



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 Baldassare, School Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 29, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department – Training Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Steve Sette	Uxbridge Town Manager
Benn Sherman	DPW
Dr. Michael Baldassare	Uxbridge Schools Superintendent

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Claudine Almeida	Recording Secretary PSC
Peter Demers	Select board member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 9:02 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.

Approve minutes of April 08, 2023, May 16, 2023 Exec Session.

**** Motion made by Steve Sette to approve the minutes of April 8th 2023, second by Michael Baldassare. All approved motion carried 4-0-0.**

**** Motion made by Benn Sherman to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023 Executive Session with the amendment to change item D from rum to run, seconded with correction by Steve Sette as noted 4-0-0.**

B. Signage for Mendon St., hold until closed out.

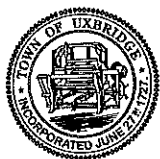
Benn is questioning about the one on Mendon St. out past Blackstone St. facing East Bound. Will need to do some coordination with MASS DOT because this is all Mass jurisdiction. Chief and Benn to go out on site to find a better location. Once everything is cleared Paul can go out and put together an installation schedule.

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

**** Motion by Steve Sette to hold this agenda item open until Fuss & O'Neil can join the meeting at 9:30. Seconded by Marc Montminy.**

All approved, motion carried 4-0-1

Paul Fleming from Fuss and O'Neill presented three options to the committee. Last meeting there was much discussion on which option to select. Chief would like to hear



Benn's recommendation. Benn said of the four options he agrees with the recommendation for option 1 as it is the shortest route with the least impact

Steve Sette also concurs with Benn as this is the best course of action.

Chief to craft a letter to the Select Board asking them to consider a funding source for this project and if they want to do this at all. Chief would like to see a more complete access.

****** Steve Sette made a motion to approve Item 1 as suggested by the Fuss and O'Neill for the second egress for the High School. Dr. Michael Baldassarre seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried 4-0-0.**

D. State Park and Bridge Safety – Update

Steve said the Board of Selectmen at its last meeting voted for the formation of a six-member committee. Committee members would consist of Fire Chief, Police Chief, Town Manager, select-board member, an ADHOC member (Mr. Maguire) and an agent from the conservation agent & planner as needed.

E. Speeding on Hazel St. – Update from Benn.

Chief said Officers have run extensive radar on Hazel St., to gain information and slow down vehicles on that street. The roadway is very residential and not accustomed to truck traffic. There is a large construction operation in Douglas just over the town line and there is an excavation going on with a lot of subcontractors and we don't know why they are taking that street. Benn had conversation with the Economic Developer in Douglas overseeing the project. Steve said he believes if they punch in the address WAZE will take them through Hazel St. Also, Benn said Economic Developer said that Kimball in Blackstone is where the trucks are going. He will talk with Kimball to have truck driver's use a different route.

F. Request for a traffic study and assessment of the speed limit of E. Hartford Ave., - Update from Benn.

Benn presented a MASS DOT procedure for speed zone update this existing speed limit was approved by the MASS DOT back in March 1980. Route East bound to route 122 is 30m.p.h., just pass Granite Street this becomes 35m.p.h. to crest of hill and then becomes 30m.p.h. downhill through to the causeway. In order to change speed limits, the Town must contact MASS DOT and petition the state to do a speed study to reestablish the speed across the board. Steve said we are looking for 30m.p.h. across the board. Chief said the Police Department did a study and the consistent problem is on West Hartford Ave. coming down the hill.

Benn will forward the Procedures for speeding zones on state and municipal Roads to everyone. Steve Sette asked the Chief to continue monitoring the area and if something changes the town will then petition the state for a speed study.



OPIOID Rescue Kit.

Prior to continuing to new business, the Chief wanted to inform the committee members that the town, using OPIOID Fund money, has purchased two Nilox Boxes (OPIOID Rescue Kits). This is intended to be located near AED devices which provides everyone with 2 pack Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, a rescue breathing mask and an explanation on how to use all of these items. The intent is to put one in town hall, one at the library police department, and one at the High School near nurse's office. The police will monitor and replenish as needed.

III NEW BUSINESS

A. High School exit – Discussed on 04-18-2023.

Chief wanted to discuss with Dr. Baldassarre how he wanted to discuss this. Chief said that he is not certain it is wise to do enforcement action in the High School parking lot. Mike asked what is viewable on the cameras and the Chief said he has not had access to them yet and does not know what it can see. He does not know if they cameras have one pointed into the parking lot. Barry Giles said the flow of traffic was designed to go in one way exit one way. Parents are parking on both sides of the crossover and people coming out through the entrance. Students exiting – they try to cut off busses. Not sure what the next step is.

Mike Baldassarre said Mike made some adjustments based on a study from the Central Massachusetts transportation regional planning commission. Chief said a calming device are generally not supported by anyone who does traffic study. Chief said whatever Mike does inside the school property he has no problem with but on the streets the calming devices sometimes force drivers to go around pointing them to onward traffic and is a bad idea but if Mike wants to put them on the school property he is ok with this. Chief said he will support the High School with whatever they need form him.

B. Myers St. parking issues – discussed on 4-18-2023 – waiting for a report from Joe Fitzpatrick.

Chief said the Officers took a look for parking violations and we were waiting for a report back from Joe Fitzpatrick but have not gotten a response back. We only received that one complaint. Benn asked if the issue was traffic but the Chief said we don't know what the issue is because the daughter complained about it and she lives in Florida and her mother lives on Myers. Peter Demers said they need to check into the licenses because he doesn't believe it involves the house to the left on the corner of N Main St and Garden St. and it should also involve the number of vehicles on that property. Chief will send an email to Joe Fitzpatrick for answers.

C. Fence/Gate at Pout Pond on Witek St.

Received a complaint about the gate on Witek St., that has an access to Pout Pond. There is an issue with a child with disabilities on that street and the children know about this access. Chief said what they could do is put a gate with a latch. Chief asked Benn to look at this and let the committee know what he thinks can be done.



D. Meadow Brook Knoll (Freedom's Way)

Chief said Benn has reviewed this but perhaps they sent it to PS to see if they have any issues. Chief said if the extension is on Freedom's Way he wants the extension to remain the same – Freedom's Way. If it ends in a cul-de-sac it needs to be wide enough for Fire apparatus to be able to turn around.

Benn said it was established in 2003 it is not quite ½ populated. They only built around 8 homes. It was to go all the way down so they are looking to alter the end of the road. The only thing Benn is concerned with is emergency access. Chief said we need Tom's input on this. Chief asked if the plans submitted, were they submitted with an accurate and Benn said the cul-de-sac is accurate at 120 feet. Benn asked if the committee should send a letter to the planning board on our issues and Benn said yes, they are looking for a waiver on the sidewalk and they are looking to alter the length on the layout. Chief to send a letter to planning with verbiage from Benn.

E. Mr. Shugrue – Traffic lights at routes 16 & 122 exiting at the main parking lot of Savers Bank.

Chief said it is unusual for private parking lots to have a signal light. Benn said it happens a lot it just depends on how traffic is moving in that location. Chief agrees that anyone turning left on right has to yield to traffic.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



*Minutes respectfully submitted by Claudine Almeida.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

Date Approved: 7-18-23

Marc Montminy, Chair

Tom Dion

Benn Sherman

Dr. Michael Baldassarre

Steve Sette