



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569
MEETING MINUTES

Chairman: Marc Montminy, Chief of Police
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW
Frank Tiano, School Superintendent
Tom Dion, Fire Chief
Steve Sette, Town Mgr.

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2021
MEETING LOCATION: Zoom - Conference call meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Steve Sette	Uxbridge Town Manager
Frank Tiano	Uxbridge School Superintendent
Benn Sherman	DPW Director

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Michael Baril	Uxbridge Resident
Peter Demers	Uxbridge Resident.
Paul Hutnak	DPW - Engineer

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 Chairman, Marc Montminy.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes:

- a) *** Motion by Steve Sette to approve the meeting minutes of September December 15, 2020 seconded by Frank Tiano. Roll call taken; all approved motion carried 4-0-0. Potential radio frequency access – Update.
- b) October 20, 2020 – Postponed to next month.

B. Potential radio frequency access. - Update

Chief reported in his prior conversations that the T-Band was in jeopardy and the FCC had recommended that they use all means to vacate. Congress has taken that back and now there is no longer a need to surrender the T-Band. Police Department has 2 frequencies 1 T-Band and 1 not and they are not being forced off.

Process of getting the receiver site up. They are currently trying to find someone to dig the hole to get the pole sunk.

C. Tom Dion – 0 S Main St. – Update with Railroad Company.

Postpone discussion for next meeting.



D. Parking restrictions at BJ's – Benn to Update.

Benn spoke with DOT and they were going to contact him when signs are installed. He will verify this next time he talks with them. Steve Sette has not seen the signs yet but the volume of trucks has diminished and probably due to the holidays being over. Benn will update at next meeting.

E. Request for Speed Limit Signage on East St., - Update

Chief said they have the radar signs and East St. will be one of the first places they put the sign after people are trained on using them.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Stephen O'Connell – Street name request – Waucantuck Heights.

Mr. O'Connell was not present but Chief Montminy said the Board of Selectmen wanted to hear from the committee on the road naming. From a public safety perspective there is nothing. Benn and Steve commented on the policy of the Board of Selectmen naming streets off the wall of Honor. With this board there is no safety issue.

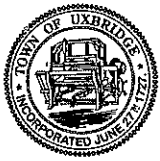
*******Motion by Chief Montminy, seconded by Benn Sherman, to approve the street name "Pout's Lane" from a public safety perspective. The committee would like to alert the Board of Selectmen that Pout's Land does not meet the requirements from the Veteran's wall of honor. Motion taken by roll call: All approved motion carried 4-0-0.**

B. Hazel St. resident request for weight restriction signs.

Benn stated that there is nothing that indicates that there is a posting or there should be a sign for weight limits. He believes this is a personal issue with trucks on small windy roads. Benn is not aware of anything that would require a posting from a public safety perspective. Structural capacity or large culverts would require it and there are some in town that are applicable around town to certain weight. Call the individual and explain the finding and see if he wants to attend the next meeting.

C. Granit St. resident, traffic concerns at Taft School.

We have a Police Officer there every morning and because of the way school is being conducted parents are dropping off at school. There is also a line of traffic that backs up for a few minutes during drop off. Frank Tiano said he was there before this meeting and busses were gone by 8:31 am. There are more cars dropping off but it is the same pattern as always, it is a short window and it runs smoothly. Frank Tiano said this is not a safety issue. Chief will ask the SRO to monitor and report back. Benn said Paul received a grant and they will be relocating the crosswalk and putting in a flashing light which should help clean up that area.



D. Keri Divine – 422 High St. – Cul-de-sac.

We had a complaint from Keri Divine about tractor trailer trucks using the dead end of High Street to access Medline. Google believe High Street goes to Medline. A while back we had this complaint from Eber Taft. She is requesting signage that will help prevent this from happening. Chief asked Benn if he could mark this as a “Not through Street.” Benn said historically that went through but that predated the new 146 Highway. Chief said he did contact google to make changes and explained the problem. The newer google apps do not show this as a through street and Chief believes it is older GP’s that have not been updated and have older versions. Benn to work to get additional signage and see what is there now. Will put signs up to identify not a through street / no Tractor Trailer trucks.

E. Campanelli Park.

Chief said there is a new Marijuana Grow – Cultivate site and the entire area is starting to reek of Marijuana and you can smell it on 146. Chief’s concern is people are going to start complaining. There is senior housing development in this area and eventually this will give us grief in the future. Steve said that it will get noticeably worse. They all have odor control in their plan. Chief believes that come August there will be complaints coming in.

F. Steve received 2 emails about River Road – Traffic and road conditions.

Steve said that a couple of the companies have contacted him on concerns with traffic, road conditions.

Steve asked that the committee keep this on their radar because they may need to address this.

IV. Adjournment

Chief made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Tiano moved the motion, Steve Sette second the motion. All approved; roll call taken 4-0-0.



*Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jeanne Daley**.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

Date Approved: 2-16-21

 (signed for all)

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Tom Dion

Frank Tiano

Steve Sette