Zoom, is the individual being added to the license. The Club and Mr. Alexander have submitted all proper paperwork and gone through the steps needed to have these changes made. Town Manager Sette provided the Board with background information on this Business item and discussion ensued.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve Mr. Albertus Alexander III, as the new manager of the Uxbridge Progressive Club. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve Albertus Alexander III as a member of the Uxbridge Progressive Club Board of Directors. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

ii) Cab Realty aka Mom's Restaurant, 307 N. Main Street: Tax Lien

This item is in front of the Board of Selectmen again due to a failure to stay current with the payment agreement in place with the aforementioned business. The Town Manager and the Treasurer Collector met with Mrs. Bergeron and her daughter to discuss this issue last week; Treasurer Collector Jessica Messer was present to update everyone on this Business discussion and situation. April 1st payment to be made with the sale of Tax Lien scheduled for April 28th. The tax lien sale will allow for Uxbridge to become current in payment, as well as allowing Business Owner Bergeron to pay to stay current with Uxbridge from this time forward.

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to advise the Town Treasurer to move forward with the sale of the tax lien as proposed for 307 N. Main Street. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

d) Uxbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan – Letter of Support

The Board was asked to support the development of the Town of Uxbridge 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan, as prepared by the Town's Open Space Committee and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC); a sample of the letter was provided to the Board. Town Manager Sette provided background explanation and Board Member Shaw expanded on the Plan from a Conservation perspective. Dani Marini with CMRPC was present via Zoom to explain the use and benefits of this fluid changing Plan. Discussion ensued and the Board voted accordingly.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen write a letter in support of the development of the Town of Uxbridge 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

e) DPW: Pavement Management & Construction Updates: Benn Sherman

Each year at the beginning of the Construction season, DPW Director Benn Sherman, is asked to come and present the DPW Plans for the season; Sherman presented this all-encompassing update to the Board of Selectmen along with DPW Assistant Director, Paul Hutnak. Discussion ensued among the Board and both DPW representatives; the new GeoDOT application was shown and explained, along with a breakdown of the Roadway Forecast Model and projections on funding regarding these planned and future projects. **NO VOTE NEEDED.**

f) Public Safety Committee Recommendations:

- i) No Parking on Hartford Ave. West from Intersection of Rte. 122 to the second driveway
- ii) Hartford Marathon Foundation RiMaConn Relay Event: Saturday, August 27th
- iii) Mendon St. & Oak St. Closure: Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade: Sunday, April 24th

Chief Montminy discussed each of the Public Safety items via Zoom; the RiMaConn relay is an annual request and the organizers of this event do a great job on race day to coordinate with the Town(s) so there are no issues; the Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade is also an annual event with good coordination. The No Parking request is as a result of the narrowing of the road shoulders after the West Hartford Avenue road construction. Business item i) No Parking on Hartford Ave. West from Intersection of Rte. 122 to the second driveway is to be continued at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting Monday, April 4, 2022 after further investigation.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the requests from the Public Safety Committee to a parking ban from Mendon Street and Oak Street closure for the Baseball/ Softball Opening Day Parade Sunday, April 24th and to support the Hartford Marathon Foundation Rhode Island, Mass., Connecticut Rely Event on Saturday, August 27th. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

g) Special Municipal Employees Designation

A request came in from a member of the Conservation Commission for certain boards or committees to be designated as Special Municipal employees to act in another capacity outside their appointed one without violating ethics or laws. Town Manager Sette gave the Board background information regarding this request and M.G.L. law pertaining to it; Paul Balutis, Conservation Commission Member, present via Zoom to expand on the background information given. Discussion ensued among the Board; however, this Business item may need to continue at a future meeting of the Board for Vote. **NO VOTE NEEDED.**

h) Uxbridge Clean-up Day: Saturday, April 9th – Endorsement

The Board of Health is organizing the Uxbridge Cleanup Day on April 9th and is seeking the Board of Selectmen's endorsement of the event. After background information and brief discussion, the Board expressed their support and verbal endorsement of the event. **NO VOTE NEEDED.**

- i) Host Community Agreement: Medical Marijuana – Grass Appeal, LLC, 79 River Road

The owners of this establishment are seeking to add becoming a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center to their HCA and apply to the Cannabis Control Commission for licensure. They currently hold a retail license as well as a manufacture/cultivation license and are asking for the approval of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to add this to their HCA. Town Manager Sette gave background information on this event and after brief discussion, the Board voted accordingly.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen direct the Town Manager to negotiate an addition to or a new HCA with Grass Appeal for a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Shaw regarding: the upcoming Spring Annual Town meeting and all the meetings (joint and otherwise) pertaining to that Town Meeting, with town participation encouraged!
- b) DeMers regarding: Town Counsel performance and discussions on litigation
- c) Wise regarding: Uxbridge Senior Connection April 10, 2022 Easter Meal Delivery; end of May Memorial Day Parade; commendation to Aiden Ross in recent Cross-Country triumphs
- d) Mandile regarding: Zoom difficulty and thanks to everyone for patience through his surgery, healing, and participation via Zoom during that time
- e) Butler regarding: Member Mandile's recent surgery, recovery, and continued dedication and support of and on the Board of Selectmen

7) MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-1. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-ABSTAIN

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: **APRIL 4, 2022.**

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: DeMers

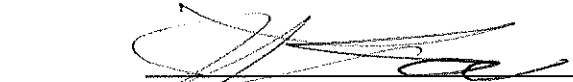
VOTE: to adjourn this March 28, 2022 meeting at 9:39 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
March 28, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

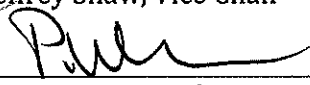


Brian Butler, Chair


Stephen Mandile, Clerk




Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman



John Wise, Selectman



Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Notes

Revised Warrant for Annual Town Election May 24, 2022

Cultural Council Appointment Packet

Email Correspondence: Kerry Boucher - Uxbridge Progressive Club

Uxbridge Progressive Club ABCC Packet

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Minutes Dated March 14, 2022

