



Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

Place: Virtual/Remote

Attendance: Present or Absent

Peter DeMers - Chair	P	Russ Tahmoush	A	Lance Anderson	A
Jennifer Kurzon - Vice Chair	P	Bill Kessler - Clerk	P	Pat Hannon	P

Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen

Present:

Steven Sette, Town Manager
Michelle Laramée, Town Accountant
Lisa Troast, Town Treasurer
Marsha Petrillo, Capital Planning Committee
Jeanne Daley, Capital Planning Committee
Tom Dion, Fire Chief
Brian Hyde, School Business Manager
Scott Pashoian, School Director of Facilities
Benn Sherman, Director Public Works
Michael Gallerani, Economic Development

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Continuation of Public Hearing for Fall Annual Town Meeting 10/27/2020 Warrant Articles

Article 5: Capital Purchases

- Town Manager introduces each of the items put forth by the Capital Committee

FIRE DEPT.

- New Recue Pumper (\$720,000) to replace Engine 3 and Rescue 1
- New maintenance pickup utility with plow (\$65,000) to replace M1
- Both at end of useful life and need to be replaced
- Capital Planning recommends funding both
- Trade in value is \$165,000
- Large trucks have useful life of 25 years
- Recommended funding Bond Application Note

DPW

- New Mack 6-wheel truck (\$229,452) to replace H2
- New Ford F-350 pickup (\$50,833) to replace H22

- Capital Planning recommends funding both
- Recommended funding Bond Application Note
- FC Chair recommends initiation of comprehensive project plan for each CPC proposal setting forth review criteria, including classification, project tracking and reporting, financials (what options were reviewed and why that choice was made) and preparation of a report for Town Meeting.

POLICE DEPT

- Mini Split Heating/AC Unit for Evidence Room (\$10,500)
- Capital Planning recommends funding
- Recommended funding Capital Stabilization

UXBRIDGE SCHOOLS

- Taft school roof restoration (\$666,300)
- Primary issue is water infiltration
- Capital Planning does not recommend funding
- Roof not old enough to qualify for MSBA Funding, which is 30 years
- Current roof age is 26 years
- Restoration would preserve useful life for additional 15 years
- Roof is mixed material, 10% shingle with majority EPDM single ply rubber
- Shingles will be repaired, remaining surfaces will be replaced with like materials
- Project to begin summer 2021
- Recommended funding Capital Stabilization
- Whittin school roof restoration (\$560,000)
- Capital Planning does not recommend funding
- Roof material is EPDM single ply rubber
- Recommended funding Capital Stabilization

There was support for both roof projects from the BOS and Fin Com.

- Taft school doors (\$35,000) and Whittin school doors (\$35,000)
- Capital Planning does not recommend funding
- Significant balance from previous allocation remains
- Some doors have been replaced at both schools
- Remaining fund balance will be used before allocation of additional funds

Article 12: Amend the Zoning Bylaws by Amending Zoning Table of Use Regulations & Zoning Table of Dimensional Requirements

- Reviewed current Table of Use versus proposed changes and Attorney General letter reviewing MTMC category so it doesn't violate MGL Ch. 40.
- Article proposed and submitted by Planning Board but Mr. Gallerani presented for PB.
- Discussion of the new documents provided by Mr. Gallerani revising PB changes that had been proposed but were not in conformity with AG letter as discussed by FC and BOS at last meeting
- Member of Public Frank Dersky indicates notice requirements for Zoning Bylaws revisions have not been met for PB meeting scheduled for vote on this amendment
- Further discussion of cleaning up items in the Table of Uses that need revision
- Request to Town Counsel to determine timing issue and whether notice requirements met and notify FC and BOS of same

Article 13: Zoning Bylaw Review

- Bylaw adds new Mixed Commerce Overlay District (MCOD)

- Mr. Gallerani presents proposed Bylaw explaining what it will do and why it was proposed
- Discussion regarding how Mr. Gallerani determined the east and west boundaries, his drafting language and district based upon a document he drafted years prior, height of buildings and possible issue with abutting properties

Article 14: Citizen's Petition – Accept Tucker Hill Road as a public way

- Petitioner emailed indicating he would not attend meeting

Article 15: Citizen's Petition – Accept Maslow's Way as a public way

- Petitioner emailed indicating he would not attend meeting

Further Discussion on Any Remaining Issues Related to Any Other Articles in Warrant

- Discussion by William Kessler re: Article 8 Lease of Surplus Property-59 Hazel Street
- WK pointed out various issues related to Town's use of property and the Tower itself, especially for uses related to public safety and current proposed language in the Lease Agreement

Close Public Hearing 9:42 pm

Minutes

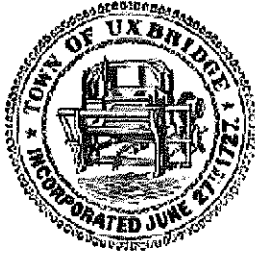
Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2019				
1st	PH	2nd	BK	Vote	2-0-2
Roll Call Vote: Yea: PH, BK Abstain: PD, JK					

New/Old Business

- Discussion of process for FC member inquiries to Town employees re: specific questions on items included in Articles. Contact the Town Manager for any inquiries to employees under their review, cc FC members and BOS Chair on final email containing inquiry. No email deliberation or other communications pertaining to business that may come before the Fin Com.
- Discussion of financial audit related to former Town Accountant

Motion	Adjourn at 9:51				
1st	BK	2nd	PH	Vote	4-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: PD, JK, PH, BK					

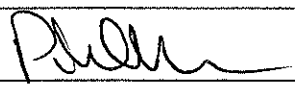


Video of meeting can be viewed at <http://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/6081>



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

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Name	Signature	Date
Peter DeMers		24 FEB 2021
Lance Anderson		
Jennifer Kurzon	APPROVE	24 FEB 2021
Bill Kessler	APPROVE	24 FEB 2021
Pat Hannon	APPROVE	24 FEB 2021
Russ Tahmoush	ABSTAIN	24 FEB 2021
Patrick Tuer	ABSTAIN	24 FEB 2021

Vote to approve meeting minutes of October 14, 2020 was taken by roll call vote on February 24, 2021.

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020				
1st	JK	2nd	BK	Vote	4-0-2
Roll Call Vote: Yea: PD, JK, PH, BK Abstain: PT, RT					