



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 6:00 P.M.

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
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Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Brian Plasko, Selectman Stephen Mandile, and Selectwoman Susan Franz.

Also present: Town Manager Steven Sette and Admin. Assistant Erin Lemoine

1) CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Butler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) AWARD PRESENTATIONS - Underground Railroad Student Poster Award Winners

(Recipients were not yet present, so this item was postponed to after Item 3). Students of the Whitin Intermediate School participated in a poster contest to contribute to the River Bend Farm Visitor Center exhibit, and there were three first-place winners and two honorable mentions. The three winners' posters are on display at the exhibit until June 20, 2020. First-place winners Novelle Bousquet, Sam Dow, Cody Veneziano, and Honorable Mention Dante Crites were present. The Board presented certificates to each student and prizes to the first-place winners. Photos were taken with Board members.

3) CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Four of the remaining six candidates were present. All candidates will be asked the same five questions. Candidates Mr. Ernie Esposito, Mr. Ron Parsons, Mr. Mike Potaski, and Mr. Ray Talke were present and were interviewed by the Board and each candidate answered the questions appropriately. The two candidates unable to make the meeting will be rescheduled for the next Board meeting on March 9th. The vote will be held after remaining candidates are interviewed. Voting will be done via a point method, and the two candidates with the highest overall point values will be appointed to the committee.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) **Volunteers needed:** Highlighted: By-Law Review Committee. Please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings.

b) Warrant for Spring Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 2020 **closes on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 5:00 PM.** Please ensure any articles for consideration are in by that deadline. No articles will be accepted after this date and time.

c) Uxcellent News

i) Mr. Plasko welcomed new Police Officer, Ryan Mastromatteo, to the team and to the Town.

ii) Mr. Plasko also congratulated Kathleen Penza who was awarded the "Heart of the Arts" Award.

5) CITIZENS' FORUM

None

6) BUSINESS

a) Forest Glen Project Regulatory Agreement

Mr. Sette indicated this development project contains six units that will be considered affordable. In order to complete the approval process, the agreement needs to be signed by the Board of Selectmen or their designee prior to the sale of the units.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the Forest Glen Regulatory Agreement as presented and grant the Town Manager authority to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- b) Open Meeting Law Violation Complaint by Mary Cates
Town Counsel attorneys Michael Kennefick and Omar Bennani were present and discussed the OML process as well as the proposed response. If approved by the Board, the response will be sent on February 25, 2020. Town Counsel will send the Attorney General's response as well.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the response from Town Counsel to the Open Meeting Law violation complaint filed by Uxbridge resident Mary Cates. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- c) Appointments - Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Bikeway Committee: Amy Moriarty and Tom Moriarty
The Town was asked to appoint two residents to this committee to assist in the planning of a proposed continuation of the bikeway from Providence to Worcester.

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Amy Moriarty as a Board of Selectmen appointee to the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Bikeway Committee. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. The motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Tom Moriarty as a Board of Selectmen appointee to the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Bikeway Committee. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- d) Creation of one-year Open Space and Recreation Committee - partial fulfillment of the Town's obligations for the MVP Grant Part II (Holly Jones, Conservation)
Item removed from agenda at Ms. Jones' request.

- e) Donations

- i) Library \$2,000 Savers Bank donation

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the donation for the Library and for the Council on Aging, with gratitude. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- ii) COA: \$1,000 Hannaford Supermarkets - grant for the Uxbridge Senior Center Nutrition Site

MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the donation of \$1000 from Hannaford Supermarkets for the Uxbridge Senior Center Nutrition Site, with thanks. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

7) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) State Award to Uxbridge Police for E-Citation Equipment - Mr. Sette shared that the State Police have been testing this system and it will provide officers with a time-saving method of issuing citations as well as immediate access to driver information and history.
- b) Mr. Sette updated the Board on the status of the budget. He will be sending in Excel file to the Finance Committee and a copy to the Board on Friday. Mr. Sette shared next planned steps.
- c) Mr. Sette provided the Board with an update on the Town Warrant status and process. He will be working on Friday, March 13th, until 5PM to accept any last-minute articles. The Board discussed.

- d) Mr. Sette provided an update on the status of union contract negotiations as well as health care broker bidding and negotiations.
- e) At the Board's request, Mr. Sette provided status on performance-based review activities.

8) MEMBER ISSUES & CONCERNS:

- a) Mr. Plasko brought up the citizens forum section of Board of Selectmen meetings. As a result of the MMA conference and speaking with other towns, he suggested that an agenda item be added to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss moving this item to the end of the normal agenda. Board members agreed to discuss.
- b) Mr. Shaw shared concerns about the water meter project, the Water Enterprise Reserve Fund, infrastructure and capital needs, and water rates. Mr. Sette offered that these concerns could be addressed as part of the joint Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen meetings with those departments. The Board discussed this as well as its previous request for a five-year capital plan.
- c) Mr. Butler shared some of the residents' positive responses he has received regarding the street light project. Board members offered thanks to those involved as well as to National Grid for their efforts.
- d) Mr. Butler requested reconfirmation of road resurfacing contracts and scheduling so the residents can be informed. Mr. Sette to follow up on this item.

9) MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0.

10) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: March 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

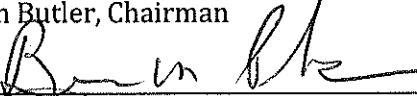
MOTION: Ms. Franz moved that the Board of Selectmen adjourn its meeting of February 24, 2020, at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Lemoine.

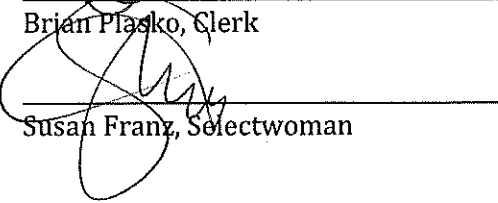
February 24, 2020 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chairman




Brian Plasko, Clerk



Susan Franz, Selectwoman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chairman



Stephen Mandile, Selectman

3-9-20
Date

