



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:** November 1, 2022  
**MEETING LOCATION:** Uxbridge Fire Department, Training Room, 31 S Main St.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Holly Gallerani	Uxbridge 1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday Night Committee
Tom Bellacqua	Uxbridge 1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday Night Committee
Peter Demers	Select board member

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**\*\* The date being November 1, 2022, the time being 9:06 and the meeting duly posted Chief Montminy reconvened the Public Safety meeting of October 24, 2022.**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Uxbridge 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday Committee, Holly Gallerani and Tom Bellacqua**

Mr. Bellacqua addressed the committee letting them know that this will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Uxbridge 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday Night parade. At this time Mr. Bellacqua reported that due to no funding there will be no fireworks for this event. The parade is scheduled to kick off at 4:30 p.m. Get the street closed off by Khappi's by 3/30 to line up prior to kick-off. As in the past, Court Street will need to be closed. Chief said to be careful with the length of time detail will run but because there will be no fireworks it should not be a concern. Chief asked Mr. Belacqua if he had made a request for the road closures to the Select Board yet. Tom Belacqua said that usually, Lt. Burke is the one who handles this, and the First Holiday Committee does the Common use request. Chief said he is going to ask Lt. Burke to be the incident commander for this event due to his 25 years of experience and Chief will also be present at the parade. Chief said if it snows, there will be no motorcycle unit for the parade. Benn will be using DPW vehicles to close off the streets as they did last year. Fire Chief Dion and the 1<sup>st</sup> Holliday night committee spoke last week and the Chief has all his information for this event.



**B. Eber Taft, Hathaway Lane:**

These are not locations that lend to speed. The resident has asked for speed enforcement on this road but it is difficult to do when there is literally only a car every half hour up and down the road and it is sparsely populated. Benn said the speed limit is 30 miles per hour. The old part of Eber Taft does not have a ditch on both sides is very narrow and it is sparsely populated. The extension of Eber Taft is in the early stages of construction. Chief said that the resident is saying that pedestrians have a hard time walking on this street because of speeding traffic but the Chief believes they are in competition with the construction vehicles. He said that maybe talking with the business owner this can be resolved. He will reach out to him.

Hathaway Lane is a sparsely traveled road that doesn't normally see traffic enforcement and there is no speed limit posted on Hathaway. The way the Chief resolved this is there is an Officer who lives in that area and we have asked him to be conspicuous and do some enforcement.

**C. Speed on Main St area of Town Hall:**

Pedestrian and vehicle traffic in that area has become so great and traffic coming down the hill into the center of Town tends to pick up speed. The speed limit changes as you crest the hill coming into town and the lights at the crosswalk; when people are waiting to cross vehicles ignore the flashing crosswalk sign. These are the issues we are trying to address, the police department-initiated traffic enforcement activity and putting the radar sign out to collect data. Fire Chief is also concerned with the traffic backing up at times to High Street and he wonders if there is something they can do with the lights to help free up the traffic that is backed up to and at times beyond High St. Benn said through the Amazon project they did some evaluations and signal to time in the center of town. Benn doesn't feel like he has seen a big difference, but he also said all it takes is a small truck to snarl it all up. Chief said the issue appears to be tractor-trailers making turns will use all four lanes of traffic and it can really make a mess of traffic. Chief will leave on agenda for a report back from Benn at the next meeting for any potential resolution.

**D. Taft Playground, nighttime use:**

Dr. Baldassarre said the community playground at different times in the evening is pretty well attended. He said the playground is up in the back and it may be a good idea to have enforcement around to check on things. He has been working with vendors on ideas for retrofitting the community playground and making it accessible to handicapped children. He is viewing this as a regional issue and Benn has identified some other areas that also need to be looked at.

**E. Taft – Whitin School Doors:**

**\*\* Chief Montminy motioned that this topic is tabled and put under executive session at the next Public Safety meeting, seconded by Tom Dion. Motion carried 4-0-0.**



**F. Cross St., Oak Street water work:**

Benn – The status of the water project is complete. Chief said there were issues with the traffic pattern going through the McCloskey parking lot. People were parking in parking spaces that blocked the cone pattern for the detour. Mike Baldassarre suggested a calendar for everyone to see what is happening at the McCloskey School. Chief said there needs to be better-organized communication around the McCloskey parking lot.

**G. Pine Ridge Estates - Updates:**

The 40B project is the subdivision – of Pine Ridge Estates on Douglas St. which will 36 units when they went to the 30B. Benn said the opportunity is here to provide questions from the ZBA and Planning Board. Chief said he has already asked questions and his concern was the lack of sidewalks. Tom Dion also potentially a bus stop, he agrees with the sidewalks, there should be sidewalks. Chief said if they want to hear more detail from us they can ask him and he will be glad to attend a meeting.

- H.** Benn said they just got the notice to proceed with the speed signs. Chief asked where they are going and Benn said he will have to go back to check where they were going. Chief and Benn want to have a conversation on how many will be data collecting and how many will not. He will be ordering them shortly.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Uxbridge Police Station.

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Motion - Tom Dion

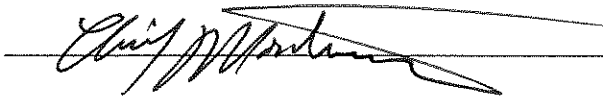
Seconded – Benn Sherman

Motion carried 4-0-0

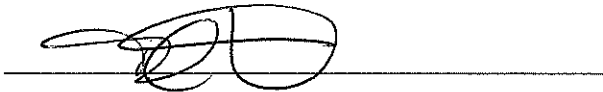


*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.  
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_



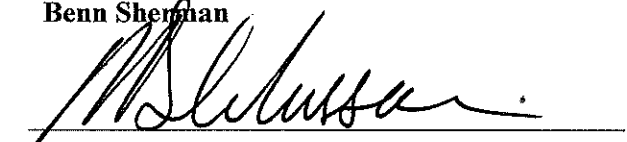
**Marc Montminy, Chair**



**Tom Dion**



**Benn Sherman**



**Dr. Michael Baldassarre**



**Steve Sette**