



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

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This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

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

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) Volunteers needed: Historic Cemetery, Planning Board, and Town Common Committee
 - i. Letter from Catherine Thornton with Thanks and to highlight volunteering!
 - b) Uxcellent News
 - i. Spartan Tennis Athletic Commendations: Isabella Nolan & Avery Guillette
 - ii. Rep. Soter's Golf Tournament Fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank; Member Butler winning the 50/50 Raffle and donating his \$600 prize to the Uxbridge Council on Aging
 - iii. Pout Pond – thank you for all the recreational and teaching events hosted
 - iv. Representative Soter's new legislative aids out of Uxbridge – Eli Roden, Campaign Director and Jack Polando, Legislative Aid
 - v. Arts & Crafts at the Senior center
 - vi. Member Mandile and Uxbridge's 295th Birthday – June 27th
 - vii. July 9th Firework Celebration at McCloskey – Mendon Street Kitchen, volunteers needed
 - viii. Uxbridge hosting 9U State Tournament July 7-9, volunteers needed
 - ix. Nor' Easter Blizzards: Classic Car & Cruise Night every Wednesday 5-8 PM
 - x. Planning Board CMRPC Award Highlight
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – Fran Graveson, 52 Albee Road, regarding the LGBTQ+ community and acceptance in Uxbridge; acknowledging the recent defamation of the flags on the bridge and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole; also regarding, bullying in general as it extends to all children and individuals that are considered "different" in any way; and, asking the Board of Selectmen to make a formal statement against bullying!
- 4) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE
 - a) Water & Sewer Meetings
 - b) July 25th joint meeting with School Committee at 5 PM with regular BOS meeting at 7 PM
 - c) Meeting with Michael Baldassarre, Interim Superintendent, and plans moving forward
 - d) Employee BBQ Luncheon; thank you: Koopman Lumber for picnic tables, Deruseau Real Estate for parking lot use, and Ellen Welch for organizing the event!
 - e) Town Manager Evaluation with Smart Goals: BOS to create composite then make public
- 5) BUSINESS

- a) Public Hearing: License for Storage of Flammable, Combustible & Explosive Materials:
Myron Trujillo, 79 River Road

Myron Trujillo, with Osterman Propane, present via Zoom as the representative for this license; Trujillo answered questions of the Board to clarify pertaining license information.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that the Public Hearing for this matter be opened. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that the Public Hearing be closed. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that the License for Storage of Flammable, Combustible & Explosive Materials for River Road Properties Group LLC located at 79 River Road Uxbridge, MA to up to 7,000 Gallons be granted. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

- b) Special Municipal Employees: Dissolve, Town Clerk

The Board has discussed this policy issue in the past and to clarify all confusion, it was suggested that each Special Municipal Employee matter be taken individually as the need arose; Kelly Cote was present to discuss this matter and ask the Board to dissolve the previous vote.

MOTION: Shaw **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that the current policy adopted on December 10, 2001, regarding Special Municipal Employees be dissolved and that if the need for this designation arises in the future the Board of Selectmen shall decide on that at that time. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

- c) Road Acceptance Plan: Maslow's Way

This matter was approved at the Spring Annual Town Meeting and the Board now needs to accept the vote and sign the mylars.

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that Board of Selectmen accept the Spring Annual Town Meeting vote regarding Maslow's Way, making it an official Town road and sign the mylars to that effect. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

- d) North Uxbridge Fire Museum, Inc.

Attorney Rob Knapik was present to discuss this proposal with the Board of Selectmen and to provide all the background information and plans for the future of this Museum. Discussion ensued among the Board; the Board agreed to support this proposal moving forward.

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that this proposal be referred to counsel for further review. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

- e) 2022 BOS Appointments & Re-Appointments
i) Traffic Constables

Present via Zoom, Chief Montminy reviewed the need for Traffic Constables as discussed at a previous meeting. A vetted list was provided by Chief and now needs a vote of approval from the Board. Further discussion regarding the parameters of Traffic Constables ensued; Traffic Constables are to serve for a three (3) year tenure.

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: to appoint the attached list as Traffic Constables as approved by Chief Marc Montminy to a period ending on June 30, 2025. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

- ### ii) Other Board/Committee Appointments

MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Mandile

VOTE: that Karen Beane be appointed to the Historic District Commission as a Full Member for a term to expire 6/30/2023. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

Brief discussion regarding the following candidate occurred.

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that Kevin Donaldson be appointed to the Historic District Commission as an Alternate Member for a term to expire 6/30/2025. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. *DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE*

MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Wise

VOTE: that Travis DoRosario be re-appointed to the Historic District Commission as a Full Member for a term to expire 6/30/2023. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.
DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

- f) BOS Policy Review – Lowering of the American Flag

The Board has been reviewing this policy in accordance with the affected departments in Town. The Board reviewed and discussed the redline policy document as prepared by Member DeMers and is now ready to move forward with accepting the changes for a final version to be accepted.

- ### g) 2022 Objectives Discussion

The Board has been discussing the 2022 Objectives with the Town Manager. The proposed list created by Member DeMers will represent the focal points of both the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager moving forward; joining focus in this way will help keep the list up to date. Discussion ensued further on: focal objectives; and, best way to track the developments of each.

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Member DeMers regarding the Letter from Jane Keegan addressed to the Board titled "What's Wrong with Uxbridge?" – Town Manager Sette gave brief background on the letter

7) MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2022 Minutes

Brief discussion ensued regarding a correction to a vote made during the May 9, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: to accept the Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 9, 2022 with the correction to the MVP Vote. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

May 23, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: **MON., JULY 11, 2022.**

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to adjourn this June 28, 2022 meeting at 8:16 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-AYE, Wise-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Butler-AYE

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss


June 28, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chair



Stephen Mandile, Clerk

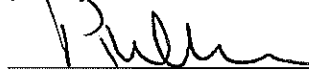


John Wise, Selectman

July 25, 2022.

Date

Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet

Flammable, Combustible & Explosive Materials License Packet

Special Municipal Employees Memo

Road Acceptance Plan Packet

North Uxbridge Fire Museum, Inc. Packet

2022 BOS Appointments & Re-Appointments Packet

Lowering of the American Flag Policy Redline

2022 Objective Topic Page

Meeting Minutes dated: May 9, 2022, May 23, 2022

Constable List

1. Jody Dwight of Uxbridge
2. Edmund Barrette of Uxbridge
3. Gregory Bedard of Uxbridge
4. Anthony Yannino of Uxbridge
5. Ronald Massey of Whitinsville

