

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman: Marc Montminy, Chief of Police
Steve Sette, Town Manager
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW
Tom Dion, Fire Chief
Dr. Michael Baldassarre, School Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 24th, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Steve Sette	Town Manager
Tom Dion	Deputy Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW
Dr. Michael Baldassarre	School Superintendent

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2022 NOV 21 AM 9:23

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Paul Flemming	Fuss & O'Neill
Matt Taylor	Fuss & O'Neill
Peter Demers	Select board member

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:12 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

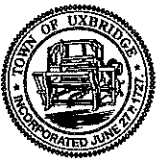
A. Approval of Minutes:

- a.) **** Michael Baldassarre motioned to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting, seconded by Tom Dion. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Steve Sette abstaining; he was not present at this meeting.**
- b.) **** Michael Baldassarre motioned to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022, as amended by Benn Sherman, seconded by Steve Sette. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**** Motion by Steve Sette to take item D. under old business out of order, seconded by Michael Baldassarre. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

D. 2nd Egress at High School

Chief Montminy and Public Safety members discussed work at the high school with Mr. Flemming and Mr. Taylor from Fuss & O'Neill. Chief said that the committee hoped to accomplish a secondary entrance and egress to the High School for Emergency first responders. It looks like the report was prepared to connect Quaker Highway to Millville Road. Mr. Flemming said the initial scope as they understood was to explore the potential of a connector road and examine the benefits with that and efficient ways



to access the backside of the high school.

The Chief said the primary goal was to access the High School for First Responders to have secondary access if the main entry road was blocked and the secondary goal was ease of access.

Mr. Flemming explained that the secondary task shows access for the town which was very helpful and the Town received an abundance of information to help them make a better decision.

Chief asked if Fuss & O'Neill could refine the draft to take into consideration the Town-owned Road to the South of the High School that is used to access a water facility and what the feasibility of simply extending a paved portion between the school and access road would be. It is not addressed in the current report.

Benn believes that they are in for a lot of work to access the water road due to conservation issues. There was a lot of information to generate the complexity if you were to build a connector road. They were able to pull up a lot of the published and mapped information concerning the streams, wetlands, and flood plains. Those were the 3 most significant issues in planning the road. What they pulled together from prior reporting did not go south enough. Fuss & O'Neill did not examine coming in from the South side. Chief said that was all they were asking for and that crossing the stream offers conservation pitfalls. Mike Baldassarre said there is an incline there that will need to be addressed. Benn expressed concern with any potential access way on the waterside. There is a tremendous amount of permitting that would need to be squared away because there were many existing permits that were not closed out with the National Heritage people. Chief asked Fuss & O'Neill to add the access road into the study to analyze and give the committee a recommendation. After discussing options for secondary access, the Chief asked Fuss & O'Neill to concentrate their efforts on what they would recommend now that they fully understand what the committee's desires are. The Chief said the committee is trying to accomplish the quickest, easiest way for public safety to access the building should the main entry become blocked.

B. Line of site, traffic concerns, and sidewalk along 146A at the High School. Rt. 146 NB Flashing Intersection ahead sign and traffic signal at the High School.

Still waiting to hear something.

C. Signage for Mendon St., a recurring issue, requested by Jean Ouellette. – Update.

Benn is still waiting on notice to proceed. Hold for the update.

E. Toni Loranga – Lights on Crownshield Ave.

Benn is waiting for a formal proposal. Benn had a detailed discussion with Bob Moran from National Grid. Bob gave him a high level of what will be needed and is waiting for the town to engage and an electrical engineer to design it. Benn asked the committee if this is something the town is interested in pursuing, and then they would need to engage someone to do the design for us and how much they want to get into. Chief said this is something the Select board needs to have conversations about, and Steve said they should also survey the residents and see if they want it. Some people may want a



light some may not. Chief said the first thing is to have a conversation with the select board, and Steve said it is also a budgetary item as this will be a significant cost to the town. Chief said the committee needs to present the concept to the board and see if they will be on board.

F. Traffic issue on Pond St., Lighting, signage, traffic, updates.

Benn said lighting is spotty in that area, and it is not space consistent and if lights are added in the area it will be at the cost of the Town. If the town wanted to add signage and change the speed limit on the road it could not be done without doing a speed study. Chief said they have had only a couple of complaints and do not see the need for a speed study. This is being removed because the committee feels it is speed compliant and don't see a need for a speed study.

G. State Park and Bridge Safety.

Benn had a lengthy discussion with the Engineers about revitalizing the project and what will it take to get it going again. There are two structures (Bridges) that need to be involved in this project. They would have to widen the causeway as a whole as each lane is only 10' wide. This will be a major project and would qualify for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) funding, but the Town would have to pay for the design which could run between \$500,000 to a million. This would need a buy in from the Town.

H. Technology Drive update.

Chief asked if the Select board did vote on this. Steve Sette said no they did not. Chief asked Jeanne to send Ellen a request to have this put on the Select boards agenda for their next meeting.

The time being 9:00 am the following motion was made.

**** Motion by Chief Montminy to suspend the meeting until Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:00 am when the committee will pick up at New Business. This was seconded by Michael Baldassarre. Motion carried 5-0-0**



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

Date Approved: _____

Marc Montminy

Marc Montminy, Chair

Tom Dion

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Benn Sherman

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Dr. Michael Baldassarre

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