

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 6:30 PM**

REC'D UXBRIDGE TOWN CLERK  
2023 JAN 10 AM 9:02

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

**Present:** Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeff Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, and Members Peter DeMers and 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 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Volunteers Needed: **Commission on Disability**

b) Uxcellent News:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> Winter Coat & Clothing Drive – hosted by Heritage & Main Real Estate with Mendon Street Kitchen
- Thank you: Town Clerk, Kelly Cote, & Town Moderator, Ed Maharay, for all efforts in running a smooth Town Meeting; thank you: Valley Chapel and Pastor Josh for the donated time, space, and efforts!
- Uxbridge High School Field Hockey to Final 4: Best of luck to the players & coaches!
- 2021 Undefeated Field Hockey State Champion signs successfully posted today; thank you Town Manager, Steve Sette, and DPW for making and placing these signs!
- Boys Cross Country won Division 3 State Title
- Uxbridge First Holiday Night December 3<sup>rd</sup> – volunteers still needed!
- November 6<sup>th</sup>: Mendon-Uxbridge Unitarian Congregation visited old Unitarian Church, Susan Franz gave a presentation on the Underground Railroad and its link to Uxbridge!
- Debra Wheelock Chapter DAR Dedication of the Never Forget Garden at Simeon Wheelock House on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, installed earlier in 2022 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington, is now lined with bricks honoring the Patriot Act Ancestors
- Veterans Day Morning at the Senior Center by the High School Student Council; Veterans Day Parade; be on the lookout for the return of an old monument on the Common!
- Early Voting & Midterm Elections: thank you Kelly Cote!!
- Taft Early Learning Center – Lunch with the Veterans – thank you all involved!
- School Budget Sub Committee with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee – kudos to Pat Tuer on this type of collaboration
- School Committee and Superintendent Baldassarre working on a foundation for the future while focusing on themes of pride, family, and community
- November 5<sup>th</sup>: Uxbridge Police, Fire, and Northbridge-Uxbridge Police Cadet Program hosted an annual Food Drive fundraiser at Hannaford's to yield 1,200 lbs. of food, \$900 cash, and \$450 in gift cards; Toy Drive to be held November 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm
- Thank you, Jean Patrick, for minding the flowerbeds all around Uxbridge and Town Hall

### 3) CITIZENS' FORUM

- a) Bob Maguire, 331 East Hartford Avenue, commendation to the Police Chief and DPW for suggesting attention to the East Hartford Avenue Causeway; Maguire gave background on the safety issues regarding this area to include the weight and size limit signs of the Stone Arch Bridge having been removed at some point; further, Maguire mentioned research and confirmation of available federal grants for infrastructure

### 4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Thank you to the Executive and Administrative Assistant for preparation of Town Meeting
- b) Tax Classification Hearing next meeting with Assessor Ken O'Brien
- c) Meeting with McGovern for Regional Project (*possible loan forgiveness or infrastructure funding*)
- d) Meetings held regularly with Town Planner, Conservation, Water & Sewer, etc. regarding Crownshield Drive Faford Development water issues
- e) MMA Conflict Management Training Webinar
- f) PFAS lawsuit with possibility of Uxbridge to recuperate funds
- g) Department Head meeting off site tomorrow

### 5) BUSINESS

- a) Solar Pilot Agreements:

Both of these businesses have requested a Pilot Agreement be executed with the Town to account for the depreciation of the solar equipment over time versus the initial investment on the property. The Town has similar agreements with other facilities that are structured to benefit the Town over time. Town Assessor Ken O'Brien was present to give background information on the Pilot Agreements and answer questions of the Board. Discussion ensued with consensus to continue this business at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting: Monday, November 28, 2022.

- i) MRE PROPCO LP – 81 Campanelli Drive

**MOTION:** DeMers

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to table this request until the 28<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried 4-0-1.**

*DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE, Shaw-NO*

- ii) Advanced Energy Abundance Uxbridge, LLC – 424 Mendon Street

**MOTION:** DeMers

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to table Advanced Energy Abundance Uxbridge, LLC Pilot until November 28<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried 4-0-1.** *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE, Shaw-NO*

- b) Stop Sign Approval: Technology Drive and Buxton Street0

You have a request from Police Chief Montminy with a Vote from the Public Safety Committee to authorize a stop sign at the intersection of Technology Drive and Buxton Street. Chief Montminy was in-person to provide background and answer questions regarding this request.

**MOTION:** Mandile

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen, approve the request from the Public Safety Committee for a stop sign at the intersection of Technology Drive and Buxton Street. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.** *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

c) East Hartford Avenue Causeway

You have a letter from Police Chief Montminy and the Public Safety Committee looking for direction regarding improvements on this causeway. Chief Montminy present to give background, history of the rating of this causeway, as well as describe and discuss situational safety concerns. DPW Director, Benn Sherman, present to further detail the project history, intent, and possible funding options. Residents from that area were present in-person to discuss the safety concerns and importance of this improvement project – both in the short term and the long term; Resident Bob Maguire, 331 East Hartford Avenue, spoke during Citizens Forum. Discussion ensued with \$119,000 of the budget being dedicated to the DPW to fund this project; further, Chairman Butler, Member Mandile, DPW Director Sherman, and Police Chief Montminy to form a committee regarding this Causeway Project.

d) Uxbridge Historic District Commission: Proposed Expansion Survey

Jane Keegan, UHDC Chair, in person to review the survey that will be going out to people in Town discussing a possible expansion of the Historic District. UHDC Chair Keegan reviewed the UHDC mission, motto, intent of survey, and will report to the Board throughout the process as necessary.

e) License Hearings – Class II Licenses:

i) Lav's Auto Body & Sales, Inc., 120 South Main Street – Change of Ownership

Michael Erdman, the new business owner, was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding the approval of a change in ownership; brief discussion ensued regarding confirmation of the lot layout and business operations. The Board approved the change in manager to Mr. Michael Erdman until the end of the year and will issue a new license in his name in the new year.

**MOTION:** Shaw

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request from Mr. Michael Erdman for a change in ownership for Lav's Auto Body & Sales, Inc., at 120 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE**

ii) River's Edge Truck and Trailer Services, LLC, 20 Megan Court – Name Correction

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Scott Vargas, co-manager of River's Edge Truck and Trailer Services, detailing the need for this name correction. A representative from River's Edge was present via Zoom; brief discussion ensued and the Board approved with the following Vote.

**MOTION:** Wise

**SECOND:** Mandile

**VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the request from Mr. Scott Vargas to change the business name from River's Edge Truck and Trailer Repair, LLC, to River's Edge Truck and Trailer Services, LLC. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

*DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

f) Continuations:

i) BOS Policy Review: Alice Bridges Bridge – Establish Policy

Brief review of the background regarding this policy occurred; further discussion ensued regarding the necessity of the policy and what to do with it moving forward. The policy regarding the Town Common was referenced and will be used to guide this Policy with the following appeal process: approval through the Town Manager, with appeals reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

ii) Uxbridge Legal Counsel Discussion

No discussion; business item tabled until November 28<sup>th</sup>. Monthly retainer per each Legal Counsel group was requested for review before further discussion continues.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- DeMers regarding: legal summary, quarterly or bi-monthly executive sessions to understand on-going litigation, potential liabilities, etc.; regular discussion on counsel performance – score card; Thank you TM Sette for the presentation of capital projects at Town Meeting; with DPW Director Benn Sherman, attended meeting on the 122 South Project on November 9<sup>th</sup> regarding implementation of ADA sidewalks – if Uxbridge complies with the State’s plan, will the Town be responsible for the winter maintenance and plowing of said sidewalks?
- TM Sette gave an update on Cresco Labs and the odor issues with the business

7) MEETING MINUTES

Dated Thursday, September 29, 2022, joint meeting with the Finance Committee:

**MOTION:** Shaw

**SECOND:** Mandile

**VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as written. The motion carried 3-0-2. Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES, DeMers-ABSTAIN, Wise-ABSTAIN**

Dated Monday, October 3, 2022, joint meeting with the Finance Committee:

**MOTION:** Mandile

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: the Board accept the minutes for meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The motion carried 3-0-2. Mandile-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, DeMers-ABSTAIN, Shaw-ABSTAIN**

Dated Monday, October 24, 2022:

**MOTION:** DeMers

**SECOND:** Wise

**VOTE: to approve the meeting minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 @ 6 PM (with BOS Acting as WSC Mtg. @ 4:00 PM).**

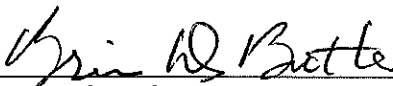
**MOTION:** Wise


**SECOND:** Shaw

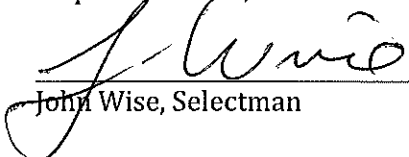
**VOTE: to adjourn this November 14, 2022 meeting at 8:57 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Wise-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE**

*Signatures, List of Documents, &  
Other Exhibits Used on Page 5*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss  
November 14, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
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Brian Butler, Chair

  
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Stephen Mandile, Clerk

  
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John Wise, Selectman

  
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Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

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Peter DeMers, Selectman

01-09-2023  
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Date

*List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:*

*Agenda Packet*

*Solar Pilot Agreement Packets*

*Email Correspondence: Stop Sign Approval, J. Daley*

*East Hartford Avenue Causeway Packet*

*Uxbridge Historic District Commission – Proposed Expansion Survey Letter*

*Class II License(s) Packet*

*Meeting Minutes dated: Thursday, September 29, 2022, Monday, October 3, 2022, Monday, October 24, 2022*

