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:

April 20, 2021

MEETING LOCATION: Zoom - Conference call meeting

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy

Chief of Police

Tom Dion

Fire Chief

Benn Sherman

DPW Director

Steve Sette

Town Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley

Uxbridge Police Department

Glenn Matheson

Uxbridge Resident

John Sohajion

Uxbridge Resident.

CALL TO ORDER I.

It being 9:03 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Marc Montminy.

OLD BUSINESS II.

A. Approval of Minutes:

a) *** Motion by Steve Sette to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2020 seconded by Tom Dion. Roll call taken; all approved motion carried 4-0-0.

B. Potential radio frequency access. - Update

Chief reports at this time no new updates. Thank you to the Uxbridge Fire Department for putting up the antenna and now all that is needed is connectivity to the Police Department so it can vote. Hope to put up one more voting receiver. Work continues with the vendor to get both frequencies on the radios.

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

John Sohajion joined the meeting in reference to vehicles crossing the railroad tracks in his area. Mr. Sohajion that the railroad company put up a new sign about a year ago and they improved the crossing. He said it is well graveled through the tracks. There is good visibility in the northerly direction it is 2500 feet of distance. In the Southern side of the track visibility is as far as the eye can see. Mr. Sohajion said there is no commercial traffic in non-daylight hours. He will also add additional signage that states "Full Stop Required".

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

Benn no update after last meeting he followed up with MA DOT and they said it will get done.



Steve said that there are signs that say 'No Parking on Either Side of State Highway". Steve said he noticed trucks are abiding by them.

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

There are two items on Hazel St. and both reference speed and truck traffic. Chief said he did read the letter that was sent and there was a weight restriction at one time but the signs are no longer there. Benn said that there are 2 large culverts and there is no concern about them falling in they are fine. Also, there is no weight restriction. Nothing has been posted in the last ten years. Glenn Matheson joined the meeting at this time. 1st issue is the culverts and in the 10 years Benn has been here there was no signage there and there doesn't appear to be a need for signs because the culverts will not fall in. Mr. Matheson said that the soil trucks are exceeding the speed. He said it is more a speed issue rather than a weight issue. He said it is a weight issue, speed issue and frequency of soil trucks and timber trucks that have a heavy load. He said the concern is with the kids in the street, the busses and vehicles leaving their driveways. He said it was a peaceful place at one time. Chief suggested that Benn get proper speed limit signs posted and he will have officers enforce speed limit and put out the radar sign.

F. Kerry – Resident on High St. Traffic looking for Med-Line, Cul-de-Sac – Update Benn put up extra signage there and has not heard any other complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hazel St., resident concerned with the speed and travel of 50 foot Amazon Trucks on this street.

This was discussed in old business. Tom said if they are on that road they are there by accident or because of directions from their GPS. Benn said that the speed limit goes from 40 down to 25 mph. Benn to check and see if signs are legible.

B. Tri-State Trek - June 26, 2021

Tri-State Trek has done this in the past and the Police Department has worked with them with no problems. Steve said if the committee agrees with the route send the Board of Selectmen the paper to be signed and they will sign it. The Public Safety Committee took a vote and there is no problem with Tri-State Trek.

Steve asked to take up the RI Mass Con which will be held on August 28, 2021. They are also looking for approval. The Hartford Foundation and they have had a successful run in this Town in the past. Chief said he has no problem and doesn't believe it will be a problem. Chief took a vote and members gave full support recommending this to the Board of Selectmen.

IV. Adjournment

Chief made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am, Tom Dion moved the motion, Benn Sherman 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: 5-18-21	
Caffy Sysnes Marc Montminy, Chair	Senn Sherman
Tom Dion	Frank Tiano
	Steve Sette