

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 6:30 PM**

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2022 OCT 5 PM3:18

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Clerk Stephen Mandile, and Member John Wise

Not Present: Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw and Member Peter DeMers

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: **ZBA/ Zoning Board of Appeals – Two (2) Associate Openings!**

b) Uxcellent News:

- i. Saturday, September 17th: Uxbridge High School Football vs. BVT – WON 32-0
- ii. Mike Soter's Senior Center Luncheon at McCloskey parking lot with about 120-130 attendees; Mendon Street Kitchen supplied the food; thank you to all involved!
- iii. Golf Event Fundraiser to raise money for the Council on Aging; Happy Birthday to Senior Center Director, Lisa Bernard!
- iv. Uxbridge Police Department's 5k Run/ Walk Foot Pursuit
- v. Soter's Recycling Event with possible future partnerships for recycling in Uxbridge
- vi. Polish Hall Fundraiser to support Pout Pond was a success!
- vii. Pout Pond's last event of the year: Saturday, September 24th from 1-4 PM
- viii. Fire Department Upgrade: replace both Engine 3 and Rescue 1 with Engine 5; as a result, fewer annual expenses are projected
- ix. Kindness Rocks with Member Mandile: Pout Pond – 1-3 PM Saturday, September 24th

3) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) October 3rd BOS Meeting Date Discussion – BOS Meeting date changed to Tuesday, October 4, 2022 to vote recommendations on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant. This change was made due to joint meetings with the Finance Committee in preparation for FATM.
- b) Double Pole Discussion – Town Manager Sette gave background information and updated the Board on the number of double poles throughout Town, and the process of removal for said poles. Sette spoke with Bob Moran, a contact at National Grid, who confirmed the process of pole replacement; NJUNS, also known as National Joint Utilities Notification System, can be used to track the process / progress of pole work, like pole replacement.

5) BUSINESS

a) **Public Hearings** – Pole Hearings:

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen go into Public Hearing. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

Discussion occurred among the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and Planning Board Member, Eli Laverdiere. Laverdiere stated his main concerns for pole placements were safety and winter maintenance; further, he agreed there should be at least three feet (3') of spacing from the roadway as requested by the Board. Michael Parent, National Grid Representative, was present via Zoom to answer any questions for the Board. The Board notified Parent that any and all future pole petitions would require poles to be set back three to five feet (3'-5') from the roadway; Parent confirmed he would pass that requirement along to the affected parties (i.e. project engineer, etc.).

i) Petition from National Grid to install (1) SO pole 25-50 on Cross Street

The applicant, National Grid, is looking for approval to place a new SO (or, Single Owned,) pole 25-50 to be constructed on Cross Street.

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request for the new SO pole 25-50 on Cross Street. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

ii) Joint petition from National Grid & Verizon to install (1) JO pole 13-1 & Conduit on Lackey Dam Rd.

The applicant, National Grid, is looking for approval to install (1) JO (or, Joint Owned,) Pole 13-1 and conduit on Lackey Dam Road for a large service to a new warehouse facility.

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request for new Joint Operator pole 13-1 & Conduit on Lackey Dam Road. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen close the Public Hearing. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

b) MVP Action Grant to Build Climate Resilience – Funds Awarded

The Town was recently awarded an MVP Action grant in the amount of \$185,450 to build climate resiliency and remove the Home Brew and Whitin Pond Dams. Dr. David Tapscott, present via Zoom, shared additional information on this grant, including next steps and plans moving forward. General next steps: press releases and raising awareness; establish dam ownership and work with counsel on any other legal matters; identify needs and obtain funding; feasibility study to assess impact of dam removal; and, water chestnut removal in Spring 2023 (late May/early June). The project completion date is expected to be June 30, 2023. Dr. Tapscott will return with any updates.

c) Discussion: Alice Bridges Bridge – Establish Policy

The Town Manager's office receives a number of calls, both positive and negative, regarding the flags, etc., that have been placed on the bridge. The question of who has the authority to allow flags, etc., to be placed on the bridge has come up; as a result, there is need for a clearly defined policy regarding who allows anything and what/how that would be allowed. Further, should this be a policy of the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager; should it only be for nationally approved monthly recognition, something else, or will nothing be allowed? Discussion ensued

among the Board and Town Manager; Chairman Butler reviewed the history of the bridge and possible guidelines for a policy moving forward. Butler requested that policies from the surrounding towns be reviewed for any similarities and guidance on this matter; discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

d) Continuations:

- i) Lease Agreement, Approval: North Uxbridge Fire Museum, Inc., 313 North Main Street

Sette reviewed background on the Lease that is now ready for signatures; no new questions asked.

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the lease for the North Uxbridge Fire Museum group for the town owned property at 313 North Main Street. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

- ii) BOS Policy, Second Reading: Technology Administrative Policy of the Town Manager

The Town's new IT company, TCG, has recently changed their name to Magna5; the policy was accepted as proposed with reflection of that change.

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the Technology Administrative Policy of the Town Manager as proposed. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

- iii) Uxbridge Legal Counsel Discussion

Chairman Butler reviewed the background information; there was question on need for monthly reports of counsel performance, activity, and business. Further discussed: the best/ most appropriate time to make a change in Counsel; parameters of sharing the necessary information required for a smooth transition; and, a request that two (2) Board of Selectmen Members attend the interviewing with Sette for the prospective new company. This discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.

e) Donations:

- i) Senior Center - \$720 from Garden Wonders in Millville
ii) Senior Center - Knitting Group raised \$421 at the Uniquely Uxbridge Day on Sunday, September 4th; to be deposited into the Senior Center Activities Donation Account

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen accept the generous donations of \$720.00 from Garden Wonders of Millville and \$421 from the Knitting Group raised at the Uniquely Uxbridge Day on Sunday, September 4th on behalf of the Uxbridge Council on Aging, with gratitude. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- Wise regarding: Uxbridge being fortunate enough to have great representation, such as Soter and Fattman, that show up to support the Town in many various ways
- Mandile regarding: giving thanks to Uxbridge and all who donated and supported him in the Uxbridge Police Department's 5k Foot Pursuit

7) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes drafted for our meeting dated Tuesday, September 6, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE

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

MOTION: Wise

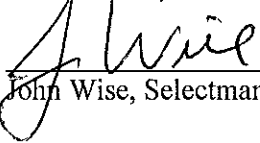
SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to adjourn this September 19, 2022 meeting at 7:59 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 3-0-0. *Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE*

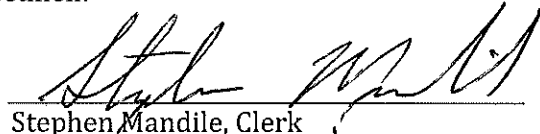
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
September 19, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chair



John Wise, Selectman



Stephen Mandile, Clerk

October 4, 2022.

Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet

Pole Petition Hearing Packets

MVP Action Grant Memo

Alice Bridges Bridge Use Form

Town Common Use – Policy & Application

Town Common Bulletin Board Policy

North Uxbridge Fire Museum, Inc. Lease Agreement

Technology Administrative Policy of The Town Manager

Email Correspondence: Lisa Bernard – Senior Center Donations

Meeting Minutes dated: Tuesday, September 6, 2022