

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: MAY 17, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: UXBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
275 DOUGLAS ST. TRAINING ROOM

POSTED ONE YEAR CLEAR
2022 JUL 13 AM 07:55

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Steve Sette	Town Manager
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Tom Emerick	DOT
Representative Michael Soter	
Eric Eisner	
Peter Demers	Selectman
Paul Hutnak	DPW

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:

No quorum to approve at this meeting.

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

Tom Emerick from DOT informed Public Safety about the plans for signage at the High School. There will be an overhead flashing beacon, pavement markings have been updated a little over a year ago. Also, DOT is adding school markings at each approach to the school entrance. They will be big graphics markings on the roadway. The beacon lights have better visibility than the ones that were there previously. Representative Soter agreed that something had to be done. He also said that after much discussion they put a lot of investment into safety. DOT is looking for the town to give them the green light to move forward with this project. Peter Demers asked if a sign could be added before Mill St. stating "School Ahead". Representative Soter asked Tom Emerick to add the sign before Mill St. Representative Soter also asked Tom if the area was a restricted speed zone and Tom Emerick said no but they are working on this. Representative Soter said if this is approved at the Monday meeting he would like to hold a press conference at the school on Wednesday, the 25th.



**** Motion by Steve Sette seconded by Benn Sherman to support the plan from Mass DOT regarding 146A at the High School Entrance.**

All approved, motion carried 3-0-0.

**** Motion by Marc Montminy seconded by Benn Sherman to forward the above recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for consideration at their next meeting.**

All approved, motion carried 3-0-0.

- C. Joan Klemm – Requests to add street safety signs – Email 10-25-2021.**
Benn said the speed limit signs are up on Crownshield.
- D. Signage for Mendon St., a recurring issue, requested by Jean Ouellette.**
Will hear about this in the next 30 days. Hold for updates from Benn.
- E. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School – Update.**
Mass DOT will order signage and have an update at the next meeting.
- F. Intersection of West River Road and E. Hartford Ave., Request per Sgt. Bergeron – Update.**
Benn will get these ordered and if it is the desire of the town he will put up the flashing LED lights.
- G. No Parking Signs - Hartford Ave. West @ Rt. 122 Intersection. B Sherman email 3/8/2022 from Amanda Batchelder – See BOS email dated 3/30/2022.**
Benn will have these fully installed or updated at the next meeting. During the meeting, Benn was sent an update that the signs are in and will be up this week.
- H. Joan Gillis – Adam St. signage for TT Units turning around – update from Benn.**
Benn will be putting up the “Dead End” sign under the Adam St sign. During the meeting, Benn got an update that the signs have been ordered for Adams St.
- I. Public Safety Committee’s Charge – continued discussion.**
Steve Sette the no parking sign issues are things that the Road Commissions need to vote on and the Board of Selectmen are the Road Commissioners. The goal was to have something official come from the Public Safety Committee so that when they made their decisions they had something from the committee. This will be discussed further when there is a full committee present. Steve asked if the committee wanted to move the meetings to a place where they are broadcasted.



J Traffic Mirror Request – Officer Miller

Chief asked if a mirror meets traffic control requirements. Benn said no it is not a traffic control requirement. He said if someone wants one the individual paid for it themselves. After viewing the street on Google Maps it shows a sign there already “Watch for Pedestrians.” Chief Montminy will verify that the sign is up that shows on google and it is facing in the right direction. Chief and Steve Sette both oppose the town putting up mirrors.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Toni Loranga – Lights on CrownShield.

Benn explained to the Public Safety Committee, that in the Fafard development, a portion of Crownshield, all of Spinning Wheel, and Cotton Mill were accepted by the town back in the early 2000s. The question is Fafard put light pole bases in but why are there no lights on those roads. Benn found a lot of correspondence during the time of construction from DPW to the Board of Selectmen and planning board about not having any lights and that officials from the town voted and instructed Fafard not to put them in. Benn said there is multiple correspondences in the files but he can continue going through the hard copies.

Ms. Loranga said that there is a lot of traffic and speeding. Chief said their police are up there frequently and it is very congested. He agrees it is a dense population for Uxbridge. Ms. Loranga said there are more and more people in the area and she would feel better and safer with more lighting in the area. Benn to further review and this will be discussed as new business at the next scheduled meeting.

II. Adjournment

Chief entertained a motion to adjourn.

**** Motion made by Steve Sette, seconded by Steve Sette adjourned at 10:05 am.**

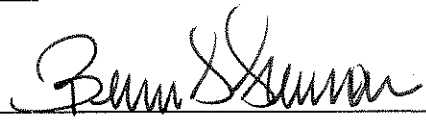
All approved; Motion carried 3-0-0.

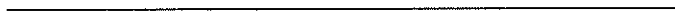


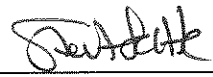
*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

Date Approved: 6-21-22


Marc Montminy, Chair


Benn Sherman


Tom Dion


Steve Sette


Patrick Dillon