

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 - 4:00 PM**

REC'D LNB TOWN CLERK
2023 MAR 1 AM 10:40

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk Stephen Mandile, Member Peter DeMers **Present via Zoom:** Member John Wise

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

- 2) CALL TO ORDER– Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. With Member Wise present via Zoom, Chairman Butler asked for roll call: *DeMers-HERE, Wise-HERE, Mandile-HERE, Shaw-HERE, Butler-HERE.*
- 3) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak
- 4) BUSINESS
 - a) Executive Session: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body – Kempton Road.

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: that the Water and Sewer Commissioners enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body regarding Kempton Road. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

MOTION: Shaw

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners remove themselves from Executive Session with no Votes taken. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES*

- b) Water Supply Issues: Griswold Court – Private Way – Connections – first item

Director Sherman asked to discuss the issues facing service to Griswold Court with the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued to include how that should be completed with concern of working on private property; Griswold Court map used for reference. Director Sherman confirmed that from the main to the curb stop is the responsibility of the DPW, while the curb stop to the house is the homeowner's responsibility. Further discussion ensued regarding the necessity of a betterment and placement of stubs. Placement of stubs can be discussed with the Griswold Court homeowners; however, the homeowners are responsible for tying into the system. Lee Jundanian was named as the resident taking charge for the other Griswold Court residents.

- c) Review & Discuss – Water & Sewer Regulations:
 - i) Minimum Standards for Public Water System Construction and Related Rules & Regulations
 - ii) Minimum Standards for Sewer Construction and Related Regulations

The issue of having regulations in place regarding new development and connections to existing service being mandatory was discussed previously; after discussion with Town Counsel and others involved, there's question of where these documents should be housed. Language from Counsel suggests they be housed with the Board of Health regulations as opposed to the Board of Selectmen's and/or the Water & Sewer Commissioners' regulations. The Town currently has no by-laws governing these regulations; items of discussion to be included in the by-laws were abatements and language for mandatory hookups. November 2021 is the last date of track changes to these documents thus far.

No votes made; discussion to continue at a future meeting of the Commissioners.

- d) Water & Sewer Project Status Update

Director Sherman provided an update regarding various projects – current and planned; Water & Sewer Project Status Tracking Sheet, also known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Summary, was provided to the Commissioners. Mentionable and important factor: ARPA funds to deplete before project list completed. Due to time constraints, this business will continue at the next Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to be scheduled for December 12th.

- e) Anticipated Water & Sewer Rate Hearing: Estimated for February 2023
 - i) Discussion on capital needs and funding sources
 - ii) Impacts to rates from capital needs

Due to time constraints, this business item will occur at the next Board of Selectmen acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to be scheduled for December 12th.

- 5) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS – item passed over but occurred at the Board of Selectmen meeting that followed.

- 6) MEETING MINUTES: Dated – August 2, 2022, August 8, 2022

- Tuesday, August 2, 2022 (DeMers not present):

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: that the Water and Sewer Commission accept the meeting minutes for our meeting August 2nd, 2022. The motion carried 4-0-1.

DeMers-ABSTAIN, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

- Monday, August 8, 2022 (Shaw not present):

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: that the Water and Sewer Commissioners accept the meeting minutes of August 8, 2022 as written. The motion carried 4-0-1.

DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-ABSTAIN, Butler-YES

7) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING: **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023.**

Please note: time of adjournment differs from UCTV length of recording; this is due to the Executive Session portion of the meeting held by the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to adjourn this November 28, 2022 meeting at 5:53 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

November 28, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners:



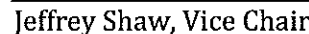
Brian Butler, Chair



Stephen Mandile, Clerk

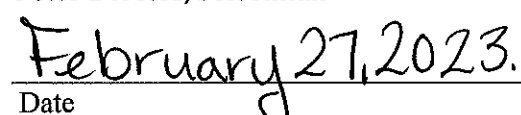


John Wise, Selectman


Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman


Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Packet

Water Supply Issues Packet – Private Way – Connections

Water & Sewer Regulations:

Minimum Standards for Public Water System Construction and Related Rules & Regulations

Minimum Standards for Sewer Construction and Related Regulations

Water & Sewer Project Status Tracking Sheet; aka: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Summary

Meeting Minutes dated: August 2, 2022, August 8, 2022

