



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman: Marc Montminy, Chief of Police
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW
Frank Tiano, School Superintendent
Tom Dion, Interim Fire Chief
Peter Hechenbleikner, Interim Town Mgr.

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2019
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Tom Dion	Deputy Fire Chief
Frank Tiano	School Superintendent
Peter Hechenbleikner	Interim Town Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Tim Burke	Lieutenant, Uxbridge Police Dept.
Holly Gallerani	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night
Tom Bellacqua	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2020 MAR 19 AM 8:38

I. CALL TO ORDER

It 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:

a.) September 24, 2019

***** Motion by Peter Hechenbleikner to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Public Safety Meeting. Seconded by Frank Tiano. Motion carried 3-0-1.**

B. Code Red - Update.

Chief Montminy updated the committee on Code Red. There will be re-launch of Code Red and the State 911 Department will give the town access to the 911 database which will cover all landlines in Uxbridge. There will be a table set up at Town Meeting for signups. Chief will meet with the students who will be assisting with Code Red sign ups organized through the School Resource Officer. Peter Hechenbleikner suggested that the Chief plan to have presence at other Town events throughout the year and be present for Code Red sign ups.

C. Key Access to Town Property – Update

Steve was going to talk to Chief Kessler for information on Key Access because there may already be a start to the plan. Chief Montminy said the issue is people do not know what town properties there are key access to and/or where the keys are. Tom Dion said key access before are just town gates and there are keys to the gates. Chief Montminy



recommends that Tom Dion bring the information to the next meeting because Benn was the one who initiated this request.

D. Signs with state law about “horses on road” – Update

Holding for update from Benn.

E. Discussion on complete street program – Update

Peter Hechenbleikner said the complete street program was put together. Most of the post projects are in the school areas. There were 19 projects which included sidewalks and crosswalks and any comments or ideas send them off to Paul as soon as possible.

F. Drainage problem – Waucantuck Dr., - Update

Tom Dion got an email about a safety issue and had sent it to Benn. He mentioned it to Paul at last week's department head meeting and has not heard from Paul as of today. Peter Hechenbleikner asked for the email to be sent to him. Holding for update of resolution from Benn.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Events Guide.

Chief said a few months ago there was an issue with regard to the way to deal with special events on Town property. Chief Montminy created a form was created. Mike Gallerani created a special events guide that included a different mechanism to sign offs. Peter said Mike sent it out as a draft for comments. Peter does not know where it came from. Chief Montminy thinks there should be only one system and would like some direction on what form will be used. Tom Dion said the original form was better to understand and the one created by Mike was too complicated was for a larger city. Peter Hechenbleikner will tell Mike not to do anymore work on the guideline and asked the Chief to put the fillable form online for public access.

B. Rt. 122 / 16 Intersection:

Chief Montminy said that there is constant turning and the markings in the road are gone between the area of Koopmans and the bridge. There are no yellow lines, there are a couple of lanes specific for right or left turns and the markings are worn and not visible. This was brought to the attention of the DPW a month or two ago and they said it is done in a whole. Peter Hechenbleikner said that he talked with Benn and it is weather and contractor dependent. Chief Montminy to talk to Benn and find out when this will take place. Chief Montminy said his biggest concern is truck traffic. He asked if any trucks ever hit the bridge. Lt Burke said this has happened many times in the past but the Railroad Company has since lifted the bridge but did not replace the old sign with the height requirement.



C. First Holiday Night Committee:

Tom Bellacqua informed the committee that the event this year will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 and it is the 22nd year. The only change for this year is fireworks will begin at 6:00 pm after the lights are lit. They will be held at Buma's and should be no more than a half hour long. Parade starting time, line ups, parade routes are all the same this year as have been in previous years.

Holly Gallerani will send request to Benn Sherman for trash pick-up. She also requests that the Public Safety Committee recommend to the BOS that Court Street be closed from noon to 10PM for the event.

***** Motion by Chief Montminy that Public Safety Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Court Street be closed on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from noon to 10:00 PM for the First Holiday Night event. Seconded by Peter Hechenbleikner. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

Peter Hechenbleikner will put it on the Board of Selectmen's agenda for their next meeting.

D. Disruption at meetings:

Chief Montminy informed the committee that 2 different politicians, Susan Franz and Dr. Tapscott about disruption of a meeting and how to handle it. Request was made for education and training on how to handle disruption at meetings. Chief said that he created a power point presentation to give it to the Town Manager to have his office send out. The problem is the public are disrupting the meeting during the time that they are not hearing public comments and this presentation will help them understand how to handle it.

Peter said that when someone gets out of hand in a meeting and the committee feels threatened the chair should ask them to sit and if it continues they call the police. Peter said they had a training and not many people attended.

Chief explained then talked about the suggestions he has in his presentation and if nothing works they should stop the meeting and recess. Peter said that the only time they are allowed to speak is if there is a public forum.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Motion – Peter Hechenbleikner

Seconded – Frank Tiano

Motion carried 4-0-0




Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.

Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee Date Approved: 11-19-19



Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman



Tom Dion



Frank Tiano

Peter Hechenbleikner
