

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
21 S. MAIN STREET, LOWER TOWN HALL, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2021 SEP 16 PM4:37

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, Member John Wise

Not Present: Member Peter DeMers

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette and Admin. Assistant Alex Clauss

1) CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Volunteers needed: By-Law Review Committee

b) Uxcellent News – Mandile updated everyone on the following:

a) Pout Pond Community Day, July 31st – Hosted by Pout Pond Committee: Big thank you to committee members, families, and vendors such as: Ministry Kitchen, VectorScape Surveillance, Sweet Wise Ice Cream Truck, Uxbridge Fire Department, Representative Mike Soter, and the Tuer family who paid for ice cream from Sweet Wise for anyone who wanted it!

b) Thank you to CJ Martin for reporting vandalism on the new sidewalks of North Main Street and to Steve Smitten who took the time and effort to correct the vandalism himself. This type of cowardice and hate will not be tolerated here! Butler highlighted the strong beliefs of the Board and every Committee in Uxbridge to stand against hate and racism.

3) CITIZENS' FORUM – The following citizens from Town spoke:

- Tina Ryan, Uxbridge for Change, 171 Eric Drive: regarding Uxbridge vandalism, zoning by-law questions, SeeClickFix website and issues with reporting, establishment of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Committee
- Jenny Xia: regarding the need to educate children and communities on pride and hate
- Laura Bastarache, 9 Blanchard Ave., regarding racial vandalism and hate in town, continuation of providing Zoom access to meetings
- Elizabeth Rondina: regarding racial vandalism and homophobia in Town

Butler will reach out to School Committee to inquire about education in these areas.

4) BUSINESS

- a) **PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION:** Innholder's License: Mani Raman LLC dba\Quaker Inn & Conf. Center, 442 Quaker Highway

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to continue the public hearing from 07.26.2021 at 6:58 PM.

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

Attorney for the Quaker Inn present to update the Board on Action Plan and work completed since previous meeting two weeks ago.

Board inquired about several standing concerns that were previously established and needing attention, including the number of individuals living on site. With an ignored Cease and Desist, tenants living on-site to include a child, and more violations to correct – the Board had many questions and concerns that remained unanswered in

order to grant even a provisional license. Town Counsel will take over conditions, discussions, and overtures at this time.

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Mandile
VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to close the public hearing.
Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Mandile
VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call that the Board of Selectmen not grant the Innholder's License request to Mani Raman LLC dba Quaker Inn and Conference Center, 442 Quaker Highway.
Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

b) Street Acceptance Policy Discussion – Rifleman Way & Brady Court

The Board discussed and voted to affirm the street acceptance policy but after further discussion later in the meeting, (~ 3:24:00 in recording,) rescinded the vote due to needing clarification of materials: content of Policy versus content of Checklist. *Please see additional votes below Town Manager Update*

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Wise
VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to affirm the Street Acceptance Policy approved by the Board of Selectmen on 12/28/2020.
Please see additional votes below Town Manager Update; this vote was later rescinded
Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

BOS to revisit Street Acceptance Policy after the Board, Town Manager, and Town Engineer have corresponded on and created a Final Document to be accepted/affirmed.

c) Proposed Warrant Article (Charter Review Committee)

Patrick Stephan, Ray Talke, and Dr. Joann Lindenmayer present to review recommended Charter amendments. Dr. Lindenmayer thanked and commended the work of both Stephan and Talke in coordinating efforts and helping to create this document. Many questions were asked by the Board on the proposed Warrant Article.

Stephan clarified the following: The Sunset Provision goal is to close any inactive committees; Size of Boards and Committees: Board of Library Trustees will remain at Six Members; Transparency: noted the need for a most up-to-date and transparent website per requests of Uxbridge residents.

More in depth discussion ensued on the Board of Public Works because of what that entails versus a Department of Public Works. The Board expressed concern and had questions on the subject of censure.

MOTION: None Needed

- d) Board/Committee Appointments:
- Cultural Council reappointment - Angela McCarty, exp: 6/30/24

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw
VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to appoint Angela McCarty to the Cultural Council for a term to expire 6/30/2024.
Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

- e) Marijuana Host Community Agreement – Change of Ownership and Control for Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (Cultivate) to CMA Holdings LLC, subsidiary of Cresco Labs, Inc. (Cresco)

The Board confirmed the CCC has already approved this change of ownership.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call that the Board of Selectmen approve the change of Ownership and Control for Cultivate Leicester, Inc (Cultivate) to CMA Holdings LLC, subsidiary of Cresco Labs, Inc., (Cresco) for their HCA.

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

f) Town Manager Goals & Objectives Discussion Continuation

The Board agreed to move line item f) to the next scheduled BOS Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021.

No motion needed.

5) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Seconded comments from Mandile on vandalism in Uxbridge – it won't be tolerated
- b) BOS Water and Sewer Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2021
- c) Recognition: Father of Police Chief Montminy, of Douglas, 91st Birthday Celebration planned with a drive-by parade to celebrate!
- d) Farewell: Facility Manager Chuck's last day will be Friday, August 13th; he's accepted an opportunity with Federal Court Security for the U.S. Marshalls
- e) Water and Sewer Tax Bills to be submitted by residents of Uxbridge; a deficiency was identified ~8 years back and in order to streamline deposits, we've moved to a new lock box service! Please call with any questions or concerns you may have.

The Board had a brief discussion on re-visiting a line item in order to rescind a previous vote.

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to return to item b) section 4 in the agenda and re-visit the Street Acceptance Policy Discussion.

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

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to rescind the affirmation vote.

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

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

Wise: Huge thank you to Lisa Troast for looking into the debt refinancing for Uxbridge with final savings coming to \$201,490!

7) MEETING MINUTES

Minutes July 12, 2021

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call to accept the minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 12, 2021 as written.

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

Minutes July 26, 2021

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: 3-0-1 by roll call to accept the meeting minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 26, 2021.

Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES (Shaw-ABSTAIN)

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: **MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021**

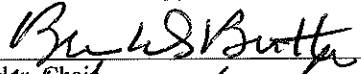
MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Mandile

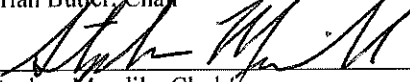
VOTE: 4-0-0 by roll call vote to adjourn this August 9, 2021 meeting at 10:03 PM.

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


Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
August 9, 2021 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



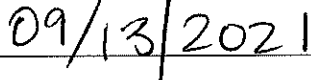
Brian Butler, Chair



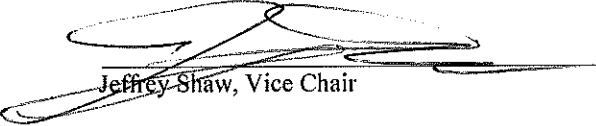
Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman



Date



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Notes

Memo from Dr. Tapscott on Quaker Inn

Letter from Attorney Paul C. Foley, Quaker Inn

Roto Rooter Work Sign-up, Quaker Inn

August 4, 2021 BOH Inspection Update, Quaker Inn

Avatar Mattress Corp Quote, Quaker Inn

Street Acceptance Policy – Rifleman Way & Brady Court

Street Acceptance Procedures & Policy Checklist (with Attachments A, B, C)

Patrick Stephan Email Correspondence, Charter Review Committee

PowerPoint: Uxbridge Charter Review Committee

Proposed Warrant Article

Talent Bank Form, Cultural Council

Cultivate: Re: Notice of Assignment of Host Community Agreement

CCC: Notice: Change of Ownership and Control Approval

Minutes Dated: July 12, 2021, July 26, 2021