#### TOWN OF UXBRIDGE



#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE:

September 24, 2019

**MEETING LOCATION:** 

Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc Montminy

Chief of Police

Paul Hutnak

P.E. Civil Engineer, DPW

Steve Tancrell

Deputy Fire Chief

Frank Tiano

School Superintendent

Peter Hechenbleikner

Interim Town Manager

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#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeanne Daley

Recording Secretary PSC

Michael Gallerani

Development

### I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:58 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.) August 13, 2019

\*\*\* Motion by Peter Hechenbleikner to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Public Safety Meeting. Seconded by Frank Tiano. Motion carried 3-0-2.

## B. Route 122 NB @ Mendon Street - Traffic issues.

Chief sent a midnight team out to observe what was happening. Officers reported that approximately 6 cars an hour use the lane as a right turn lane. The only problem occurs when the vehicle on the right side decides to go straight or there is a vehicle parked in the parking spots. Chief Montminy suggested putting a barrel in the crosswalk but Steven Trancrell mentioned this has been tried in the past and did not work. Chief Montminy said it should be monitored. At this time there are no problems there but they will continue to monitor.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

# A. Street numbering - solar project.

The committee discussed these solar projects and asked Chief Montminy to email June



with the following recommendations:

Solar farm on zero Quaker Street. The board recommends that June use the Millville address.

Soon to be solar project on Newell, Depot and S Main Street. The board recommends for the second project Newell/Depot/South Main Street the Depot Street address be used.

# B. Request for approval of new street name.

Chief Montminy to send an email to Ellen that the Public Safety Committee has not objections with the name Trainer.

## C. Code Red = Town Manager Discussion

Marc Montminy announced that the town has contracted with Code Red. They do not have all the land lines in Uxbridge. There is a company that maintains this information for E911. Chief Montminy contacted them for the database of all the land lines in Uxbridge and when he receives it he will have it sent to Code Red and every home and business that uses a land line will be in the Code Red Database.

People with cell phones need to register with Code Red in order to receive texts, voice mail, and emails. Peter Hechenbleikner reported to the committee that since the EEE incident there have been 1,000 new numbers added to Code Red. Frank Tiano asked Marc Montminy to send the Code Red informational flyer to him to forward to families in the school.

Chief Montminy to put together an informational packet and that there needs to be a push in Town for Code Red.

# D. Key access to Town Property - Town Manager

Paul Hechenbleikner said the issue is who needs to be in the room for this discussion. He said the problems with keys are they can be duplicated, he suggested a secure type of key system, changeable codes. Steve Tancrell said this was done 10 years ago with Bill Kessler. They were keys that could not be duplicated and could only be made by the Locksmith in town. He said it is still in place not sure how much it is being used. The gas for town vehicles have key fobs. Frank Tiano asked if there was a list and Steve said there was at one time a standard key for school gates, and then a Town lock.

Chief Montminy asked Steve Tancrell to reach out to Fire Chief Kessler for any information. There may already be a start to a plan.

Steve to update committee at the next meeting.

# E. Signs with state law about "horses on roads.

Chief Montminy asked DPW to review and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

# F. Discussion on complete streets program.



Paul Hutnak reported that there is funding through the state for street paving, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. If the DPW is awarded this money they are looking to start with sidewalks on Hartford Ave East, granite and Oak Streets. This would concentrate on the loop. When fire evacuates the Whitin School students have to line up on the sidewalks and it's important that they get completed for safety.

G. Solar light on Quaker Highway

Frank Tiano said there is a solar flashing light that no longer works. It is hidden by the trees and not sure when it last worked. This light is on Quaker Highway heading towards the High School from the center of town. Chief Montminy said it should be operating during school hours. He asked Paul Hutnak to look into the solar and he will ask Paul Moranti if they take care these signs or if it is the schools. He is going to ask to have the trees cut back. Paul Hutnak to report back to the committee. Chief Montminy asked Frank Tiano about the electric sign in front of the High School entrance. Frank said it was broken and unable to fix / replace and they had the company remove it.

H. Field responsibilities and Revenues

Frank Tiano discussed all the fields around the school and who is responsible for trash removal after events. Also, Mike Gallerani asked about the skate park and who is responsible for that park. Selectman Plasko removed the trash the other night. The school maintenance person removed pieces of wood with nails. Town Manager said this warrants a conversation as to who is responsible for the facilities and fields. Also if there is a revenue stream created by the use of the fields who gets it. This will answer who should be responsible for them. Also Mike Gallerani said that the revenues should be going to the right departments.

I. Drainage problem - Waucantuck Drive.

Paul Hutnak reported to the Committee that DPW is not sure of where the flooding is coming from. Is the catch basin plugged? Steve Tancrell said that Kempton Road area is a big hill coming off of Waucantuck. Town Manager suggests that DPW contact resident and identify where the problem is and rectify it. Chief Montminy asked DPW to review it and come back to the committee with a report.

### IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Motion – Peter Hechenbleikner Seconded – Steve Tancrell Motion carried 4-0-0



Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee	Date Approved:
Marc Montminy, Chair	Benn Sherman
Tom Dion	Peter Hechenbleikner