



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

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021
MEETING LOCATION: UXBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

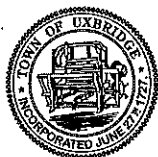
A. Approval of Minutes:

***** Motion by Steve Sette to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2021 as written, seconded by Benn Sherman. All approved motion carried 5-0-0.**

B. Bob Maguire – 331 E Hartford Ave., Update and Sidewalk/Pedestrian Bridge

Tom Dion sat in the driveway to look at site line and Benn reviewed to see if site line could be Improved. Chief said that there is nothing that can be done about the bridge, the site lines looked acceptable to Tom and Police have been doing enforcement in that area. Benn reported that you can see around the bend in the bridge. Chief said the resident is saying if you are in the driveway, looking to the left the speed of the cars pose a problem for an accident. Benn showed the committee that there is a sign before the bend and you can see down beyond that corner. Tom Dion calculated that the site distance is 211 feet and if the cars are coming at 35 miles per hour it gives him 4 seconds to decide to go and then go. Chief said the committee understands the bridge is narrow but there isn't much more that can be done. Chief asked if there is a blinking sign that can go up: "Slow" or "Blind Drive". Benn said he could but it blends in with the scenery after a while. Steve asked if the DPW can go in beyond the guard rail and clear more of the brush, and if we don't have something to do it with can we rent it? We can clear the site line to the corner.

Chief said the resolution to this issue will be to continue to increase speed monitoring and put the speed radar sign down there after we are fixed with Quaker Highway and to clear out more brush to the corner. Benn to report back for the next meeting.



C. B.J's parking – Update.

Steve Sette and Chief Montminy received text messages regarding B.J's parking.

After the last meeting Chief sent a letter to B.J.'s regarding the parking situation on 146. Chief had one of the Officers go down to talk to someone at DOT and they agreed to open the weigh station. The weigh station was opened for 2 days and the Millbury State Police Barracks ordered it closed. They wanted it closed because there are no toilettes or care and maintenance for that stop. Chief got a call from Brian Butler and called the Lt. Governor's husband, the called the Lt. Governor's office who then called the State Police and ordered them to open it up. This has not been done yet. Steve said Tom Emerick and from MASS DOT and several others are involved with this. Steve said the other piece to this is that there is a neighborhood behind there that abuts the weigh station. Tom Emerick is working on fixing the fences behind the weigh station area so people who use the rest area do not go back there and walk on the resident's property. Chief said B.J.'s prepared signs "Do not park on Roadway". Chief asked what the next step is, start ticketing or wait for weigh station to open. Tom Dion said if it is always the same drivers there is no problem, but different drivers it is not fair. Benn to send a letter to traffic and request No Parking sign on highway. The committee agreed that BJ's could do more. B.J's submitted a plan to increase on premises parking. Chief said if weigh station is not open in a few days we will revert to parking tickets. The law allows for idling up to a certain time frame. Steve said put the signs right under the overpass where people are going to park and the other issue is the trash. Moving forward that is the plan. Leave on for updates.

D. Kevin Mulligan email concerning safety on N Main both sides from Court St. to lights. No parking signs – update.

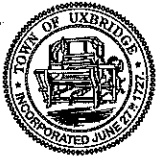
Benn said there are 2 – 12' lanes and shoulder variances. Benn said there should be no parking on both sides of the street. Benn will send something to Board of Selectmen to authorize no parking on both sides.

***** Motion made by Marc Montminy to recommend that we post both sides of that area No Parking. Seconded by Steve Sette. Motion carried 5-0-0**

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

Chiefs update: He spoke with DOT and they asked if we had any accident reports. Chief sent her enough information go get her started. Chief put the radar out in the area. The area of the High School the speed limit is 45 mph. Chief reported an average of 2100 to 2200 cars a day and a small fraction of those vehicles are speeding. If you look at further information the following information was gathered.

The daily average speed is 45 and the average speed north bound is less than 45. 85 percentile of the people were driving generally 50 mph or below. There were 15,109 vehicles during the week and 116 were doing 10 miles over the speed limit or more. Red information is peak, and this is the peak speed. There is 14-20% of people are driving 50 mph and higher. The Bell Curve peaks at 41 – 45 mph.



Chief said the state has implied they will be doing work out there and they are studying the problem. Benn said they need a speed study and traffic count. Chief did forward the information to Laura at DOT.

Chief is fearful of the High School's left turn lane. It is a heavy traffic area, lots of teen drivers and it doesn't stand out. They should mark the area because the school is hidden and you don't realize it until you are right on it. Chief said his preference would be to have an overhead yellow flashing light at the entrance.

Chief said it sounds like there is a preference to get a second egress on the property. Steve said we should at least start getting an idea of the cost wise and how to do it and if there is an opportunity at getting it done.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letter from Joan Klemm – Requests to add street safety signs – Email 10-25-2021.

Chief said there are three concerns here.

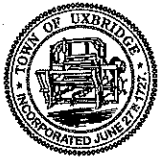
1. Vehicle speed – by default it is 30 mph.
2. Grade change in road. – The Public Safety Committee doesn't really have any say to this matter. It is beyond our control.
3. Turns in the Roadway – These are not issues for the Public Safety Committee.

Chief said there is only speed monitoring that can be done everything else is outside of the Public Safety Committee's purview.

Chief to send Joan Klemm a letter stating that the grade and turns are from planning and the Police Department will do traffic.

III. Adjournment

Chief motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am, motion seconded by Benn Sherman. All approved; Motion carried 5-0-0.



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

Date Approved: 1/26/2022

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Tom Dion

Steve Sette

Patrick Dillon