



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman: Marc Montminy, Chief of Police  
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW  
Frank Tiano, School Superintendent  
Angie Ellison, Town Manager  
Tom Dion, Interim Fire Chief

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** April 16, 2019  
**MEETING LOCATION:** Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Benn Sherman	Director DPW
Frank Tiano	School Superintendent
Angie Ellison	Town Manager

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Holly Gallerani	Mendon St. Kitchen
Tom Bellacqua	Mendon St. Kitchen
Amy Josey	The Gift Shop
Linda Stanick	The Gift Shop
Peter Pendergast	Solomon's Temple Lodge

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

It being 9:11 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Marc Montminy.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

a.) March 19, 2019.

**\*\*\* Motion by Frank Tiano to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Public Safety Meeting. Seconded by Benn Sherman. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Travis DoRosario**

- 1.) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – July 6<sup>th</sup>, rain date July 7, 2019
- 2.) Town Common Use – We are Uniquely Uxbridge 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vendor Fair.
- 3.) Gate/Fence for entry to Dog Park.

Discussion on Gate/Fence for entry to Dog Park. Chief Montminy said it appears that there is a common entrance to the dog park, gardens and soccer fields. There needs to be a way to block off the parking lot from the dog park. Benn said they chained off the area at one time and people said it was limiting their access to public land. Chief suggested that the parking lot be accessed but other areas should not be accessed by vehicles. Benn received an email from Demers. He said they sunk posts into the ground to put up chains to keep people out from driving up different lanes and getting access to the garden areas. Chief asked Benn to drive through so he could come back and tell us if there is a need or way to get into the different areas. Benn will take a look and report back to the Committee. Benn mentioned the Dog Park property because some vehicles drove in and sunk into the ground.



Chief asked Benn to take a look and see if there is a way to secure that area from vehicular traffic.

Town Common Use form for September will be taken up at the next meeting.  
Tabled for May meeting.

**B. Review Veterans street listing name for sound alike or duplicates to forward to BOS**

The committee forwarded the names to the BOS. Chief said that the Board of Selectmen would like to use a list of veteran's names. The role of the Public Safety Committee is to see if there is a conflict or a problem with the name and after that it is up to the Board of Selectmen to decide what the name is and all committee members were in agreement.

**C. Peter Pendergast, Requests to close off Court St. for Solomon Temple Lodge Bicentennial Celebration.**

Peter Pendergast said that the Lodge and building this year are 200 years old. They looking for members of the Grand Lodge, from Boston, to come out and perform a cornerstone ceremony in front of the lodge. They are asking for Court Street to be closed June 1, 2019 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. He said if it rained they have a large tent that they would use and also use sandbags to stabilize it. Chief Montminy said he did not know the scheduling of the common Mr. Pendergast would need to submit a Town Common Use form from Town Clerk. Committee members did not see a problem with the closing of Court Street. Chief has barricades to help shut it down and keep a lane open for emergency traffic.

**\*\*\* Motion made by Frank Tiano that the Public Safety Committee recommends the Board of Selectmen close Court Street on June 1, 2019 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm for the Temple Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony. Seconded by Benn Sherman. Motion carried 4-0-0**

**D. Tom Bellacqua = Downtown Businesses, Sidewalk Sale, June 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am – 2pm**

Tom Bellacqua reported to the Committee that this is the first Downtown Business Sidewalk sale. There are approximately 25 businesses participating. This includes businesses on Depot and Mendon Street. There will also be a DJ, face painting, balloon animal for children. They are looking to encourage people to shop locally and spend their money in town. They feel as businesses they need to work at bringing and keeping businesses in town. He said as business owners they are looking towards the future and planning on obtaining grants from the Economic Director. They want to improve Main Street and the buildings around it. They want them to know they are proactive and moving forward and show the Town they want to bring events to the Town. This even will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with a rain date June 7<sup>th</sup>. Businesses are all excited and raffles will be done on an hourly basis. All other businesses that were in attendance were in support. Chief asked a couple of questions. Were they planning on using the common? No they were not. Were they planning on impeding street traffic? No they were not. Are they planning on keeping the event on the sidewalks? Yes they were. The Chief asked if he could make a suggestion. He suggested that they have a taste of Uxbridge or a competition of all local restaurants. He said it would attract more residents for the tasting and other towns have done this. Their goal is to do this on sidewalk and not impede street traffic and they don't believe they need a detail Officer. They are asking the Police Department to pay a little more attention downtown during the event because they don't know how many people will attend being the first time. Chief said that once this becomes a second annual they may have to modify depending on how successful they are. Chief asked if they needed anything else. Tom Bellacqua said they are



looking to have a touch a truck in the parking lot of Desrusseaux's real estate. Also asking Benn if he could provide extra rubbish barrels for Main St. Frank Tiano asked who the members were for this and Tom said this event is a collaboration of the businesses downtown. Chief said they support them moving forward and to keep them updated on details as they get closer. Chief asked about alcohol and said that the restaurants cannot have alcohol on Town sidewalks and they said there will be no alcohol.

**E. Karen Goldenberg – Open Sky – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Friendship Tour – 30 Mile bike tour, Saturday, June 1, 2019.**

Committee members said there will be 3 events on this date, but this event will not interfere with the downtown events because they are riding on the outside perimeter of Town. Ms. Goldenberg sent a letter to the committee and said that there will be pink directional signs that will be put up on Friday May 31 and taken down on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. These signs will mark the road route for bikers. The events starts at 9:00 am and she is asking the Police to assist with crossing at the intersection of Oak St. and route 16 with getting bikers across the road at this location. There will be about 50 participants for this event.

**F. Ben Engle – Tri State TREK – June 21, 2019, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ALS Tri-State TREK.**

A letter was read from Ben Engle explaining the event. He said there will be 200 cyclists who will travel through Uxbridge on their way to Greenwich, Connecticut. They will come down E Hartford Ave and travel down N Main to Seagrave taking a right onto Route 16 to VFW. They will stop at the VFW which is their rest stop and from there continue on to Douglas. They do not need police service. Town Manager signed the Town Approval form that the Town Manager will sign and send to them.

**G. UPDATES from past meetings:**

Parking lot issue has been taken care of in reference to the handicap parking. Handicap parking signs in front of the Town Hall will be removed and 15 minute business parking signs will replace them. Striping will be done when they do the center and all parking spaces on the street will be relined this spring. Handicap signage on street will be removed to make more parking spaces.

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:51am.

Motion – Frank Tiano

Seconded – Benn Sherman

Motion carried 4-0-0



*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.*

*Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee* Date Approved: 5/21/2019

**Marc Montminy, Chair**

**Benn Sherman**

**Tom Dion**

**Frank Tiano**

  

**Angie Ellison**