



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: MARCH 15, 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
Dr. Patrick Dillon	School Superintendent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Peter Demers	Selectman

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:00 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:

**** Motion made by Tom Dion to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2022, seconded by Benn Sherman. Minutes approved: motion carried 3-0-2 Abstention by Steve Sette and Dr. Patrick Dillon not present at the February meeting.**

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

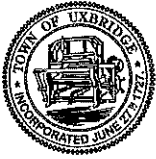
Benn has not heard back on the signage that is down by the high tensions. Tom Emerick, did send a response back on February 25th that he was going to try to get it done. Benn sent another email looking for an update.

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

Benn updated the committee that signage on Crownshield, Intersection of West River Road, and E. Hartford Avenue are all waiting for the ground to soften up so the signs can go in. Hopefully, by next month, these will be completed.

D. Signage for Mendon St., a recurring issue, requested by Jean Ouellette.

Benn applied for a grant. The "Shared Street Grants" Benn said they applied for 2 grants, 1 for equipment, the second one was for higher priority streets, for radar signs and he put in for 5 streets, 10 signs and feels confident he will get it. These signs record data and are solar-powered. Benn also applied for a grant for rapid flashing beacons for Mendon St. at Depot St. crosswalk.



This takes care of C, D and F.

E. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School – Update.

Chief said this was left with Benn would get an Architectural firm to look at it. Benn confirmed this and after talking with the school and Town Manager he got approval to move this forward and get a feasibility study to get figures on the price. If it is too costly they will eliminate the Millville Rd exit. When the study comes back this would go to the Capital Planning Committee. Benn had the contract from the firm which he will be sent to the Town Manager today. The committee is expecting an answer on this by May. Feasibility study is looking at a road from Quaker Highway to Route 122 with access to the High School.

F. Intersection of West River Road and E. Hartford Ave., Request per Sgt. Bergeron – Update.

This was discussed in items C and D.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. No Parking Signs – Hartford Ave. West @ Route 122 Intersection. – B. Sherman email from Amanda Batchelder on 3-08-2022.

Email expressing “No Parking”, on West Hartford at the corner. Benn said by expanding the road it has reduced the shoulder at the corner and people are still parking there even though it has been impaired. Benn said it had reduced the shoulder by half and signage is needed.

The Select board are commissioners of the roads. Motion is needed to move it to the Board.

**** Motion by Chief Marc Montminy that we send a request to the Board of Selectmen asking for “No Parking” on West Hartford on the westbound lane to extend to the second driveway seconded by Dr. Patrick Dillon. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.**

B. Jean Gillis, Adams St. – U-Turn TT Units.

Chief Montminy was out there and there are no residents on Adams St. Tractor Trailer Units coming off of Quaker Highway are turning left onto Adams St. There should be a “Dead End” sign or “No Exit” sign at the beginning of Adams St. There need to be signage warning TT Units there is nowhere to go once on that Street. Benn to look at this and put signage up – Dead End or Not a thruway and Steve Sette suggested “Not a Thru Way”, Benn will look and decide the proper signage and location. Keep this on until resolution.

C. Matt Anderson email – 2022 RiMaConn Relay – Saturday, August 17th, 2022.

The Town has had this before and they do a very good job. The Committee is approving the Relay and they are requesting a detail across Quaker Highway as they have in the past.

****** Motion by Steve Sette to send this to the Board of Selectmen for their approval, seconded by Tom Dion. All approved the motion carried 5-0-0.**

D. Status of Public Safety Committee.

The Chief would like to discuss the status of this committee at a future meeting to discuss whether this committee is an advisory to the Town Manager or if it is an official Town



Committee. Chief was told and Tom Dion also remembers that this was never meant to be an official town committee just an advisory committee. Chief asked the Town Manager to review the committee's status and decide what he feels about it.

Peter Demers commented that it should be a committee because there are decisions being made that do not require anyone else to do so. Peter suggested the committee should be meeting somewhere else. This committee is making decisions that impact the entire town and not everyone can make a meeting on a Tuesday morning at 10:00. This meeting should be recorded so people can go back and review it.

Chief wants to discuss this at another meeting, but getting back to Peter's comment all powers rest with the Board of Selectmen, but it should be left with subject matter experts. The Chief would like everyone to think about this to discuss at the next meeting.

E. Tabor Road. - According to GPS has an East St. address.

Peter Demers said there is a house on the corner has always had an East St., address. It is clearly on Tabor Road but has an address of 437 East St. Chief Montminy to follow up with Larry Lench and see if there is any reasoning as to why they provided the East St address. This will impact public safety when they need to respond. Chief will also contact Larry and see if there is a reasoning as to why they provided the address. Steve asked how the Planning Board assigns addresses. The people constructing the houses are the ones who make up their addresses.

II. Adjournment

Chief entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Benn Sherman, Seconded by Tom Dion to adjourn at 9:40 am. All approved; Motion carried 5-0-0.



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

Date Approved: 4/26/2022

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Tom Dion

Steve Sette

Patrick Dillon