

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: July 18, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department – Training Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2023 AUG 17 PM 1:05

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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 June 29, 2023 Exec Session.

**** Steve Sette made a motion to approve the minutes of June 29th 2023, second by Michael Baldassare. All approved motion carried 3-0-2. Benn Sherman arrived after motion was approved.**

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

Chief Montminy stated hold it until close out. Last time we heard from Mr. Sherman there was a post issue, they were to purchase posted mounts for the new signs. Chief would like to postpone conversation until Benn Sherman arrives for the meeting. No motion needed at this time. Benn states equipment needs to be installed.

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

Chief Montminy stated the last meeting Joe Fitzpatrick needed to weigh in on this issue on Myers Street, and Garden Street. Chief Montminy states in Joe Fitzpatrick's email he went by Myers Street today. There were four cars total on the street. One was at the end and belonged to that resident and three were up by Uxbridge motors. He spoke to the mechanic and he said one truck was his and the other two were his co-workers. There were no cars blocking driveways or in front of any homes. Chief Montminy suggest per Joe Fitzpatrick's email no parking issues or issues of quantity of vehicles. Chief would like to take item C



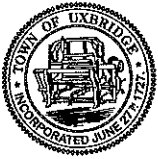
off the agenda. Steve Sette states the we should monitor it. Chief Montminy agrees officers will monitor. Chief states the complaint was over flow of vehicles from the business onto the street Steve Sette agrees. Chief will have the officers monitor the vehicles. Item off the agenda.

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

Chief Montminy states the fence/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 is aware of the access. Chief said what they could do is put a gate with a latch an adult can operate not a child. Chief Dion asked about the gate and Chief Montminy advised the child is drawn to water and had asked Benn to look at this and let the committee know what he thinks can be done. Chief states when Benn Sherman arrives we will continue to discuss. Benn took a photo of access area waiting for the quote from vendor and will put up a temporary gate until permanent gate can be installed.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Chief Montminy introduces new business from the Town Common request has come through came in yesterday from Travis Do Rosario. She wishes to use the common day for Uxbridge day. Annual event Michael Baldassare requested the date. Sunday, September 3, 2023. Chief states anyone have an issue. Chief Dion stated the form should be updated Chief Montminy agrees will revise form and states if roads should be closed, and if police details are needed should be approved by Fire, Police, and DPW. Form will be edited by Chief Montminy. **All approved motion carried 3-0-2. Benn Sherman arrived after motion was approved.**
- B.** Chief states any other new business. Steve Sette address's the committee regarding the turn lane on Rt. 146A, Aldrich Street, & Quaker Highway. Steve Sette concerns regarding the turn signal on Quaker Highway onto Aldrich on the right side of the road and cars try to pass. Possibly a turn lane needed not sure if this is a State Issue. Ben Sherman arrived for the meeting. Chief Montminy states the issue is on Aldrich and Quaker Highway. Chief states Ben and I will address this issue. Steve Sette states the intersection has overgrown trees unable to have access to oncoming cars and if we are responsible or the State. Sette states could be a hazard issue. Chief Montminy to add to agenda for next meeting.
- C.** Dr. Baldassare would like to discuss the High School exit from the last agenda. Chief Montminy states he submitted a letter to the Selectman Board suggesting we agreed to Option A the vehicles between the hours of 2:45 and 3:15 solutions to the parking issue. 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. To elevate the issue. New emergency entrance/exit Option A and open it to outbound traffic. Dr. Baldassare states make it a 2 lane exit there is still an

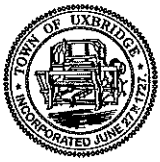


entry point. Chief Dion states if we built this roadway no access morning or evening hours emergency vehicles still have an issue with cars and buses. Dr. Michael Baldassare no buses. Chief Montminy suggests Option A location is adjacent to student lot and students could take that route than impede the rest of the parking lot. Chief Dion states if the roadway is made wide enough then it would be similar with flow of traffic and take the middle lane. Dr. Baldassare would like to speak to Fuss and O'Neill if the road is wide enough and gated the access out and always access in. Have the emergency lane open with a single gate for emergency vehicles only at Quaker. Chief Montminy the gate will open for emergency vehicles by access (sirens). New lane opens up during the 45 minutes to control the traffic flow and student safety. Dr. Baldassare states we have 600 people exiting the building, buses loading children, parent's picking up their children causing safety issues. Any analysis or views changes if student body or facility to exit that way. We have them exit that way the problem would be resolved. Chief Dion if we built a proper roadway no issues without a ravine in the roadway we would not be talking about this issue. The entrance to the new option on Quaker Highway staffing cars on the roadway. Benn Sherman states that Mass Dot will not allow the access road or entrance live access points for students, parents, and facility emergency access only. We would need a connecting roadway from Quaker Highway and 122. Chief Montminy can we fill in the ravine between the existing roadway. Benn states no due to the fire retention soil there is drainage sheet flow in the center that center goes down to the first triangular portion that's a bio retention area for a storm monitoring. Dr. Baldassare can it be moved? Benn states anything can be moved. Dr. Baldassare states if the Select Board will fund it it's a better option and have Fuss and O'Neill let them say yes or no for the option. Ben will reach out to Mass Dot see if they are willing to attend the Public Safety Meeting. Dr. Baldassare states I propose to ask Fuss & O'Neill targeted questions inquiring the possibility of having emergency access road to be accessible to departure only at the end of the school day. According to their traffic pattern they recommend or Mr. Rubin recommends. If they say no we have taken the steps from explorer threw the experts we hired. If they say yes go to Mass Dot. Benn sates Mass Dot will make the final decision for the full access road. Chief Montminy have Michael Rubin, and Martin Shaw to attend the Public Safety Meeting in August to discuss further.

Chief Montminy would like to go back to old business item B & D since Benn Sherman was not in attendance.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.




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

Date Approved: _____



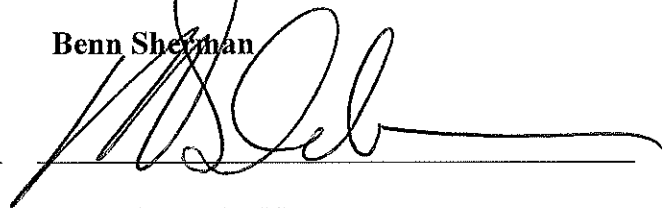
Marc Montminy, Chair



Tom Dion



Benn Sherman



Dr. Michael Baldassarre



Steve Sette