

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: JANUARY 26, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: UXBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
275 DOUGLAS ST. TRAINING ROOM

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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
Peter Demers	Uxbridge Selectman

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:

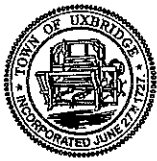
** Motion made by Steve Sette to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2021 and December 21, 2021, seconded by Benn Sherman. Minutes approved: motion carried 5-0-0

B. Line of site, traffic concerns and sidewalk along 146A at the H.S. entrance - Update.

The state is still working on this and Chief Montminy said that the Police Department has done two different traffic studies. The speed limit is 45mph in that area and the 85th percentile is between 50 – 51 mph., Chief would like to see the state put up a flashing signal warning of intersection because the entrance to the High School creeps up on motorists. Chief said at this time Police are still investigating the accident that occurred nearby but have nothing new to report. Benn has not heard from anyone at the State level and has nothing to report on this.

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

Chief said the committee bantered back and forth on this issue at their last meeting. All these issues were things that were approved with committee's outside of the Public Safety Committee. Chief Montminy drove this area and it appears all normal. Benn said all site distances etc., have been met. Benn has a work order for signage for a 35mph sign. This will stay on until those signs go up.



D. 4-way stop at Granite St., Linwood Ave., and E. Hartford Ave. – Zara Seale email date 12-09-2021.

Complaint that we need to do more to identify a dangerous intersection. As said in the last meeting, it is the most well marked intersection in Town. Chief Montminy looked at it to understand it better. Benn said he and Paul are looking into grant funding for solar signs. The cost for one (1) LED is \$1,800.

Chief asked if it would be wise for a 2-way intersection there. Tom said they made it a 4-way because of the accidents and making it a 4-way did not solve the problem. Benn and Tom believe that people are not paying attention. Chief also asked if they tee it up would that help.

Benn will look at potential of opening it up and Chief will have officers monitor.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Signage for Mendon St., recurring issue. Requested by Jean Ouillette

Trying to get trucks to slow down. This doesn't occur during the day it is mostly later at night. Benn said they were looking at permanent radar signs. Chief said we received a 2nd radar through a grant but they are down for the winter because they have to be 7-8 feet high for snow clearance. There is nowhere in town to mount them because there are no places to mount them. Steve Sette will ask Bob Moran if the radar signs can be mounted on telephone poles.

B. Crosswalk on Hecla @ Mendon St., Driver's do not see people in crosswalk.

Benn said the site distance is fine even though it is set back there is no obstruction you can see it. Radius of the corner is really good because of the skew of Mendon intersecting Hecla St. There are no bushes and clearance and site is fine. Site distance is worse looking east bound at the stop sign but DPW keeps the clearance open. Benn looked into it and does not believe there is an issue.

C. Crosswalk at Town Commons.

State redid intersection they repainted a crosswalk that should not be there, but now that it is there we will leave it there. Benn said that he will go through other means to bring it into compliance.

D. 2nd egress from High School.

Chief said this a bigger issue that may need to be brought before the Selectmen. Benn reached out to one of our consultants they gave him a proposal to do a feasibility study to evaluate putting in a connector road between 146 Quaker highway and 122 Millville Rd. It would create an intersection at Mill St., and traverses across to Millville Rd., 122. Going back to the history from early school planning days, is this was one of the thoughts they had was to put in an access road to the school, which was the point for the town to acquire the land for future town use. Benn said when they purchased the land to the south, they envisions the 1967 parcel to be the right of way connecting Quaker Highway and Millville Rd.

Benn asked the consultants what it would cost to do a feasibility study to build something like that. Benn wants to update the proposal with 2 options.



#1 Access off Quaker Highway with access to the school only.

#2. A cut through from Quaker Highway to Millville Road

Steve Sette asked what the distance was, and Chief measured at approximately 2,000 feet so that is less than half a mile. Benn will ask Fuss and O'Neal to do the feasibility study based on the option #2 and the cost is in the ballpark of \$15,000. Chief asked if Steve Sette had a funding source. Steve said he and Pat Dillon will discuss this. This will stay on for update.

E. Traffic calming device on Susan Parkway. School Project request by Julian Rosenberg.

A high school student asked if this could be done. When the Chief asked the student why, he explained that his grandmother lived on Susan Parkway. Chief Montminy drove out to Susan Parkway and drove the loop. The student wanted a speed bump put in.

#1. Traffic calming devices are not the preferred method.

#2. Not a good location for a traffic calming device.

Benn said better suited for a cut through where people tend to speed, it is not a viable location. Chief applauded the student for bringing this forward. Benn said if he is really interested in a CIVIC project he would talk with him about location. Locations, such as Granit Street, West River Road, Rivulet Street would be options that we could engage the student with. Chief to call Julian Rosenberg and discuss and go through options with him.

F. Intersection of West River Road and East Hartford Ave. Request per Sgt. Bergeron.

Benn said flashing signal on East Hartford at both ends prior to West River Road. Should still collect data and do enforcement. Benn said he is doing a more detailed budget for signage and will target things like this, and can still collect data and do enforcement.

Steve Sette said we are probably going for an increase in Chapter 90 and asked if we could use money for that. Benn said he cannot do signage on chapter 90 but can include it for signage on Roads in progress. Benn said before the end of the year he will look at getting more signage up.

This will remain on for updates.

III. Adjournment

Chief entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom Dion, seconded by Pat Dillon to adjourn at 10:01 am. All approved; Motion carried 5-0-0.



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

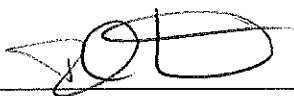
Date Approved: 2-24-22



Marc Montminy, Chair




Benn Sherman



Tom Dion



Steve Sette


Patrick Dillon