



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
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This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, and Members John Wise and Peter DeMers (arrival: 7:17 PM)

Present via Zoom: Clerk Stephen Mandile

Not Present: Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw (Chairman of Conservation Commission this evening)

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Administrative Assistant Alexandra Clauss

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) Volunteers needed – Disability Commission
 - b) Uxcellent News – Wise regarding:
 - i. Friday, April 1st Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy at the Senior Center
 - ii. Sunday, April 10th: Rise Up Initiative at Senior Center 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
 - iii. Wednesday, April 20th: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Senior Center
 - iv. Friday, April 29th: Senior Center Open House 10 am – 1 pm
 - v. Senior Center Easter Party luncheon date change: Friday, April 22nd - RSVP please
 - vi. Recognition to Uxbridge Field Hockey on recent Accomplishments
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak

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

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to move item #5, Town Manager Update, forward. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

- 4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE
 - a) Recognition to Treasurer Collector Jessica Messer regarding the collection of \$95,000 in taxes after listing recent Tax Sale in the newspaper
 - b) April 12, 13, and 14th: Budget Review with Finance Committee and the Town Manager
 - c) Additional Chapter 90 money allotted for Uxbridge

- 5) BUSINESS
 - a) Public Hearings:

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to open the Public Hearing for Pole Hearings for the joint petition from Mass Electric Co. & Verizon to install a new pole at # 107-25 at 710 Douglas Street and for a joint petition from Mass Electric Co. and Verizon to install a new stub pole #P34-84 at 162 Oak Street. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

Chairman Butler provided the Board with background information on the Pole Petitions; member Wise provided photos with background for reference and questions on pole placement(s).

- i) Pole Hearing 1: Joint pole petition from Mass. Electric Co. & Verizon to install a new pole #107-25 at 710 Douglas Street

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to approve the joint pole petition for Mass Electric and Verizon to install a new pole at #107-25 at 710 Douglas Street with the addendum that the pole will be placed no less than two (2) feet away from the edge of the road unless otherwise obstructed. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

- ii) Pole Hearing 2: Joint pole petition from Mass. Electric Co. & Verizon to install a new stub pole #P34-84 at 162 Oak Street

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to approve the joint petition from Mass Electric Co. and Verizon to install a new stub pole #P34-84 at 162 Oak Street to be no less than two (2) feet away from the edge of the road unless otherwise obstructed. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to close the Public Hearing. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to open the Public Hearing for the License for Storage of Flammable, Combustible and Explosive Materials for Unilock New England at 35 Commerce Drive. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

- iii) License for Storage of Flammable, Combustible & Explosive Materials: Unilock New England at 35 Commerce Drive

Representatives John Flaherty with Devaney Energy (submitted proposal application) and Jay Lemire, Plant Manager at Unilock New England, were present in person to speak about and answer questions on this License application.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the license for the Storage of Flammable, Combustible and Explosive Materials for Unilock New England at 35 Commerce Drive. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: to close the Public Hearing. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES*

- b) Board/Committee Appointments:

- i) Historical Commission: Genie Stack
- ii) Recreation Commission: Sarah Burke

There is an Alternate position opening on the Historical Commission that needs to be filled and Genie Stack has expressed interest in filling that spot; there is also an open spot on the Recreation Commission and Sarah Burke has expressed an interest in filling that spot.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Genie Stack to the open Historical Commission Alternate position to expire June 30, 2024. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Sarah Burke to the open Recreation Commission position to expire June 30, 2025. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

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

The Board of Selectmen had discussion on this issue at its last meeting and wanted to wait to see if an installment payment was made on Friday, April 1st to keep the account current and decide on further action. Town Manager Sette updated the Board on this Business item and discussion ensued – March 28th Vote stands and no new motion/vote is needed. **NO VOTE NEEDED.**

d) Continuation: Public Safety Committee Recommendation:

i) No Parking on Hartford Ave. West from Intersection of Rte. 122 to the second driveway

The Board of Selectmen asked Chief Montminy to check on the parking situation at this site prior to approving or rejecting the request from the Public Safety Committee. Chief Montminy was present in person to deliberate on his findings and answer questions of the Board.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request from the Public Safety Committee as proposed. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

Representative Al Galvin, Design Engineer for National Grid, present in-person to discuss previous Business item a) regarding the Public Hearings for the proposed Pole Petitions. Galvin answered questions of the Board on pole placement and reviewed Member Wise's pole placement photos; Galvin stated the need to highlight the previous Board request of pole placement being as far back from the road as possible.

e) Continuation: Special Municipal Employees

A request came in from a member of the Conservation Commission for certain boards or committees to be designated as Special Municipal employees in order to act in another capacity outside their appointed one without violating ethics or other laws. Town Manager Sette expanded on the background information for this discussion and the Board discussed inviting proponents of this designation to appear in front of the Board to express their individual want/ need.

NO VOTE NEEDED.

f) BOS Policy Review: Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Policy

This policy was selected as the next one for the Board of Selectmen to review and comment on; this will constitute the first reading of the policy. Town Manager Sette provided background information on the Policy and explained the need to make changes. Discussion ensued and the Board decided to designate Members DeMers and Mandile to guide this research and discussion.

NO VOTE NEEDED.

g) 2022 Objectives Discussion

The Board of Selectmen began a discussion on their objectives for the next year, it was tabled and brought back tonight to see if there was an interest in the continued discussion. Sette provided background information and the intent of these objectives. Discussion ensued on the up-coming joint meetings with FinCom for the Annual Town Meeting and how they might impact the Board of Selectmen objectives.

NO VOTE NEEDED.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Wise regarding: three (3) Town Scholarships available and where to find them on the Town website – all due April 28, 2022:
 - i) Virginia Blanchard Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000-\$3,000 awarded to any Uxbridge resident that is a graduating senior (does not have to be in Uxbridge School District)
 - ii) Uxbridge High Scholarship: \$1,000 to five (5) Uxbridge High School graduating seniors
 - iii) Uxbridge Town Scholarship Fund: \$1,000 awarded to any Uxbridge resident that is a graduating senior (does not have to be in Uxbridge School District)
- b) DeMers regarding: unique position of the Assistant Town Clerk, Tara Mullen, and her direct positive impact on the Town Hall and everyone who comes in for Business; all Board members supported and agreed with this Recognition!

7) MEETING MINUTES

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: **TUES., APRIL 26, 2022.**

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to adjourn this April 4, 2022 meeting at 7:50 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

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

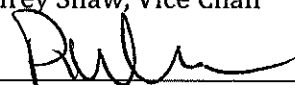
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
April 4, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



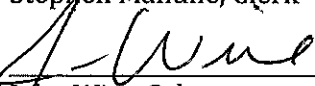
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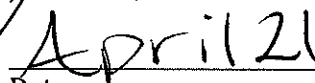
Stephen Mandile, Clerk



Peter DeMers, Selectman



John Wise, Selectman



Date April 26, 2022.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet

NGRID Pole Petition Packets: 710 Douglas Street & 162 Oak Street

Unilock New England Flammable License Packet

Board/ Committee Appointment Packet

Chief of Police Memorandum

Special Municipal Employees Vote

Uxbridge Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Policy

Board of Selectmen Proposed Objectives Topics

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