



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
LOWER TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
21 SOUTH MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

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The Board of Selectmen adjourned their joint meeting with the Finance Committee at 8:30 PM and reconvened in Lower Town Hall for this meeting; this meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

As it pertains to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 20(f), Board meetings are being recorded; anyone wishing to record a meeting should notify the Board Chair as soon as possible before recording.

Present: Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chairman John Wise, Clerk Brian Plasko, and Stephen Mandile

Present via Zoom: Members Peter DeMers

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Town Accountant Kurt Ginthwain

1) CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order after the 8:30 PM recess from the joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

2) BUSINESS

Town Manager Sette provided an update regarding Donna Court to include a site visit to assess the condition of Donna Court before Town Meeting acceptance; present at the site visit for discussion and review were construction workers, Town Manager Sette, Donna Court Attorney Joe Cove, DiPrete Engineering, DPW Assistant Director - Paul Hutnak, DPW Highway Superintendent - Paul Morante, and Eli Laverdiere - Planning Board Chair. Date for completion of work was confirmed by DiPrete Engineering during this site visit.

a) Fall Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7 PM – Warrant Articles, Make Recommendations and/or Take any Action Related thereto

Discussion occurred on Warrant Articles held from the October 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting to include Articles 4, 5, and 8; discussion and votes occurred out of order as recorded below.

Article 4 – Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Adjustment: extensive discussion occurred to include line by line read through and discussion of budget line items; further discussion occurred regarding why the budget was under and over in those respective areas; budget items to be removed; actual savings versus cost of inflation; and splitting the Article for Board of Selectmen vote.

Article 8 – Town-wide Forensic Audit: extensive discussion occurred regarding the Audit and agreed upon procedure; the following questions were posed: where does the money come from; who receives the money; who deposits the money; how is money paid out; and, who authorizes payment?

MOTION: Mandile

SECOND: Wise

VOTE: the Board recommend favorable action on Article 8. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0. Mandile-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Wise-YES, DeMers-YES

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: the Board of Selectmen recommend favorable action on Article 4, only for the IT portion. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mandile-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Wise-YES, DeMers-YES

Article 5 – Unanticipated Preschool Expenses: the Board of Selectmen decided to hold action on Article 5; brief discussion occurred on the need for an additional meeting to discuss further.

A suggestion was made regarding the Finance Committee Public Hearings leading up to the Town Meeting including discussion on heavier weighted items in the first week to allow more time for discussion and deliberation.

3) ADJOURNMENT: Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting was October 30, 2023; however, the Board of Selectmen held a pre-meeting to the Fall Annual Town Meeting on October 24, 2023.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to adjourn the October 3, 2023 meeting. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0-0.

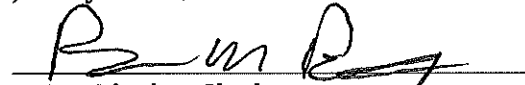
Mandile-YES, Plasko-YES, Shaw-YES, Wise-YES, DeMers-YES

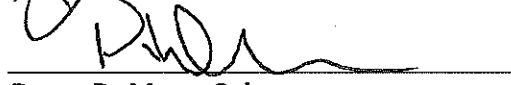
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

October 3, 2023 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:


Jeffrey Shaw, Chair


John Wise, Vice Chair


Brian Plasko, Clerk


Peter DeMers, Selectman


Stephen Mandile, Selectman

03-11-2024
Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

10.2.23 FATM WARRANT REPORT (Draft 2023)