



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 – 5:00 PM**

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
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EMERGENCY MEETING: Board of Selectmen Acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Member John Wise

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Executive Assistant Ellen Welch

Present via Zoom: Clerk Stephen Mandile

Not Present: Member Peter DeMers

1) CALL TO ORDER– Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) AUTHORIZE MANDATORY LEVEL 3 DROUGHT MEASURES

DPW Director, Benn Sherman updated the Water & Sewer Commissioners on the current state of the Mandatory Level 3 Drought Designation; this was updated from the Level 1 Designation prior to May. Per the guidance of the drought alert issued by the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs and MEMA, the Water and Sewer Commissioners voted to increase water use restrictions to a Level 3-Critical Drought which calls for a ban on all non-essential outdoor water use. Private wells should follow these same guidelines; should any private well go dry, the owner is to contact the local Board of Health. Further discussion on Level 3 Drought Measures ensued; the following defines those measures as discussed and exemplified in our Water Management Act:

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:

- irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and,
- washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions are those required:

- for health or safety reasons;
- by regulation;
- for the production of food and fiber;
- for the maintenance of livestock; or,
- to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: I move that the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners, approve the Level 3 Drought Measures as proposed. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

3) **ADJOURNMENT:** NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING: **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022.**

MOTION: Wise


SECOND: Shaw

VOTE: to adjourn this August 2, 2022 meeting at 5:16 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES


Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

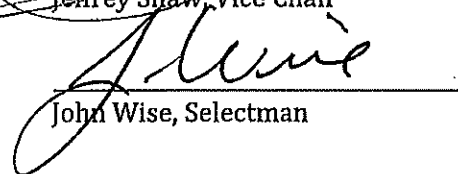
August 2, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners:


Brian Butler, Chair


Stephen Mandile, Clerk

11/28/2022
Date


Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair


John Wise, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda & Memo

Water Conservation By-Laws

Drought Email Correspondence: DeMers

Drought Management Task Force Memo

Summer Harvest Season Email Correspondence: Susan Franz