

# TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK 2021 AUG 19 AM11:15 UXBRIDGE FIRE STATION 31 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 6:30 P.M.

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Present: Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, Members: Peter DeMers and John Wise

Absent: Chairman Brian Butler

Also Present: Town Manager Steven Sette, Admin. Assistant Ellen Welch, Admin. Assistant Alex Clauss

## 1) CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Shaw called the meeting to order by roll call – DeMers HERE, Wise HERE, Mandile HERE, Shaw HERE @ 6:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed Pout Pond, Recreation Commission. Anyone interested in volunteering, please submit a Talent Bank Form.
- b) Uxcellent News
  - > Nature's Medicine Community Outreach
  - > Frank & Alice Susskey's 75th Wedding Anniversary. A commendation for Mr. & Mrs. Susskey will be presented from the Board of Selectmen.
- 3) <u>CITIZENS' FORUM</u> No one wished to speak

#### 4) BUSINESS

#### a) PUBLIC HEARING Continuation:

> Petition from National Grid to erect two new poles with anchors and guys for 72 Upton Road, Poles 10 & 11 that require support down Pudding Street.

National Grid was able to provide a solution and no longer has a need for the requested poles. The applicant withdrew their petition.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing regarding the National Grid pole petition. Seconded by Mr. Wise. Roll Call Vote – Mandile YES, Wise YES, DeMers YES, Shaw YES. Motion carried 4-0-0.

b) Change of Control: Mainely Productions LLC, 660 Douglas Street
Attorney Blake Mensing present to confirm change of control, with no change to licensing, location, etc.
Michael Cimino, present to represent Mainely Productions. Mr. Cimino shared background and intent as
Manager of Operations. Ka Wong, Sassoon Cymrot Law LLC – present to represent Mainely Productions
LLC as well. Mr. Wong and Mr. Sette confirmed no change to operations. Cannabis Control Commission
will still review and regulate business operations as per usual.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve Michael Cimino as the Manager of Operations for Uxbridge 660 Douglas LLC, formerly Mainely Productions LLC, 660 Douglas Street for purposes of notification for the Cannabis Control Commission. Seconded by Mr. Wise. Roll Call Vote—DeMers YES, Wise YES, Mandile YES, Shaw YES. Motion carried 4-0-0.

c) Acceptance of Alcohol License Surrender - Uxbridge Limited Sports Partnership dba/ The Habitat for Soccer & Sports, Inc., 374 West St., ABCC License #: 00039RS1304 (Wine & Malt)

MOTION: Mr. Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen accept the alcohol license surrender for Uxbridge Limited Sports Partnership dba/ The Habitat for Soccer & Sports, Inc., at 374 West St., ABCC License #: 00039RS1304 (Wine & Malt). Seconded by Mr. DeMers. Roll Call Vote – DeMers YES, Mandile YES, Wise YES, Shaw YES. Motion carried 4-0-0.

d) LIP Refinance Request & Approval – 112 Taft Hill Lane, Unit 41
Local Initiative Program – Refinance Request for John Nazare – 112 Taft Hill Lane, Unit 41. This is a request from the resident to refinance a mortgage and since this unit is considered an affordable unit, the Board approval is needed.

MOTION: Mr. Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the request by John Nazare to refinance the mortgage at 112 Taft Hill Lane, Unit 41 and that the unit remain an affordable unit. Seconded by Mr. Wise. Roll Call Vote – DeMers YES, Wise YES, Mandile YES, Shaw YES. Motion carried 4-0-0.

e) Licensing: Quaker Inn, 442 Quaker Highway
Dr. Tapscott, Board of Health member, updated the Board and provided the Board with a recent
inspection report of the property. The current license of the Quaker Inn, 442 Quaker Highway, was issued
to the previous owner and is no longer valid. Due to the current state of the Inn as found by the Board of
Health, the new owner will need to rectify these concerns before applying for proper licensing (license as
a lodging or rooming house – versus an Inn, for example) with the Board of Selectmen. The new owner,
Bijal Patel, was present to ask questions and will work with the Board of Health to rectify violations.
Conversation will continue at the emergency Board of Health Meeting on Tuesday, June 15th.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion that the Quaker Motor Inn located at 442 Quaker Highway, cease operations until a proper license has been secured for those operations. Seconded by Mr. Mandile. Roll Call Vote – DeMers YES, Wise YES, Mandile YES, Shaw YES. Motion carried 4-0-0.

## 5) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- 1. Michelle Laramee, Town Accountant, left Uxbridge to a position in Natick we will miss Michelle and wish her well in future endeavors! We have an experienced accountant coming to fill-in on a temporary basis to finish the year, with the possibility of full-time to be discussed in the future.
- 2. Awards Night, last Thursday Central Mass Regional Planning Commission: Town of Uxbridge Recognition
  - Community Development, Planning, and Partner Award, comments to include "... extremely successful in receiving grants and completing planning projects in recent years. The award is in acknowledgement of dedication to the community and commitment to improve the lives of everyone in Uxbridge..." and "as he transitions into retirement, CMRPC congratulates Michael Gallerani, Director of Economic Development & Community Planning, on his many accomplishments in Uxbridge throughout his years of public service."
  - Regional Collaboration of Central Mass Boards of Health and Staff "Vital work taken to new levels this year with countless obstacles to keep our region as safe as possible by tirelessly working on contact tracing, risk messaging, and enforcing state's COVID protocols and vaccination guidelines."
- 3. Mentioned during Budget review: Possible Regional Partnership with Mendon and Millville to hire Town Planner; also applied for Planning Grant at same time Secured \$75,000 in order to hire Sr. Planner (possibly looking to retire) in order to hire a Jr. Planner to train under someone experienced and then, place them into a more permanent position.

4. Summer & Recreational Activities - School is out; Pout Pond Open

### 6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- 1. Mr. DeMers proposed consideration of the following:
  - a. Goals and objectives for Town Manager FY '22
  - b. Financial Summit FY '23 BOS, Finance Committee, School Committee
- 2. Mr. Mandile commented that residents are speaking up about the town reviewing the rates for water and sewage they appreciate the continued concern from the Town on the issue.
- 3. Mr. Shaw proposed having specific Water & Sewer meetings (monthly), separate of Board meeting time expanding customer base could minimize operating cost while increasing income.

# 7) MEETING MINUTES

No meeting minutes were approved.

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

MOTION: Mr. Mandile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen adjourn its meeting of June 14, 2021 at 7:57 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wise. Roll Call Vote – DeMers YES, Wise YES, Mandile YES, Shaw YES. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss June 14, 2021 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

Brian Butler, Chair

Stephen Mandile, Clerk

John Wise, Selectman

Date

Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Peter DeMers, Selectman