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# TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES And WATER SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM 21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 – 6:30PM

Meeting is recorded.

Present: Jennifer Modica/Chair, Susan Franz/Vice Chair, Brian Plasko/Clerk, Jeffrey Shaw/Selectman. Also present: Angeline Ellison/Town Manager

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

# 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Uxbridge 10U Baseball team - The Board of Selectmen congratulated the 10U team and issued Certificate of Commendations for each of the players.

## 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Volunteers needed please see the Clerk's Office or Town Manager's office for a list of openings. Openings on Finance Committee, Planning Board and School Committee. Joint Meeting with School Committee on 9/24 to make the school committee appointment. Submit Talent Bank Form to the Town Manger's office for consideration.
- 2) Fall Annual Town Meeting to be held at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd. on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Warrant Closes on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Primary Elections will be Sept. 4, 2018 at McCloskey Middle School, 62 Capron Street 7am-8pm

Mr. Plasko recognized the passing of Senator John McCain and longtime Uxbridge Police Chief John Emerick. The Board observed a moment of silence.

## 4. CITIZENS' FORUM

Mary - inquired about Blanchard School connection.

# 5. WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

1) Blanchard School, LLC, sewer connection fee recommendation to ZBA

The Chair stated that a request was sent to ZBA to modify the comprehensive permit and for a waiver of 50% of the fees. The decision of the ZBA was that it was a substantial change to the permit and it should go before the Water and Sewer Commissioners to weigh in on the requested waiver. The Commissioners would only make a recommendation to the ZBA.

Harry Romasco was present on behalf of the project. The project is looking for a \$33,000 discount on the total connections fees of \$73,400 on this 40B project. Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Michael Potaski asked the Commissioners for support of a partial abatement. Without the abatement, project will not be able to install a backup generator that will be used to supply lightening and elevator service in emergencies. Ms. Modica noted that this is a one-time connection and tenants will not be getting discounts on their quarterly bills. Mr. Sherman stated that this would be the first time that the town allowed a non-municipal building an abatement. John Jewel spoke about increased structural and foundation costs due to the age of the building. The Board had a

discussion regarding returning a portion of the building permit or giving an abatement. MOTION: Ms. Modica made a motion for a 50% waiver of the sewer connection fee in the amount of \$33,000 for the Blanchard Project with recommendation to the ZBA. Seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion carried 3-1-0 (Mr. Shaw opposed).

#### 6. BUSINESS

- 1) Committee Appointments
  - a. Poll Worker Phyllis Kuik

The Chair noted that the Board will need to hold a meeting to reappoint all of the poll workers prior to the election next Tuesday. The Board will meet on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. to reappointed poll workers. MOTION: The Chair made a motion to appoint Phyllis Kuik as a Poll Worker. Seconded by Ms. Franz. The motion carried 4-0-0.

- 2) Constitution Week Proclamation (taken out of order after 2. Special Recognition) Jane Keegan thanked the Board for their consideration of the Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23<sup>rd</sup> the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Second year Deborah Wheelock Chapter is co-sponsoring with the Library a coloring and drawing contest for Pre-K-Grade 5. Mr. Plasko read the Proclamation. MOTION: Mr. Plasko made a motion to accept the Proclamation as read. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-0. Contest will run thru September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) 2018 BOS Calendar (10/8 Columbus Day, 11/12 Veterans Day, 12/24 Xmas Eve, 12/31 NY Eve)
  The Chair updated the Board on the dates for the remainder of the year. MOTION: The Chair made a
  motion to approve the 2018 BOS calendar as supplied to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The
  motion carried 4-0-0.
- 4) Fall Annual Town Warrant Review

The Chair stated that the warrant is complete. Town Counsel has reviewed, and the numbers have been reviewed by the Budget Director. With approval, Ms. Ellison can forward to Department Heads, FinCom, and the Moderator. Ms. Ellison updated the Board about a warrant article the Board of Health submitted on the day the warrant closed. Ms. Ellison spoke with Town Counsel about the matter and updated the Board. The Board discussed opening the warrant if there was something vital that needed to be added. Ms. Modica made the Board aware that there could be a special meeting part of the Fall Annual Town Meeting regarding McCloskey School. Ms. Ellison made the Board of Health aware of options. Ms. Modica noted the warrant is complete and every article is done and there shouldn't be a debate on things to be changed. We need to get away from significant floor amendments.

# 7. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- Guide for Members of Public Boards and Commissions
   How to be an Effective Member of the Public Board or Commission. All Town Manager
   appointments will be signing off on this guide. The Town Manager would like to have the Board
   do the same for their appointments. Ms. Franz asked to have the financial training developed by
   the FinCom last year be shared as well. Both will be placed on the website.
- 2) Employee search update:
  - The Town Manager has made an offer and it has been accepted by the Economic Development/ Town Planner. Official announcement will be made once the offer has been signed.
- 3) Green community update designation: idle policy

Will be ready for next meeting, at which time, the Board will need to vote and approve a vehicle idling policy. This will add points to our green community designation. Fire and Police will have an exemption. The Town will be getting a pilot — an exempt ride that can go into the police cars. The department will test it and if it works, the grant can cover the cost for all the vehicles.

4) EPA clean up: Kempton Road

Kempton Road, near Millville, EPA is going to determine if they will take on that cleanup site as EPA or if it will stay on as DEP. Ms. Franz noted that they need a water system in that area if this is expanding and continuing. With the current moratorium in place and the need for water, the Water Commissioners will need to address this in the future. The booster pump was made for 150 house and there is now 180. EPA will get back Ms. Ellison.

Chief Emerick's passing. A note was sent out to the departments.

Certificate program. Ms. Ellison will be starting the Suffolk School Municipal Management Program on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - will run every Friday.

COA van will arrive on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. would like to have a photo opportunity for any member that can attend. The blessing of the van will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the senior center for any member that can attend.

## 8. MEMBER ISSUES

Ms. Franz mentioned the MVP Workshop will be held on September 25 at McCloskey. The Board may want to post a meeting. Expecting 50-60 people: businesses, state officials, employees, committee members.

Ms. Ellison inquired about the Marijuana Licensing bylaw. Ms. Modica stated it would be discussed during the next meeting. Ms. Modica will forward information and have town counsel review.

## 9. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes will be provided at the next meeting.

Meeting Packets – Board will try using flash drives going forward. Please let Ellen know if there are things you need printed.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Franz move to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch. August 27, 2018 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:	
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Jennifer/Modica, Chair	Susan Franz, Vice-Chair
Brian Plasko, Clerk	Jeffrey Shaw, Selectman
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Date Approved: 5/10/18	