



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

REC'D UXBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
2022 MAY 24 AM 11:54

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephan Mandile, and Member John Wise
Not Present: Member Peter DeMers

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Admin. Assistant Alexandra Clauss

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Butler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners – 4:00 p.m.

- 1) Accept any Proposed Water and Wastewater Regulations

Discussion ensued among the Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners and DPW Director, Benn Sherman, to review the following topics started at the previous Water & Sewer meeting: mandatory hookups, penalties and fines (such as the potential for non-criminal disposition after its passing at Town Meeting,) abatement process regarding essential versus elective water use (irrigation as example,) hardships, cross connections, and the establishment of a closed payment system for users. Brief discussion ensued on water treatment and how distance from origin can affect that process; location of the most recent Water & Sewer Rate Update; use of persistent links on the DPW website; and, better communication in preparation of any Public Hearings held. Sherman emphasized use of the website, persistent links, and the importance of directing any questions to DPW directly versus use of social media.

- 2) Water Rate Discussion

Mike Schrader, Project Lead, presented the 2022 Water and Sewer Rate Update drafted as of 2/28/22. Extensive discussion ensued among the Board with both Schrader and Sherman regarding: rate setting principles and goals, methodology to evaluate affordability, evaluation of water usage and water expenses, water revenue and rates, sewer expenses, sewer revenue and rates, and the residential financial burden versus affordability. As affordability is highly subjective, it's noted that the two (2) most common and appropriate indicators used are: the residential indicator and the household burden indicator.

- 3) 2022 Meeting Dates

Town Manager Sette reviewed the Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting dates as voted on by the Board of Selectmen at their January 24, 2022 meeting. The following dates were then voted on by the Board acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners – Monday, May 23, 2022, Monday, August 29, 2022, and Monday, November 28, 2022. These dates will fulfill the voted upon quarterly meetings; however, the Board discussed holding additional meetings if or whenever necessary.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Wise


VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen accept the projected meeting dates as recorded. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *Wise-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE*

4) RECESS: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING: **MAY 23, 2022.**


MOTION: Mandile **SECOND:** Shaw

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen recess until 6:30 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.
Wise-AYE, Shaw-AYE, Mandile-AYE, Butler-AYE


Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
February 28, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners:



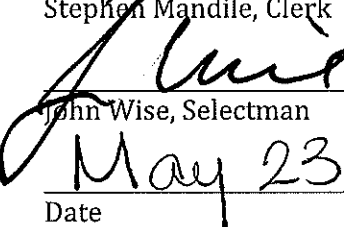
Brian Butler, Chair



Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman



Date *May 23, 2022.*



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair

Peter DeMers, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used

Agenda Notes
2022 Water & Sewer Rate Update Packet
DPW Website: <https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/public-works>