



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

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

REC'D UXBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2021
MEETING LOCATION: UXBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT / ZOOM MEETING
275 DOUGLAS ST. TRAINING ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Steve Sette	Town Manager
Tom Dion	Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	DPW Director
Patrick Dillon	School Superintendent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Timothy Burke	Lieutenant
Peter Demers	Uxbridge Selectman
Kevin Mulligan	Uxbridge Resident
Holly Gallerani	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night
Tom Bellacqua	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:00 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:

08-26-2021

***** Motion by Tom Dion to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2021 as submitted, seconded by Benn Sherman. Minutes approved motion carried 3-0-2.**

09-21-2021

***** Motion by Steve Sette to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 as submitted, seconded by Patrick Dillon. Minutes approved, motion carried 5-0-0**

B. Robert Maguire – 331 East Hartford Ave – Line Site and safety issue – Update



III. NEW BUSINESS:

E. Kevin Mulligan email – Concerns for safety on N Main St. both sides from Court St to Lights. No Parking Signs.

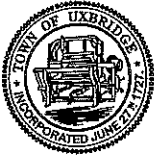
Mr. Mulligan lives on Taft Hill but does business with Uni-Bank. There are times that he has parked on the road either in front of the bank or across the street from the bank. He addressed a couple of his concerns with the Committee members. There are no bike lines only a solid line. There was a time he came out of the bank to get into his car and a motorcycle was side by side with his vehicle. Another time he parked across the street with flashers and as he crossed the street to get into his car another vehicle pulled up in front of the bank and an 18-wheeler with excavator on back came down the hill approaching the lights. Mr. Mulligan opened his door to enter his vehicle and the 18-wheeler crossed over the lines into the other lane to avoid an accident. With the opening of the bank there should be concerns about parking on both sides of the street. Sign on the grass at the bank is for no parking is faded. Sign on the common side sits on the grass and not the sidewalk.

Mr. Mulligan suggests that there be no parking from Court Street to the lights. Tom Dion said he believed the sign on Court St side of the street is for no parking from crosswalk to Court St. The sign by Cove's goes to the Church but after the church to the bank there is parking. Steve Sette said if you did no parking on one side of North Main St., it would ironically be on the side of the bank, however, due to the 2 lanes on the South bound side, it should be on the side of Court St. Benn said he needed to look at this because it is not really striped for parking. Benn will look at parking on both sides and clarify the sign at the crosswalk. Potential of making "No Parking" on other side. This will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting and Benn will report back to the committee on his findings.

D. Tom Bellacqua – First Holiday Night

Tom informed the committee the First Holiday Night is looking to have their parade on Saturday, December 4th with a 4:30 pm kick off time. There are changes that have been implicated. Santa will not be going to the Fire Department this year due to COVID and will stay on the Common so he's outside and accessible. Uni-Bank will have a tent on the Common and will not have the bank opened. This year's Parade will be scaled back. Senior Center, Savers Bank and Open Sky will not be participating this year. Also, as of this time there will be not Fireworks. There is someone working on a Corporate Sponsor, and if the Fireworks come to fruition Tom will be back at the next meeting. As of now, Fireworks cost \$10,000 and they do not have a sponsor.

Chief asked Tom and Holly if they reached out to the Board of Health for guide lines and they have not. Chief Montminy suggested they reach out to the Board of Health and get them on board, Holly to reach out to BOH. Lt. Burke said he has no problem with Santa on the common and it will help to open Route 122 sooner. Tom Bellacqua said the First Holiday Night hopes



to be back to normal next year. The Public Safety Committee will recommend to the Board of Selectmen the following. Court Street to be closed from 8:00 am until 10:00pm. Rivulet St., Elm St., St. Andre Dr., Beverly Ave., and Sayles St. to be closed from 3:30 for parade line-up and staging. North Main will close beginning at 4:15 up to Rivulet that will give the Lieutenant time to put barricades in place and close off Hannaford's and Cumberland Farms. As the parade proceeds down North Main St. the road will open to traffic up to Snowling. North Main St. will remain closed from Snowling including Seagrave to the center of town with the permission of the Board until 6:30pm. The Public Safety Committee supports the request being submitted to MASS DOT Highway Division from the First Holiday Night Committee for closure of North Main from Seagrave to Center until 6:30.

Tom Bellacqua requesting meeting minutes as soon as they are approved at the next meeting so they can send them along to MASS DOT.

D. Stephen O'Connell – Street Naming – New Subdivision end of Elm St.

The PSC does not object to the name of Sherman Way but it does not meet the Selectmen's naming criteria.

***** Motion by Chief Montminy seconded by Benn Sherman that the Public Safety Committee does not object to the name, Sherman Way, but that it does not meet the criteria set by the Board of Selectmen for street naming.**

All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Turner Farm Rd. and Chocolog Rd – Signage for vehicles to reduce speed.

Tom Dion didn't see any problems and he has been there quite a few times checking on the process. They are putting a cistern up there and he doesn't recall having any apparent issues. There is a low volume of traffic there. Line of site is not a huge problem. People are complaining that they are having problems coming out of Turner Farm Road. Benn will take a look at this but said this should have been dealt with during the permit stage. Benn will go up there and look at it and come back and update the committee at next month's meeting and Chief Montminy will have radar done up there in the area.

C. BJ's parking

Steve said there were 9 trucks staged from the 146 off ramp up and beyond the McDonalds turn and there was traffic starting on the other side. Chief Montminy said 9 is a low number there have been as many as 13. Chief said historically, business is booming but they ran out of space on their property. They came to an agreement with Cowen Trucking that they can park on the property when loading and off-loading. Any other trucking company has to sit outside waiting for their turn to go in. Chief contacted BJ's they said it is not their trucks and they will give flyers to truckers "No parking on Quaker Highway". That lasted 2 days because these are not the same trucker's every day. The next step the Chief said is enforcement, but he would like to get input before this. The Police have had an internal discussion but they don't know where to tell them to go. Tom Dion said there is a weigh station on the North Bound land of 146 which is locked. If we go to the state we can ask them to unlock it and that would give them 2 places to go. So the Chief asked if this is what we do before we start ticketing. Tom Dion said give them a warning and a paper with the rest areas. Chief to reach to the state and ask them to open



the gates to the weigh station on the North bound side. Chief to contact BJ's they need to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Reach out to them and give them direction because starting November 15th we will begin ticketing. Peter Demers asked where the State Police come into this? Chief said they cover the highway and off/on ramps and nothing else. Chief will reach out to BJ's and Peter Demers said the owner of records is George Goff. This will be put on next month's agenda for progress report.

F. Line of Site and traffic concerns, sidewalk along 146A at the High School entrance.

Chief Montminy said the accident that took place was a considerable distance from the High School. However, prior to the accident he received a complaint from an employee at BJ's that there is no signage that indicates that there is a high school there. It is a straight line of road and people turning in and out of the High School are in danger of something happening. Since the accident he has received 3-4 complaints asking for a signalized light at the High School. Benn has also received some of those complaints and has reached out DOT and Parents have also reached out to Representative Soter. Representative Soter has asked the DOT Official to reach out the Chief and discuss what we think should be the plan. Chief asked Benn what to say to DOT when they call. He said they did acknowledge that they were going to go out to see if the counts have changed since the school has been put in. It wasn't put in before because it didn't meet the criteria. Benn said there is no school zone for a High School. Benn said that the only things they have are the solar powered intersection ahead signs, but the one on the North bound lane has been out for 5 years. Chief can reach out to Marlin Controls to see if there is anything they can do for us. Chief will wait for a call from DOT because Rep. Soter has asked them to contact the Chief. This has been a complaint for a long time. Tom Dion asked for a flashing overhead light. If DOT does not reach out to the Chief he will go back to Rep. Soter and Pat Dillon said Rep. Soter is at the School every Friday.

There was discussion on a 2nd egress from the High School. Fire Chief Dion voiced his concerns about getting emergency vehicles in and out of the High School if there were ever an emergency. Benn Sherman discussed plans that had been talked about when the school was being planned and there was talk about where to put the 2nd egress.

VI. Adjournment

Chief entertained a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:51am, seconded by Tom Dion. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.




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

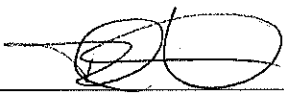
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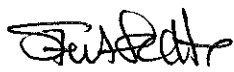
Marc Montminy, Chair



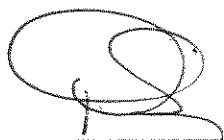
Benn Sherman



Tom Dion



Steve Sette



Patrick Dillon