

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 6:30 PM**

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2022 NOV 15 AM 9:56

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, and Member Peter DeMers

Present via Zoom: Member John Wise

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

1) CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) **Volunteers Needed: Commission on Disability and Zoning Board of Appeals**

b) Uxcellent News:

- i. League Golf Championship Tournament: Cam Caso – League Champion
- ii. Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Sweet 16 Senior Center Golf Outing – Thank You Lisa!
- iii. Uxbridge First Holiday Night's 25th Anniversary: Breakfast Fundraiser with Member Mandile; special thanks to Congressman McGovern! Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Amanda Gallerani for outstanding Service to the community!
- iv. Santa will be back at the Uxbridge Fire Department Christmas 2022 – Meet & Greet after the parade to include extended hours this year!
- v. Senior Center Halloween Lunch – Hocus Pocus Day: Friday, October 28th at 12 PM
- vi. Career Pathways Program Tour at Uxbridge High School – to include 50 School Districts
- vii. Fall Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 7 PM at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road

3) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak

4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Thank you to the Mandile Family for Uxbridge First Holiday Night's Breakfast Fundraiser!
- b) Cresco Labs Odor Issue – Mike Lennon with Tech Environmental: Odor Mitigation Plan presented to Uxbridge was woefully inadequate, new one to come; also, M. Lennon to investigate another distinct odor on the other side of town to prevent possible future odor issue in that area
- c) Meeting with Town Planner Jack Hunter – Crownshield; meetings will continue to mitigate the issues in that area
- d) National Grid Electric Vehicle Fleet Advisory Program – regular meetings with Core group of Town staff, another meeting at 10 AM tomorrow morning
- e) Uxbridge Community Choice Electricity Aggregate Plan; *information can be found on the website*
- f) "Cherry Sheets" on DLS Site; information can also be found via YouTube
- g) FATM Warrant: awaiting Free Cash from the state; Presentation from TM Sette at FATM
- h) 10/24 School Leadership Team Meeting; meetings will continue with focus on how to accomplish certain issues within the schools
- i) School Budget Prep Meetings start Wednesday
- j) Update on DPW Projects with DPW Director, Benn Sherman

5) BUSINESS

- a) Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners: Request for Approval: Lee Jundanian – Implementation of Cistern System on Kempton Road Frontage Parcel

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen open the Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting by Roll Call: DeMers-HERE, Mandile-HERE, Wise-HERE, Shaw-HERE, Butler-HERE.

The Town Manager received a request from Benn Sherman on behalf of Mr. Jundanian and his Attorney, Henry Lane, that he be granted the right to put the exact same cistern system in place that is currently employed in the 6 (six) lots developed right around the corner on Tabor Road. The cistern would be filled in off hours at night and only during those hours specified by the Town; further stated, this would only provide temporary relief because as soon as a (preferable) water connection with the Town is available, it would be applied for. The lot was described as being in a “No Drill/No Blast” zone, rendering well installation non-viable. Member DeMers emphasized the only time an exemption from the 2017 Water Moratorium should occur is if there’s some form of water contamination.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectman, sitting as the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the Town, do not approve the request from Mr. Lee Jundanian to implement a cistern system on land on Kempton Road. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to adjourn the Board of Selectmen acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

- b) Fall Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 @ 7 PM – Warrant Articles: Make Recommendations and/or take any action related thereto

The Town Manager and Board of Selectmen are awaiting the Free Cash Certification from the state to discuss Articles 1 and 2. With no last-minute changes to their Votes or Recommendations, the Board of Selectmen had brief discussion in review of the Fall Annual Town Meeting held tomorrow.

c) Continuations:

- i) 2022 Town Manager Goals Evaluation

The Town Charter calls for an annual evaluation of the Town Manager; Chairman Butler delivered information regarding the evaluation, including categories under review and the scores that were tabulated. There were ten (10) categories that comprised the Town Manager’s Evaluation; all categories were reviewed and announced at the meeting, including the tabulated averages for each. The Town Manager’s completed evaluation can be found on the town website under Board of Selectmen. https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3971/f/uploads/tm_eval_2022.pdf Further discussion ensued regarding the evaluation, incorporating Smart Goals and qualitative support, and updating the evaluation to reflect both the evaluation tools and goals combined.

- ii) BOS Policy Review: Alice Bridges Bridge – Establish Policy

The Town Manager’s Office has received a number of both positive and negative calls regarding the flags, etc. that have been placed on the bridge. A question of who has the authority to allow flags etc. to

be placed on the bridge has come up so there is a need for a clearly defined policy regarding who allows anything and what and how that would be allowed. Further discussion ensued regarding the establishment of this Policy; the Board of Selectmen will work further towards a final document to be read and accepted at a future Board of Selectmen meeting. The Town Common Bulletin Board Policy was referenced for example as way to draft the Alice Bridges Bridge Policy.

iii) Uxbridge Legal Counsel Discussion

Members Wise and DeMers recently had a conversation with a potential new vendor for legal services and provided the Board with an update from that discussion. TM Sette provided the Board with more background on the meeting and aspects of the evaluation. Legal bills from the last year were reviewed to prepare for a decision after service comparison; the retainer for legal services was requested for review and comparison as well. Discussion ensued with favor to the potential new vendor as it's of a team of attorneys with varied specialties; the Board will revisit this discussion for further collaboration.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- Mandile regarding: a designated Saturday night for Halloween & trick-or-treating in Uxbridge
- Butler regarding: Junior Football Jamboree at McCloskey – great support and congratulations to all the teams! Hazardous parking with such large attendance; better future communication on planning is essential for safety such as clear routes for safety personnel and emergencies
- TM Sette regarding: the McCloskey Building being a Town-Owned Building
- January 2023: Recreation Committee should be able to spearhead aforementioned activities

7) MEETING MINUTES

Dated Wednesday, September 28, 2022, joint meeting with the Finance Committee:

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes of September 28th, 2022. The motion carried 3-0-2.

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

Dated Tuesday, October 4, 2022:

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes of October 4th, 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: MONDAY, NOV. 14, 2022.

MOTION: Mandile

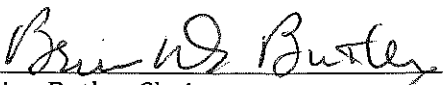
SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to adjourn this October 24, 2022 meeting at 8:34 PM. All in favor. The motion carried


5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Mandile-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

*Signatures, List of Documents, &
Other Exhibits Used on Back*

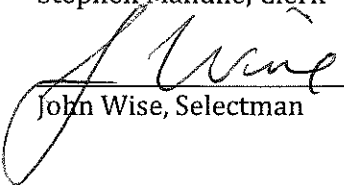
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
October 24, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chair



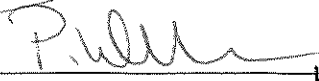
Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman

November 14, 2022.

Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet

Water & Sewer Commissioners Packet

Fall Annual Town Meeting: Warrant Report – most current version:

Printed for Town Meeting Constable Warrant Report 102522 REV 10.06.22 MEETING POSTED

Meeting Minutes dated: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and Tuesday, October 4, 2022