



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

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

MEETING MINUTES

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2022 AUG 30 AM 7:57

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2022
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Town Hall, BOS Meeting Room & Zoom
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge, MA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Montminy	Chief of Police
Tom Dion	Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	DPW Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Uxbridge Police Department
Jack Hunter	Town Planner
Eli Laverdiere	Planning Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:11 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

Tom Dion motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2022, seconded by Benn Sherman. All approved motions carried 3-0-0.

B. Line of site, traffic concerns, and sidewalk along 146A at the High School entrance, Rt. 146 NB Flashing Intersection Ahead sign and traffic signal at the High School.

Will reach out to them to see what the status is and push to get some of the signage and traffic markings painted before school starts.

C. Signage for Mendon St., a recurring issue, requested by Jean Ouellette – Update

DPW is awaiting the notice to proceed with the grant funds prior to ordering the speed signs. Leave on for an update.

D. 2nd Egress for Uxbridge High School – Update

Benn said they are done but do not have the final study yet. Benn will have it distributed in advance of the next meeting.

E. Intersection of West River Rd., and E. Hartford Ave., Request per Sgt. Bergeron – Update

Benn ordered the flashing ahead solar signs and also item H has also been ordered. Waiting on delivery. Keep on for update.

F. Public Safety Committee's charge – continued discussion

Met with the Select Board to discuss how this committee should operate. The



preference was to continue as an advisory. This is still under discussion and the Chief will contact other towns to see how they are dealing with this. The select board did vote to maintain the committee as an advisory committee as of now. Tom Dion's concern is if they remain a committee and Benn from DPW, Chief Montminy and he are at an incident on the street how do they communicate without breaking the open meeting law? These are things that need to be considered.

G. Toni Loranga – Lights on Crownshield Ave.

Benn emailed Bob Moran, municipal liaison between National Grid asking what would be involved. Bob returned his email stating the cost to install lighting, install poles, and LED lights and the estimated cost could be \$400 per year per light. Chief Montminy said that would be a decision for the Select Board to make. Benn said this could be on the high end because there is no infrastructure up there and National Grid would have to install everything. Benn asked what the committee's opinion on the lighting is and Chief Montminy said the more lighting the better but he is wondering why the builder was not responsible for that at the time of construction. Benn indicated this phase of the Fafard project was going through the permitting process at time the Town elected to turn off street lights. The buildout of the project continues with Phases IV & V, so the area will continue to see an increase in traffic including construction traffic.

H. Stop sign at Hollis St. and Blackstone St. – Update

Select board has approved this and Benn is waiting on delivery which is 2-3 weeks. This will remain on until delivered and installed.

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

Benn said they wanted to reinstall the driveway access. The required site distance is fine looking to the west there is an adequate site and looking to the east for anyone taking a left they need to make sure there is adequate stopping site distance. The real issue is the parking on the edge of the road where people park to use the towpath and that limits the site distance to the causeway. Chief Montminy said that the second exit has been completed and suggested that, Tom Dion, Benn and he monitor and look at this. They may need to recommend no parking there.

J. Stephen O'Connell – email request street name "Grand View Lane" –

The concern was subdivisions with less than four lots. There is a minimum standard that they need to meet in these regulations. The subdivision carves out how many lots less than 4, establishes a right of way, the planning board has in its regulations the type of turnaround which would be approved by public safety. One of the issues is the increased frequency of these types of developments, the impacts to the 911 system, and the assigning of street addresses. From the public safety perspective, the Planning Board and project proponents need to understand the impacts these decisions have primarily with the Police and Fire Departments. Tom Dion discussed his concerns which pertain to the requirements for fire department



access, road length, and road width. Tom Dion said that the fire department used to get the plans to make sure the access road met the requirements of the fire code for public fire safety. Tom said they have not received any permitting submittals for quite a while. Chief Montminy stated his concern is assignment of house numbering (street addresses). A house address needs to be the same as the road it exits onto. Jack confirmed there is a section in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land that allows for private ways. Jack will send future plans to the Fire Department and Public Safety Committee going forward.

K. Email from Matt Shute BETA-Inc. – Downtown Revitalization

Benn said the update is the town would end up losing 2 spaces for on-street parking. Benn said it is the state's decision on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Traffic issues on Pond St., Lighting, Signage, and Traffic.

The Chief would like Benn to take a look at the lighting and signage on Pond St., and the Police Department will take care of the traffic. Benn will report back but he did not see any speed signs on that street. In accordance with the "rules of the road", the default speed limit would be 30 mph if it is thickly settled. He will also look at the density out on that road.

B. Sherman Farm Estates Subdivision – keep on one more cycle Benn will have the plans.

Benn said that there was a potential discussion at some point in time coming up that there is a road name on this coming up to change to Sherman Farm Rd. This road is an extension of Elm Street up to the cul-de-sac. He wants public safety to provide comments on this and Jack agreed. Jack said this is an extension of an existing street; Elm St. Benn asked Jack to send the Sherman Farm Estates to both Chiefs so they can review them. Benn would like to see the developer dissolve this cul du sac and run it through to the new subdivision. There is also an old Sherman Farm Road in the area of Aldrich St./Douglas Pike/Hathaway Ln. that could be confusing.

C. Pan-Mass Challenge – August 6 & 7 Email 07-18-2022

Pan-Mass Challenge is not a race just a bike trek and they come through town on August 6th. Chief will provide this information to Lt. Burke to provide crossing safety when they reach certain roads, but this has happened in the past, and there is no change in the route. They will come in from Rivulet onto Hartford Ave West to Hartford Ave East and into Mendon.

D. Any new business that comes before the committee.

In the future move comments to the top of the agenda.




Adjourn:

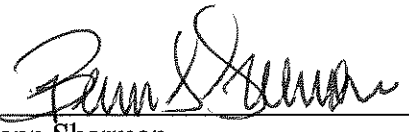
Chief entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Benn Sherman, Seconded by Tom Dion to adjourn at 9:40 am. All approved; Motion carried 3-0-0.

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


Date Approved: 8/24/2022



Marc Montminy, Chairman



Benn Sherman



Tom Dion

Steve Sette

Dr. Michael Baldassarre