

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 13, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department – Training Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2023 DEC 13 PM 12:13

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Almeida	Recording Secretary PSC
Barry Giles	Cable-Program Coordinator
Mike Rubin	Uxbridge High School Principal
Barry Desruisseaux	Chairman School Committee
John Wise	Board of Selectman
Debbie Stark	Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 2:09 pm, the special meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Montminy.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- II. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School.** Chairman Marc Montminy the purpose behind this meeting is to discuss the Uxbridge High School emergency access that has been on the agenda for some time and has not come to a resolution. At the last meeting there was a discussion on another potential egress that had not yet been explored by Fuss & O'Neill. Dr. Baldassarre shared some information with Fuss & O'Neill that he received, and he was waiting for commentary from them on schematics that Mr. Desruisseaux had drawn up. Chairman Marc Montminy asked Dr. Baldassarre to reach out to Fuss & O'Neill for their commentary because no one has heard back from them.

Chairman Marc Montminy said one of the Selectmen asked that the combination of these issues for the High School be added to their agenda for discussion at their last meeting. He was not aware of this discussion but was at the Selectboards meeting for another issue. Peter Demers asked that it be discussed with the Selectboard. The Selectboard



discussed this among themselves and said there are two issues. #1. Access to the parking lot for Emergency Vehicles and #2. Better flow through the parking lot in general. They support both projects.

Chairman Marc Montminy said the Selectboard supports a permanent secondary exit from the property, most likely from the back and an emergency access. We need to get Fuss & O'Neill's third report on this topic and find out if they see any validity to the issues we raised, make that suggestion to the Selectboard and move on. The issue on the second egress to the back of the school to 122 is not Public Safety's purview. Chairman Marc Montminy did say he supports an access to the rear of the school, and it would be a great alternative to solve a lot of problems, but it would cost 5 to 6 million dollars and it is not for the Public Safety to accomplish that.

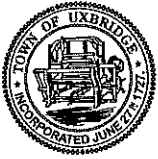
Chairman Marc Montminy made a motion that the Public Safety collect the third and final report from Fuss & O'Neill, wait and see what their recommendations are then forward them to the Selectboard and have them act on it or not, then take off our agenda. Dr. Baldassarre seconded the motion to get to discussion. Chairman Marc Montminy moved that we discuss separating these issues and receive the third and final report from Fuss & O'Neill, act on it and remove it from our agenda.

Chairman Marc Montminy then asked for discussion and any opposition that he brought forward. Dr. Baldassarre said we did separate both issues because we had the option of going around the back to 122 and the next one was the need of emergency vehicles entrance and exit. He addressed Mike Rubin, Principal of the school and asked if the exit and entering of the parking lot also an emergency need? Mike Rubin and other Public Safety members voiced their concerns and opinions on the emergency egress and parking lot issues.

******* Chairman Marc Montminy states I accept the friendly amendment to the motion to advise the School Committee the results of the Fuss & O'Neill report for their decision making, Dr. Baldassarre seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.**

After we receive the report from Fuss & O'Neill we will make our recommendations to the School Board and they can take our recommendations and move from there. I also think it's important that we extend to the School Board our willingness to assist with the parking lot issues. I think the School Board needs to take the lead on this and we will provide assistance.

*****Dr. Baldassare made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Dion. All approved motion carried 5-0-0.**



IV. Adjournment

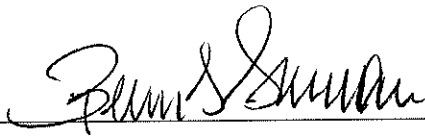
Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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

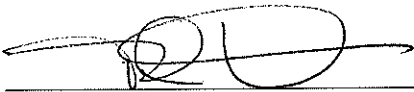
Date Approved: 12-19-23



Marc Montminy, Chair




Benn Sherman



Tom Dion

Dr. Michael Baldassarre



Steve Sette