

Uxbridge Historical District Commission  
Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019  
7pm Lower Town Hall

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**Members Present:** Jane Keegan, Travis Ann Do Rosario, Faye McCloskey, Marion Baker, Rachel Palin (Alternate),  
**Members Absent:** Christopher Delarda (Alternate), and Mary Patricia Wickstrom (Alternate), Michael Cove

Meeting is called to order at 7:04pm by Jane Keegan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Opening Statement by Chair, Jane Keegan**

Welcome Back to the four (4) members who were re-appointed of the UHDC.  
Memo that was sent to Board of Selectman was attached and sent out with agenda.

**Prepared Statement by Marion Baker**

Copy will be submitted to public record as part of the meeting minutes.

**Statement by Travis Ann Do Rosario**

Correction and clarification to M. Bakers statement in regards to the Town Cannon AND the Trustees of the Veterans Memorial.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**8 Court Street - Taft Theatre Community House**

Justine Brewer presented before the commission to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness to Replace the Roof of the Community House and restore the Cupula. There will be no changes in the design, it will have the same architectural details.

Marion Baker made the motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness. Faye McCloskey Seconded the motion.

Approved 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Meeting Minutes:** Travis Ann Do Rosario made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as written. Faye McCloskey seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0. These minutes were previously approved at the June meeting, but were not signed.

April, June and August Meeting Minutes will be added to the September Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**15 South Main Street**

The applicant was not able to present before the commission, however all paperwork was received in good order. There will be no changes in the design, it will have the same architectural details.

Travis Ann Do Rosario made the motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness. Marion Baker Seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Annual Letter to Homeowners in the District**

28:55 – Chair mentioned that UHDC had voted and approved the letter at June meeting.

The Month and Season in the greeting of the letter will be updated.

32:32 - Secretary mentioned that letter was previously voted and approved at June meeting.

Travis Ann Do Rosario made a motion to eliminate the expansion survey in the 2019 Annual Letter to Homeowners in the District. Seconded by Faye McCloskey. Approved 5-0.

#### **Welcome Letter to New Businesses in the District**

Approved at the June meeting with the following changes: The UHDC (insert) "typically" meets on the second Tuesday... Eliminate personal email address, keep phone number.

#### **MASSDOT Project:**

Jane was to contact Mike Gallerani in regards to the MASSDOT project for the downtown area. Mr. Gallerani has been on leave, she will contact him upon his return.

#### **Saver's Bank –**

No Status Update on the replacement window project. - February, 2019

#### **43 South Main Street**

UHDC sent follow up in February, 2019. Work done was not what had been proposed/approved by UHDC. Marion Baker indicated Board of Health was involved in February (and March) at property. No further update offered.

#### **Announcements:**

Open Meeting Law Seminar to be held on September 18, 2019  
Town Email Extensions are being considered by the Uxbridge IT Department for the UHDC.  
New Town Website is up. UHDC will have its own "space" with capability to update.

#### **RE-ORGANIZATION**

Motion made by Travis Ann Do Rosario to nominate  
Jane Keegan – Chairman, Faye McCloskey – Vice Chairman, Travis Ann Do Rosario – Clerk  
Seconded by Faye McCloskey, Approved 5-0

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:50pm by Travis Ann Do Rosario, Faye McCloskey Seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

#### **Statement by Chair, Jane Keegan to address M. Baker's comments.**

Madam Chair has not personally stepped foot on anyone's property unless invited. Chair welcomed the specific details of M. Baker's comments regarding the June meeting, so that it could be further investigated.

#### **Statement by Faye McCloskey - to address M. Baker's comments**

The Town Meeting vote required a 2/3 Majority, so, to be clear, M. Baker was not to blame for the defeat of the enlargement of the District article.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7pm in the Board of Selectman Room

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:50pm by Travis Ann Do Rosario, Faye McCloskey Seconded the motion.  
Approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Travis Ann Do Rosario

*Travis Ann Do Rosario*  
*Faye McCloskey*  
*Jane Keegan*  
*Marion Baker*



I would like to thank Brian Butler, Brian Plasko, Jeff Shaw and Stephen Mandile for having my back and appointing me again. This all despite the actions of the Chair.

I was appointed to Commission to protect the unprotected who live in this District, My neighbors and friends. I will continue to reach out and express my opinions to my friends and neighbors on Social Media, coffee shops anywhere I want. I refuse to have any part your meaningless pacts. Madam the only thing you do is run the meeting, your just another member, that's all.

I will fight vigorously any effort to increase the powers of the Commission or the enlargement of the District in anyway shape or form.

Some members of this Commission feel they can do what they want despite State warnings. The last meeting I attended, I observed the Chair call certain members to the back room one by one . I observed a giggle and a smirk on the Chair as she said don't say anything. I as a member was not a invited. A clear violation of the open law especially commission business was discussed, as I was told it was by one who was called back there. If this behavior continues I will talk to the BOS and send a complaint to the AG.

I could care less what you write in the Town Report, but Madam Chair be upfront for once, you did not show me the whole report. Before you make noises and bud in, "No You Did Not". You blame me personally for the defeat of the enlargement of the District, Thank you for giving such power. The Truth is my neighbors and others don't trust some members of this Commission, I really didn't have to do much at all.



Your, so deeply concerned about the Common District, what about the Common? The cannon is missing a true treasure of historic value from WW1, Yet a member of this Commission stated at Town Meeting she did not notice it was gone, and to go even further fought the 6 thousand dollars to repair it. Madam Chair, your just as bad you sat there and said nothing. Thank God the BOS and the volunteers are continuing with the project despite you. I am told that the BOS is committed one or another to get OUR cannon backup soon. On a short note Thank You Koopmans for helping our volunteers with the Platform.

One other thing I want mention I am sick of the personnel attacks and demeaning nature by the Chair at these meetings I've decided I will just walk out of the meeting until the toxic behavior stops.

Last but certainly not least, I am stating for the First and Last time to all members of the Commission. **STAY OFF MY PROPERTY**, you have No Business there and your not wanted. I urge other owners in the District to state the same.

TO: Brian Butler, Chair BOS                      CC: Peter Hechenbleikner; Marion Baker  
FROM: Jane F. Keegan, Chair UHDC  
RE: Marion Baker Comments at UHDC Meeting 8/13/19  
DATE: Aug. 14, 2019

An issue is ongoing which in my opinion requires re-focused attention. Attached are two documents for BOS review: 8/13 meeting introduction, which invited UHDC members to speak up, and the resulting commentary. In behalf of UHDC members present, the following refutes the latter:

As chair, I never sought to stifle members' right to free speech, rather sought to have social media postings, etc. composed in a truthful, professional manner;

As chair, I never sought to "increase the power of the Commission" beyond the Bylaw limitations, but continue to be of the opinion that expanding the HD may prove beneficial on a number of fronts (at some future point);

As chair, no 'back room' meetings have been held which violated OML, but if specifics are provided about this allegation, I would happily to address it before BOS or AG because HD neighbors' 'trust' and confidence is of paramount importance;

As chair, every communication sent in the UHDC name is approved in advance, exception being recommendation memo to the BOS for reappointments that required no such approval but was shared in its entirety with the Commission after the fact;

As chair, I have never 'blamed' Ms. Baker in public or private, in word or deed for defeat of the HD expansion proposal in May 2018. However, it is 'fact' that her dissemination of 'misinformation' (deliberate or unintentional) as a UHDC member was a contributing factor... and she will "fight vigorously" against such action if proposed in the future;

As chair, details of the Town Common Committee overseeing the WWI cannon repair were not followed; therefore I should not be faulted for not speaking up at Town Meeting. But for the record, I support action being taken towards its completion;

As chair, written records/recordings will indicate no attacks of a personal or 'demeaning nature' as described;

As chair, I can assert with confidence no one from the UHDC has ever been on Ms. Baker's property or on any other HD owners' property, i.e., uninvited;

Unanimously re-elected as UHDC chair for another year, I will continue to preside fairly and with a level of professionalism expected of all fellow Commissioners.