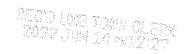


TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM 21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 6:30 P.M.



This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Members John Wise and Peter

DeMers

Present via Zoom: Clerk Stephen Mandile (arrival: 6:28 PM)

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

1) <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed: Disability Commission all positions currently open
- b) Uxcellent News:
 - ➤ Wise regarding:
 - i. May 10th Spring Annual Town Meeting at Valley Chapel
 - ii. May 24th Town Elections
 - iii. May 29th Memorial Day Parade, more information to follow
 - iv. Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade, 70th Anniversary with Soter & Fattman
 - v. Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon: Board of Selectmen Recognition to Catherine Thornton for her 10 years of Volunteering
 - > Butler regarding: Moment of Silence for Representative Soter's mother, Carol Soter
- 3) <u>CITIZENS' FORUM</u> Travis DoRosario, 6 Peter Street, regarding Board of Selectmen approval for Return of Fireworks at McCloskey as approved by Public Safety Committee: July 9, 5-9 PM; John Wise regarding clock faces and clockwork on the Unitarian Church

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Upcoming proposal projects for Fall
- b) Warrant Report posting, estimated release: tomorrow
- c) Spring Annual Town Meeting Logistics Meeting

5) **BUSINESS**

a) Board/Committee Appointments:

Butler reviewed background information regarding the open Board and Committee seats, including that of the applicants: Robyn Nasuti expressed interest in the opening on the Recreation Commission; Maurice Guilbault expressed interest in the opening on the Historic Cemetery Committee; lastly, Brian MacDonald expressed interest in the open Constable position. Brief discussion ensued among the Board and appointees were Voted upon.

i) Robyn Nasuti - Recreation Commission

MOTION: Mandile SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Robyn Nasuti to the open Recreation Commission 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

ii) Maurice Guilbault - Historic Cemetery Committee

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Maurice Guilbault to the open Historic Cemetery Committee 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

iii) Brian MacDonald - Constable

MOTION: Mandile SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen appoint Brian MacDonald to the open Constable 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

b) Common Vic License: Nor' Easter Blizzard's Inc. - 278 North Main St.

Business owner Robert Chaille is looking to open an Ice Cream Shop at this location; all aspects of acquiring this license have been fulfilled and they are looking for Board of Selectmen approval. Mr. Chaille stated possible business hours to be Tuesday-Sunday from 1 PM – 9 PM, with six (6) picnic tables located outside and a 20 x 20 carport. Safety precautions were also briefly discussed.

MOTION: Shaw SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the Common Victualler License for Nor' Easter Blizzard's Inc. at 278 North Main Street. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

c) Discussion & Vote: ABCC Quota Increase Review: Special Legislation – increase off premise license §15 supermarket, liquor store, or gas station

The Town recently received an increase of on-premise licenses by the ABCC. Off-premise number of licenses was not changed as this is based on population and would not be changed until the 2030 US Census, if a population change warranted it. Any desire to change the off-premise number would need to be done through Special Legislation; Town Manager Sette reviewed background information and discussion ensued on desire for this Special Legislation. Nady Gergous, owner of 30 Douglas Street, present via Zoom to express interest in opening a business at said location – with the caveat of obtaining an off-premise license. No Vote needed; the Board supported seeking Special Legislation – especially with possible applicants already in the queue.

d) Spring Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 7pm - Warrant Articles, Make Recommendations, Sign Warrant Report, and/or Take any Action Related thereto

The Board had not voted its recommendation on Article 3, the Town Budget, as it was waiting on the Revenue discussion with the Finance Committee held last Thursday. Brief follow-up discussion occurred.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen recommend Favorable action on Article 3, the Town

Budget. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

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

This policy was selected as the next one for the Board to review and comment on. Board Members DeMers and Mandile were responsible for working together on this Policy with the respective individuals within Town Hall – i.e. Veterans' Services Director – Carl Bradshaw, Principle Assessor – Ken O'Brien, and Senior Center Director – Lisa Bernard. Discussion ensued on the developments made through these conversations like program participants, surrounding town involvement, and provisions included; further discussion on deciding factors to be made in about a month.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Wise regarding: all Town Scholarships due April 28th; old Charly's Variety store owner: Glenn Skip Salmonsen, Guinness Book of World Records Water Ski Champion: August 26, 1976 on Manchaug Pond, 34 hours 54 minutes 42 seconds (beating the record by 39 mins)
- b) Sette regarding: Executive Session dates with Town Counsel to come
- c) Butler regarding: May 10th Spring Annual Town Meeting Town involvement is necessary for voices and opinions to be heard; May 24th Town Elections

7) MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to accept the Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 5-

0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

April 4, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: to accept the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2022. The motion

carried 4-0-1. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-ABSTAIN, Butler-YES

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to adjourn this April 26, 2022 meeting at 7:44 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 April 26, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

Brian Butler, Chair

Stephen andile Clerk

own Wise Selectman

Date

Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet Board/Committee Appointment Packet Common Victualler License Packet Special Legislation:

> Email Correspondence M.G.L. pertaining to Uxbridge Quota Breakdown

Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Votes Uxbridge Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Policy Meeting Minutes dated: March 28, 2022, April 4, 2022