



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569
MEETING MINUTES

Chairman: Marc Montminy, Chief of Police
Benn S. Sherman, Director DPW
Tom Dion, Fire Chief
Steve Sette, Town Mgr.
Dr. Michael Baldassarre, School
Superintendent

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MEETING DATE: June 21, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: UXBRIDGE TOWN HALL, BOS ROOM
21 S. MAIN ST.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Steve O'Connell	Uxbridge Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:00 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:

**** Motion made by Benn Sherman to approve May 17, 2022, meeting minutes with the amendments that were discussed, seconded by Steve Sette. Minutes approved: motion carried 4-0-1 abstention by Dr. Michael Baldassarre who was not present at the May meeting.**

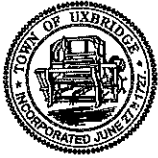
**** Motion made by Steve Sette to approve April 26, 2022, seconded by Benn Sherman. Minutes approved: motion carried 4-0-1 abstention by Dr. Michael Baldassarre who was not present at the April meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**** Motion made by Steve Sette to move Item C: New Business, to the front of the agenda, seconded by Tom Dion. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.**

C Stephen O'Connell – email request street name “Grand View Lane”

Mr. O'Connell discussed the proposed sub-division off Williams Street. A 2-lot subdivision will create 1 new lot. The existing house on the property is at 335 William St. The grandson lives in the house now and the granddaughter would like to build a house on this property they requested the name “Grand View Lane” in honor of their grandfather and the history related to the property. This will be a private way. Chief Montminy said the Public Safety's goal is that the name does not create a public safety conflict by too closely being associated with another street name and



public safety officials can get there safely. Tom Dion asked if this was going to be a cul-de-sac and how long the road was going to be. Mr. O'Connell said it will be paved 20 feet wide. It will be a hammerhead turn around within the cul-de-sac right of way. The road is about 500' long. Benn had no issues with the naming. Mr. O'Connell said there are 2 existing houses there now and the access will be through "Grand View Lane" and the public safety has an issue with the change of address. Chief Montminy said the problem now is which street the driveway access is going to be on. He said Public Safety will review this in another quorum.

***** Motion by Chief Montminy that the Public Safety Committee approved the name to the Select Board from a public safety standpoint and the decision will then be theirs. Seconded by Tom Dion. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.**

Tom Dion said the committee needs to have a meeting with the planning board on the next agenda. Chief Montminy would like the secretary to make a note to engage the Planning Board in this issue because it has become an issue all over town and doesn't think they realize it. Will have the planning board attend the next meeting in July to discuss the street naming process.

II. OLD BUSINESS

B. Line of site, traffic concerns, and sidewalk along 146A at the H.S. entrance - Update.
Benn – Keep this on the top of the list. Mass DOT has ordered some of the signage, some of the line painting done and the biggest lead time is the installation of the mast arm.

C. Signage for Mendon St., a recurring issue, requested by Jean Ouellette.
Benn did get the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant and is waiting on the notice to proceed from the state. This will allow him to order signage on Mendon and other streets. Leave on for updates.

D. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School – Update.
Benn said there is a follow-up meeting and will have reports distributed in advance of the next meeting.

E. Intersection of West River Road and E. Hartford Ave., Request per Sgt. Bergeron – Update.
Benn informed the committee that the LED lights are on order as of this morning and they are 2 weeks out. This will remain on until the lights are up.

F No Parking Signs – Hartford Ave. West @ Rt. 122 Intersection – B Sherman email 3/8/2022 from Amanda Batchelder – See BOS email dated 3-30-2022.
Signs are in and functioning.

G Joan Gillis, Adams St. – U-Turn TT Units. – Update from Benn.



The signage is up and complete.

H Public Safety Committee's charge – continued discussion.

Chief asked that this be an agenda item with the Select Board for their next meeting in July. Dr. Baldassarre said Superintendents Dillon's entry plan report mentioned safety planning and he asked if this is the place to talk about comprehensive planning for school safety. Chief Montminy said in his personal view any school safety issues should not be in public view and this will be discussed at the Select Board's next meeting. This will remain on until Chief Montminy and the Select Board have a discussion on this. A request will be made to be on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

I Traffic Mirror Request at Brother's Liquors - Officer J Miller

Benn said that after the meeting he went out to that location and there was signage there to look left for pedestrians when exiting the parking lot. Benn said the unwritten policy is DPW does not put up mirrors, we can assist with installing but DPW does not purchase mirrors. This will be removed from the agenda.

J Lights on Crownshield

Benn went back up to the area, and it does make sense that the old foundations up there are for old fire boxes because they are not in a consistent location. These are larger guide signs 4-5" tubes with breakaway bases and are not for lighting. Steve Sette asked when this happened and Benn said in the late 90's early 2000's around the time lights were being turned off. Steve said since then all lights have been converted to LED. Benn does not know how much it would cost to set poles up there for lighting but would be in the high end. Steve said we could ask Bob Moran to address it and give us an estimate on how much it would cost. Chief asked Benn to have Bob look into it for the next meeting, review it and get us an estimate on the cost.

III NEW BUSINESS:

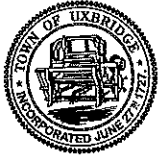
A. Stop sign at Hollis St., and Blackstone St.

MUTCD establishes guidelines on signage, signals, etc. When you have a minor road intersecting a larger road stop control and the regular rules of the road follow. This would require approval by the Select Board. Tom Dion said it would be worth it because Blackstone St is traveled heavily.

***** Motion by Chief Montminy that the Public Safety Committee requests from the Select Board to have a stop sign placed at the end of Hollis St. where it intersects with Blackstone St. This was seconded by Benn Sherman. All approved, motion carried 5-0-0.**

B. Second access to Tri-River from Hartford Ave. East.

Benn discussed with the committee members that this is private property. He received a call from someone in the construction maintenance department at U-Mass who run Tri-River. They are planning a paving project and a request was made by the head doctor to reinstate the second access. Benn thought that the close proximity to the causeway in the past there was concern with site distance. His major concern is safety. Tom Dion said he would like to see it come



back and from his standpoint even if they made it an emergency exit only it would cut the cost and time back. Chief asked who the person behind the request is. Benn said Tri-River is asking. So, Tri-River is asking if they can reestablish the second exit/entrance and Chief Montminy said from the public safety view it would be a good idea. This would be at their cost. Tom said site lines to the left are fine but to the right, the site lines would be prohibited. Chief Montminy said the committee does not object to them doing that but would have to look at the site line. Benn is meeting with them at 1:00 pm today and will report back to the committee.

D. Email from Matt Shute BETA Inc. – Downtown revitalization.

Benn said there was a meeting with MASS DOT and district 3 and Boston Office on the 100 % design submittal, it was a follow-up to comments that were made. The town is not leading this charge it is a hundred percent through MASS DOT. The question was about the 2 spaces in front for 15-minute parking. They want to know if we need them. At the time MASS DOT came out and had a conversation with former Town officials about demolishing the building adjacent to the Senior Center which is now the parking lot and putting in the 2 handicapped spaces which are is now the 15-minute parking spots. Benn said he doesn't see a problem with them taking it away but the Chief wants to know what the gain is. Benn wants to ask if we can regain 2 parking spaces and the Chief's concern is someone getting injured while exiting their cars. Benn said the crosswalk will be moved a little south because it cannot be going into the Desruisseaux parking lot. Benn said he brought it before the committee to see what everyone's thoughts are on this. Tom Dion, Chief Montminy, and Steve Setter are concerned with what the town is losing and what the safety is. Chief asked Benn to have them show us what they are planning.

E Any new business that comes before the committee.

Steve discussed an article that he read about how Cumberland RI's DPW was putting 7 traffic tables on Reservoir Road, which is kind of a cut-through road, in an effort to reduce speeding on their roads. He was asking Benn if this would be something that DPW would consider on any back roads in town where there may be speeding issues.

Benn updated the committee that they opened bids for the paving projects that they are going to do on all of Oak and Granit St. About 2/3's of the sidewalks from Morrison St north will be completed. They issued notices of the award and are working on getting the contracts together and getting start dates.

II. Adjournment

Chief Montminy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am, seconded by Tom Dion. All approved: Motion carried 4-0-0.



*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

Date Approved: 7/19/2022

Marc Montminy, Chair

Benn Sherman

Tom Dion

Steve Sette

Dr. Michael Baldassarre