

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: September 26, 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
Paul Hutnak	Uxbridge Assistant Director of DPW
Dr. Michael Baldassarre	Uxbridge Schools Superintendent

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2023 OCT 24 AM 11:43

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Almeida	Recording Secretary PSC
Barry Giles	Cable-Program Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 9:05 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 August 15, 2023 Exec Session.

**** Steve Sette made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15th 2023, second by Chief Montminy. All approved motion carried 3-0-1. Chief Dion not in attendance for the vote.**

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

Chief Montminy stated hold it until close out. Paul, we have been speaking with Benn regarding the installation of the signage. Paul states 5 out of 6 signs have been installed. The only signage is Mendon St. Chief Montminy states remove from old business item B. Paul states we have received a grant from DOT for a trailer mounted speed sign. Chief Montminy asked if the UXPd can have access to the trailer. Paul states yes, we received the grant for traffic engineering (GIS analysis). Chief Montminy states can the UXPd pull the data from the signage we connect with the Wi-Fi and collect the data. We will need the code from the DPW Paul states we can provide that information.

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

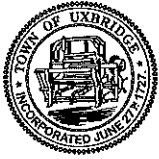
Chief Montminy states a 2nd egress for the High School update from Benn Sherman he is no in attendance for this meeting. Chief Montminy would like to withdraw the



recommendation letter given to the Selectman's Board and go with plan A from Fuss and O'Neill. Then see what's best for the taxpayers and least expensive. Dr. Baldassare wants to clarify the 2nd egress entrance plan for emergency access road. Dr. Baldassarre states we have a good plan from Fuss & O'Neill. We need Fuss & O'Neill to evaluate the need of this road for safety concerns for our staff and the children. Dr. Baldassare states the road was evaluated by Chief Dion, Marty Shaw, Barry, and other individuals. Chief Montminy feels its 2 different issues and these issues should not be combined. Chief Montminy states Barry Giles recorded a video of school dismissal during that time Barry ended up directing traffic. Barry states cars are parked on both sides and its causing major issues for vehicles and safety of children. Vehicles are driving on the lawn cutting off buses. Barry states I directed traffic during the dismissal time using cones and assisting the buses. Dr. Baldassare states the bus company has addressed those concerns with the school department. Barry states the signage is not being enforced. Dr. Baldassare before a final decision is made we should have Fuss and O'Neill evaluate the entry road and also address an emergency enter /exit roadway. Chief Montminy states widening the existing entrance. Dr. Baldassare states yes widening the road and removing the gully. Dr. Baldassare states yes so that the fire trucks police cruisers, rescue personnel are able to park and drive in safely. Steve Sette would like a gate for emergency vehicles only so they can enter and exit when needed. Chief Montminy states we need to rescind the original letter and re-submit a new proposal letter. Steve Sette said no nothing has been enforced so we do not need to submit another letter. Steve states the 2nd egress to Rt. 122 is the best option. We need Fuss & O'Neill's input on this project. Paul stated does children use the sidewalk? Dr. Baldassare states no. Chief Montminy will postpone a decision on this until Chief Dion can be present he will be in attendance shortly. We should move on to item D. Chief Dion states if they make entrance 25" feet wide then my fire apparatus can get around traffic with no parking fire lane we have plenty of room that works for the fire department. Chief Montminy is that the entry way into the school. Yes, states Chief Dion. Chief Dion states last football game there was an injury and an ambulance were dispatched. The ambulance had to cut across the ditch lane due to cars parked on both sides and how the ambulance did have any damage is a miracle. We can't have this happen again it's dangerous for my fire personnel and apparatus vehicles. Dr. Baldassare would like to make 2 motions to rescind the letter from the Board of Selectman members and have Fuss & O'Neill do an evaluation of the existing entry way and also and emergency entrance/exit way. He also stated how and where the money would be coming from. **Steve Sette 2nd that motion with an exception to pause the current letter to the Selectman Board and not rescind due to having to re-write the entire letter. Dr. Baldassare agrees. Chief Montminy made a motion, second by Steve Sette. All approved motion carries 3-0-0.**

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

Chief Montminy states Benn Sherman went out to Quaker Highway and Aldrich Street and cut the vegetation down on the right side of the road so cars have access to oncoming



vehicles. Chief Montminy let's concluded from Item D and return to Item E. Chief Dion is present to discuss further.

III NEW BUSINESS

A. Any New business that comes before the committee.

B. Traffic Advisory for Lackey Dam Road.

Chief Montminy states we received an email regarding traffic advisory on Lackey Dam Road. Paul states the new 12-inch water pipe trench located along the south side of Lackey Dam Road and crossed the roadway approximately centerline of the new driveway entrance to the Blackstone Valley Logistics center Warehouse. Chief Dion states as long as emergency vehicles have access for emergency calls. Chief Montminy agrees. Chief Montminy states he will have Lt. Burke contact the companies and discuss if any road's will be closed and we will advise the Town Departments. **All approved motion carries 3-0-0.**

C. Town Common Request Form for Valley Chapel National Day of Student Prayer.

This is for the National Day of Prayer on August 27, 2023 between 9-10 am. Committee members have no problem with this, Chief had signed the form prior.

D. Chief Montminy asked the committee any new business. Paul states I would like to discuss Chocolog Road and West Street intersection. When cars are taking a left onto Chocolog Road their cutting the corner crossing the stop sign line. Residences have addressed this issue with DPW. Paul stated we can put a double line 20 feet from the stop sign in the center lane for safety purposes. Chief Montminy we will discuss in further in the next meeting.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

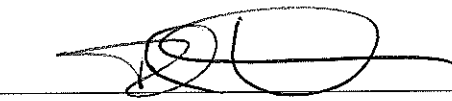


Minutes respectfully submitted by Claudine Almeida.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee

Date Approved: 10/24/2023



Marc Montminy, Chair

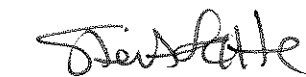


Tom Dion

Benn Sherman



Dr. Michael Baldassarre



Steve Sette