



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: December 21, 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 9:01 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:

Minutes for November 16, 2021 will be taken up at next month's meeting.

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

Chief said that the Police Department has spent time doing traffic enforcement. Mr. Maguire sent an email to the Chief thanking the committee and police.

C. B.J's parking – Update.

Chief said parking problem has largely been addressed and the state has put up signs "no parking both sides of the road". A formal request has gone out to the state requesting the weigh station be opened up. Chief contacted Lieutenant at State Police, he has no problem with it. Chief went to the Town's GIS and found the property abutters and sent them all letter about this. Chief has not heard back from them as of yet.

D. Line of site, traffic concerns and traffic along 146A at High School entrance.

State is looking into this and not sure if there is a solution yet. Chief has a week's worth of data and is doing another week. 85th percentile on that road is below 50 mph and the speed limit is 45. Will continue to collect data and the Chief has sent that data to the state. Pat Dillon asked the Chief if after the holidays if he could forward the information to the School Committee as they have an interest in that date.



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

Joan is complaining of increase in truck traffic and Chief said this will be this way until it is all built out. Chief asked if there is a probability we can put up a Children at play sign. Benn said the reality is people do not pay attention to signs. Chief suggests a speed sign and Steve Sette said speed limit sign should be put up and we will see what happens. The opinion of the Committee is we should provide a speed limit sign 30 mph.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 4-way stop sign at Granite Street, Linwood Ave., and E. Hartford Ave. – Zara Seale email dated 12-09-2021

Received an email of how dangerous this intersection is. Chief said there has not been a lot of accidents but this has the most visible signage in town. She is describing people not paying attention and going through the intersection. Chief said there has been 17 accidents in three years. Some are fender benders. The issue is lack of attention. Benn said coming West Bound there is an intersection sign but no Stop Ahead sign. Site distance on both sides is no problem. Benn said he can get Stop Ahead LED sign but they are \$1,800 each. Benn will look at grants for funding of the radar with solar and LED signage.

B. Steve Sette received phone call from Jean Oulette – speed signage for Mendon St.

This is a recurring issue. Benn to talk to Marlin to get signage and pole. Chief said the radar sign does not point into traffic.

This will be discussed at next month's meeting under new business.

C. Hecla St. Crosswalk @ Mendon St. Crosswalk too far back – Driver's do not see the people in the crosswalk.

The person said that they cannot see people in crosswalk when they come around the corner onto Hecla Street.

This will be discussed at next month's meeting under new business.

D. Chief – next meeting will be the first meeting of the year. Does the committee have interest in changing the Chair? Chief asked if it is a vote or managers prerogative to leave the Chair in place. The Committee agreed to leave Chief Montminy in the position of Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

E. Crosswalk at Town Common – front of UniBank, Common, Library.

Benn said the crosswalks are non-compliant. Benn brought this up to the state that they should not have painted the crosswalks there are not ramps there. The state realized they were wrong, propose that they go out and grind them off. The one in front of the church is in front of the stairs and will need to be relocated. A ramp can be cut in front of the UniBank. Chief said the options are #1 leaving them the way they are or #2 have the lines removed and address at a future date. This will be discussed at next month's meeting under new business.



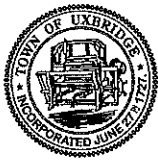
F. Pat Dillon – 2nd egress from High School.

The Public Safety Committee should send a letter asking for a 2nd egress. Question is what is the process for the 2nd egress at the High School? Public Safety Committee is supportive of the concept and would send a letter of support. Benn to get with Paul and see what the lay out of the land is. Will this be for emergency vehicles only or full access for the High School? Benn said this is getting into a feasibility study. Steve Sette agree that Benn should contact someone for a price to do a feasibility study. Should be town initiative. Chief said this was the issue with Sandy Hook, there was no 2nd egress.

This will be discussed at the next meeting as new business.

III. Adjournment

Chief motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am, motion seconded by Tom Dion. All approved; Motion carried 5-0-0.




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

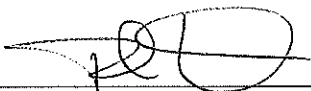
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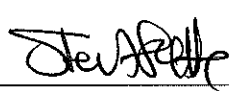
Marc Montminy, Chair



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