



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: February 16, 2021
MEETING LOCATION: Zoom - Conference call meeting

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2021 MAR 25 PM4:30

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Tom Dion	Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	DPW Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Michael Baril	Uxbridge Resident
Peter Demers	Uxbridge Resident.
Sean Matthews	Uxbridge Resident

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) *** Motion by Marc Montminy to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2020 seconded by Tom Dion. Roll call taken; all approved motion carried 3-0-0.
- b) **** Motion by Benn Sherman to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 seconded by Marc Montminy. Roll call taken; all approved motion carried 2-0-1. Tom Dion abstain, not present for the meeting.

B. Potential radio frequency access. - Update

Chief reports new pole has been installed at the South Fire Station. Contacted vendors to make changes to the system and waiting to see if they will be putting a Tower behind Hannaford. There is also another opportunity for a site at West Hill Dam which is a high point. Chief will be contacting them to see if they can put a receive site there. There is discussions with WORAD to do new changes and work there. Also in conversation with Capital Committee to extend funds that still exist for this project.

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

Tom said numbering was fixed the concern now is the railroad crossing and how this was going to be managed by the property owner. Jeanne will contact owner asking him to be online for the next meeting.



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

Benn sent out email to DOT when this first came up. Benn has put calls and e-mails into DOT and they were going to contact him when signs are installed. Benn has a call into them and has not heard from them. Will give an update as soon as he hears from them that they have installed the signs.

E. Hazel St., resident request for weight restriction signs – Update.

Jeanne to contact this resident to ask him to be online at the next meeting.

F. Kerry – Resident on High St. Traffic looking for Med-Line, Cul-de-Sac – Update

Benn will come up with some solution to this problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Matt Saface - #11, #15, #17, #19 Park St., on-parking safety issues.

Tom Dion agrees that one side of the street should be "No Parking". Tom said the right side of Park St. looking down to South Main does not concern him, his concern is the left side of the road along the station. Benn said that the signs are old and need to be replaced.

Benn to replace the signs and Chief Montminy to have Officers enforce the "No Parking".

B. Sean Matthews – Request for lowering speed limit in area of 254 W. Hartford Ave.

Sean Matthews addressed the committee about the speed limit in the area of 254 W. Hartford Ave., where he lives. He says cars speed by his home going up and coming down the hill. In the 12 years he has lived there, there has been 3 or 4 accidents in front of his home. What can be done to control speed and can this be done with patrol. The bottom of the hill switches to 30 – 35 but it is a high speed area.

Chief said that he understands there is a steep grade there especially with the hill. Chief said the Police Department has bought a new radar sign and this will be another area for the department to put the sign up. The speed will be monitored and the department can take this information and then monitor traffic in the area when the speeds are highest. Early spring the sign will go out to do gather this information. Chief asked Benn what is the process for changing the speed signs in that area. Benn said they would have to do a speed study in the area and then submit the information to Mass DOT for approval based on actual field measurement's in the area. The last time this study was done, 85% speed was measured for 43 and they set the speed limit at 40. So a speed study is done and then Mass DOT does the speed regulations.

C. Resident concern with Tractor Trailers parked on 146A – Almshouse Rd.

Chief said the Police Department is aware of the parking on 146A and have asked to send letters BJ's to address this and make their truckers aware of this.

Tom Dion said this addresses another issue on Almshouse Rd. and this is where the trucks are parking. Chief said the only trucks he has ever seen in this area are DOT trucks. Benn said that Almshouse Rd is the jurisdiction of Mass DOT. Chief said they will monitor it.



D. Peter Demers addressed the group - River Rd. concerns

Is there a possibility to get to the root cause of the problem on High St. How did the truckers get there? He said the government has a web site where you can go to report the problem. Chief responded to Peter and explained to him that the committee has already done this and truckers are using old on dashboard GPS's that are not updated and they are taking the truckers up High St. Peter also said that the agenda seems to deal with traffic, speed and parking issues. With new commercial development and lackey Dam Rd development are we going to see issues like we see with BJs? This was discussed. Peter Demers also asked if there should be a periodic review of all the signs and that only the most important signs stay up. Benn said a couple of years ago they had a buy in of \$15,000 of regulatory signs. The DPW does have something in place but the bulk of the signs addressed are the ones that are taken out through accidents but the DPW is working on this.

IV. Adjournment

Chief made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am, Tom Dion moved the motion, Benn Sherman second the motion. All approved; roll call taken 3-0-0.



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

Date Approved: 3-16-21

 (Signed for all)

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Tom Dion

Frank Tiano

Steve Sette