



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman Chief William Kessler, Fire Dept.
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW
Kevin Carney, School Superintendent
Timothy Burke, Interim Chief of Police
Angie Ellison, Town Manager

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2018
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Chief
Timothy Burke	Uxbridge Acting Chief of Police
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW Director
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Neal Vaidya	Our Lady of the Valley 5K Race

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:01 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by William Kessler.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes:

March 20, 2018 – Motion to approve minutes made by Kevin Carney, seconded by Benn Sherman. 3-0-0.

B. Public Safety Committee Responsibilities.

Chief Kessler had a conversation with Town Manager Ellison who will come up with a charge for the committee and discuss at the next meeting in May. Per Chief Kessler New Business C and old business B will be combined for our next meeting.

C. Fourth of July Committee.

Chief Kessler said that the State Fire Marshal was in Uxbridge and met with the committee for a class and they went out to the McCloskey Field to view where the fireworks will be done. They will be using McCloskey field for the fireworks display. Bill Kessler to let the Fourth of July Committee know they need to contact the Chief of Police to discuss a traffic plan and costs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Our Lady of the Valley 5K race Saturday, June 9th, 2018 – 9:00 am.

Neil discussed the 3rd annual 5K Race with the committee. He said nothing will change. The route is the same as last year with everyone leaving from St. Mary's parking lot. The route will be the same as it was last year. The only issue is at the beginning when



everyone leaves the parking lot and they get them in one lane heading down Mendon St. There will be volunteers posted at different location son the route. There are 2 water stations, 1 at the Water Treatment plant and 1 at DPW on Hecla. Last year they had about 100 people participate, both runners and walkers. Chief Burke said there is a cruiser around to help slow the traffic down and as in the past there will be cones out.

B. School Safety and Security.

Superintendent Kevin Carney asked that this be placed on the agenda so the Committee could touch base to share and review practices between the school, fire and police in the case of a tragic incident. He would also like to review and discuss challenges that everyone sees in school security. Since the Parkland incident he has received many calls asking if the town is working together to keep students and staff safe. The school has been reviewing its vulnerabilities and he has also discussed this with the new Superintendent coming in. He asked the Committee to focus not only on the school level but also at the classroom level. Superintendent Carney said that the most important thing is that there needs to be something in place in classrooms to help staff buy time while emergency responders are on their way. He would like this conversation to remain an open discussion to let the public know it is not being forgotten. Chief Kessler said that there are multiple levels of security that need to be taken into consideration.

**C. Town Manager would like to review / discuss the scope of the Public Safety Committee.
To be continued.**

D. MASS DOT Response.

Chief Kessler said he received a response from MASS DOT in regards to the 122 and 146A intersection. They are aware of the concerns the town has and they are gathering data and will continue to work with the Town in resolving the issue. Chief Kessler to inform Mr. Demers of the response from the MASS DOT.

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Bill Kessler to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. seconded by Benn Sherman All approved 4-0-0.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.

Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee Date Approved: 6/19/2018

Benn S. Sherman

William Kessler, Chair

Benn Sherman

Timothy Burke

Timothy Burke

Kevin Carney

Angie Ellison