

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 6:30PM**

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Present: Brian Butler/Chairman, Jeffrey Shaw/Vice Chair, Brian Plasko/Clerk, Jennifer Modica/Selectman, Susan Franz/Selectman. Also Present: Kate Feodoroff, Town Counsel. Not Present: Angeline Ellison/Town Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed - please see the Town Manager's office for a list of openings.
- b) Uxcellent News
 - MMA Annual statewide 8th grade essay contest.
 - Arthur R. Taft Memorial Trust, property at 33 Mendon Street, around Farnum House is open to public for public use.
 - Congratulations to Carolyn's Cannabis, first women owed small business in state to receive a final license from the Cannabis Control Commission.
 - Congratulations to Baked Beans and Gibby's Garden on their marijuana provisional licenses.
 - March 12th at 3 p.m. Historical Commission invitation - Blackstone Valley's Underground Railroad.
 - Congratulations Olivia Hicks scored 1,000 points-Uxbridge High girl's basketball.
 - Nomination papers available in the Town Clerk's Office for May Elections. Papers due back 4/2.

3. CITIZENS' FORUM

No one wished to speak.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Unitarian Church update from Historic District Commission
Jane Keegan, Historic District Commission provided an update to the Board. Letter to be forwarded to Town Counsel. Town Counsel will research ownership. Boards/Committees should send letters regarding drone footage to Town Counsel for review.
- b) Surplus Policy 2nd Reading
Town Counsel reviewed policy. Town Counsel will add Board of Selectmen to the policy. No action or vote taken, to be reviewed next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Board/Committees – passover
- b) Licensing – passover
- c) BYOB Policy – 1st reading
Town Counsel and Chief of Police review. No action or vote taken.
- d) Spring Annual Town Meeting Date & Closing of Warrant
Town Meeting 5/14/19 @ 7:00 pm, warrant closes 3/15/19 @ 5:00 p.m.

6. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Butler reviewed the Town Manager Update in the absence of Ms. Ellison that included:

- The Greenhouse Project
- Emergency Management Operations
- February 25th agenda item submissions
- Restructuring of Town Hall Departments
- Town Accountant & Treasurer/Collector positions posted, 27 applicants received for Fire Chief.

a) Donations

- Police: \$500. Rick Dowden, owner of the Green Room Billiard Club Inc.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion to accept the donation from Rick Dowden, owner of the Green Room Billiard Club, in the amount of \$500 with thanks. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b) **Snow/Ice Removal Plan**

Benn Sherman, DPW reviewed the Snow and Ice Plan for Uxbridge. Mr. Sherman covered priorities, equipment, salting and plowing procedures, sidewalks, materials, issues, concerns. Questions included sidewalk plow list posted on DPW website, snow/ice projections, annual review of miscellaneous fees, gps tracking of drivers, preventative maintenance schedules.

c) **Water Bill explanation**

Mr. Sherman's presentation included rate setting process, 2018 rate analysis report, reviewed current rates, understanding bills. Residents should contact DPW with any billing questions. Anticipate a rate hearing at the end of March. Meter replacement procurement scheduled for early spring.

7. **MEMBER ISSUES**

Susan Franz: Bridgewater State University & McCloskey school interest. **MOTION:** Ms. Franz move to entertain introductory discussions with Bridgewater State University relative to course curriculum offerings to be located at McCloskey School. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-1. (Ms. Modica abstained)

8. **MEETING MINUTES**

The Board discussed meeting minutes.

Monday, January 14, 2019

MOTION: Ms. Modica move to accept the meeting minutes as written for Monday, January 14, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 3-0-2. (Mr. Plasko & Ms. Franz abstained)

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Plasko moved to accept the meeting minutes as written for Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-1. (Ms. Franz abstained)

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

MOTION: Ms. Franz move to accept the meeting minutes as written for Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 3-0-2. (Mr. Plasko & Ms. Modica abstained)

Monday, January 28, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Plasko move to accept the meeting minutes as drafted for Monday, January 28 2019. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 3-0-2. (Ms. Modica & Ms. Franz abstained)

The Board discussed Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


MOTION: Ms. Franz move to enter into Executive Session – G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) - Discussion of the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual, Selectmen. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 by roll-call vote (Franz-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler –YES, Modica-YES).

MOTION: Ms. Modica made a motion to recess Executive Session to go back into regular session. Seconded by Mr. Franz. The motion carried 5-0-0 by roll-call vote (Franz-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler –YES, Modica-YES).

MOTION: Ms. Franz move to enter into Executive Session – G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) - Discussion of the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual, Selectmen with adjournment in Executive Session with no business to follow. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 5-0-0 by roll-call vote (Franz-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler –YES, Modica-YES).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch.

February 11, 2019 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



Brian Butler, Chair



Brian Plasko, Clerk



Susan Franz, Selectman



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Jennifer Modica, Selectman

Date Approved: 2/25/19