



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: August 15, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge High School-Media Center

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
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Almeida	Recording Secretary PSC
Peter Demers	Select board member
Martin Shaw	Plant Operations Manager
Barry Desruisseaux	Chair School Committee
Michael Rubin	Uxbridge High School Principle
Video Zoom Meeting	Benn Casper

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 9:07 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 July 18, 2023 Exec Session.

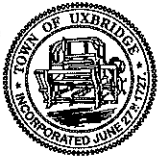
**** Steve Sette made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18th 2023, second by Michael Baldassare. All approved motion carried 3-0-0.**

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

Chief Montminy stated hold it until close out. Benn states equipment needs to be installed scheduled for next week. Chief Montminy states once completed to request Benn Sherman to email him. Chief Montminy states close out item B.

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

Chief Montminy states the fence/gate on Witek St., that has an access to Pout Pond. Chief Montminy states to Benn Sherman permanent gate being installed. Benn Sherman states permanent gate installed. Chief Montminy states a resident stated concern for a disabled



child that lives in the area attracted to water gate needed to be installed for parents and not a child to access. Chief Montminy states take Item C off the agenda.

D. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge School-MassDot & Fuss & O'Neill to report on 2nd Egress.

Chief Montminy states a 2nd egress for the High School asked for MassDot to attend this meeting they declined. Benn Sherman states he reached out to them and discussed what we're proposing. MassDot stated we do not attend these types of meetings they will speak off line with a select group of individuals. Chief Montminy states we are concerned if we are violating an open meeting. If we have more than 3 people from the Public Safety Meeting we are in violation of open meeting regulations. Chief Montminy states Benn and another person from this committee will meet with MassDot and report back to the committee of their needs and concerns for the 2nd egress. Dr. Baldassare wants to clarify the egress and the Fuss and O'Neill report regarding the egress. Chief Montminy interrupted and stated can we discuss this matter outside of executive session in the past Public Safety Committee has addressed in executive session just want clarification. Dr. Baldassare said I wanted clarification that we want to make the egress and we can discuss this issue. Steve Sette, we need to discuss this issue of putting an egress in this session. Dr. Baldassarre states we need this road for safety concerns for our staff and the children we need this egress. Chief Montminy states MassDot declined and we will meet with MassDot in a separate meeting. Benn Sherman wants to clarify with the school committee what are we looking for a full access, or an emergency access? Barry Desruisseaux states emergency access and end of the day access they do not coincide together. We should take the entrance we have now and open it up with a turn signal left-hand, and right-hand turn and remove the signage in the front also remove the guardrail and widen the road. Instead of spending the money use the access road now its 26' and it's feasible for 2 car lane. Open up the exit sign and we can split the road with 2 lanes. Chief Montminy we are looking for emergency entrance/exit. Chief Dion states emergency vehicles can not have access coming in or getting out due to traffic issues during morning and evening dismissal, we need an access road. Steve Sette suggests the emergency access road. Chief Montminy states we need to have the meeting with MassDot and discuss both options and see what they have to say. Chief Dion states I would like to be part of that meeting. Michael Rubin states when people are exiting onto Quaker Highway on a Friday night sports game accidents are going to happen how can we make it better? If we put in the emergency exit it will be very helpful for both emergency and school morning drop off and dismissal. Chief Montminy states that is fine so Chief Dion and Benn Sherman will meet with MassDot and discuss the 2 options and report back to the Public Safety Meeting. Chief Montminy states we will discuss at the next meeting.

E. Turn Lane on Rt. 146A, Aldrich Street, & Quaker Highway.

Steve Sette states the last meeting the concerns regarding the turn signal on Quaker Highway onto Aldrich Street on the right side of the road and cars trying to pass. The intersection has overgrown trees and are unable to have access to oncoming cars and if we



are responsible or the State? Chief Montminy states Benn Sherman and I will address this issue and see if it's a town or State issue. Benn Sherman will address with the State if needed. Chief Montminy we will discuss at the next meeting.

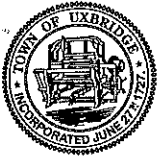
III NEW BUSINESS

A. Whitin Community Center Annual Greenway Challenge.

Chief Montminy states we received a letter from The Greenway Challenge regarding the Triathlon which has been held before this committee. They will be meeting with Lt. Burke for hiring details. **All approved motion carries 4-0-0.** Sette asked are there any road closures. Chief Montminy states when they meet with Lt. Burke they will discuss if any road's will be closed and we will advise the Town Departments. Chief Montminy states on the zoom meeting Benn Casper if he had any questions. Mr. Casper stated no.


II. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.




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

Date Approved: 9/26/2023



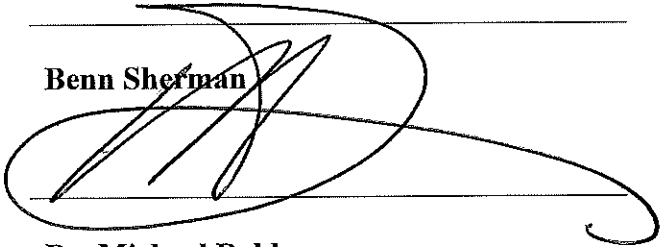
Marc Montminy, Chair




Tom Dion



Benn Sherman



Dr. Michael Baldassarre



Steve Sette