#### TOWN OF UXBRIDGE



#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

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

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** 

November 30, 2023

**MEETING LOCATION:** 

Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc Montminy

Uxbridge Police Chief

Tom Dion

Uxbridge Fire Chief

Benn Sherman

Uxbridge DPW Director

Dr. Michael Baldassare

Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools

# **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Claudine Almeida

Recording Secretary PSC

Barry Desruisseaux

Chairman School Committee

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Time being 2:01 p.m., 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:

Approve minutes of October 24, 2023, and November 13, 2023.

\*\*Motion by Dr. Baldassare, seconded by Chief Dion to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

All Approved motion carried 4-0-0.

\*\*Motion by Dr. Baldassare, to move the November 13, 2023, minutes to the next Public Safety Committee Meeting to review them, seconded by Chief Dion. All approved motion carried 4-0-0.

### B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Egress for Uxbridge High School-Update from Benn Sherman.

Chairman Montminy states we were waiting for an answer back from Fuss & O'Neill and received a proposal. Benn Sherman reported to the committee that Fuss & O'Neill are looking to do a full evaluation analysis of this modification such as traffic counts, justify turning movements all of this is needed to move forward to DOT. Chairman Marc Montminy asked if this is a feasibility option or not. Benn Sherman said Fuss & O'Neill stated in the proposal an hourly fee not to exceed feasibility study and meeting time for \$19,600.00 feasibility piece at a \$180.00 an hour to get the job done. Chief Dion said they



came to us and gave us Options A, B, C and the costs were feasible. Chairman Marc Montminy states they re-evaluated due to other options through the water well across the High School parking lot they had issues with it. Dr. Baldassare states Barry Desruisseaux and I spoke to Mr. Allen, from Allen Engineering & Associates he works within the town and can give us a report and the cost is 25% less.

\*\*\*\*Motion by Dr. Baldassare requesting the Public Safety Committee approach the School Committee for funding to do a feasibility analysis not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and then ask Allen Engineering & Associates if they can do it within that budget and within a quick time frame, seconded by Chairman Montminy. All approved-motion carried 4-0-0.

C. Turn Lane on Rt. 146A, Aldrich Street, & Quaker Highway.

\*\*\*\*Chairman Montminy states motion to remove this item from the agenda, second from Benn Sherman. All approved, motion carried 4-0-0.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chocolog Road and West Street Intersection.

Benn Sherman states Chocolog and West has been painted and completed.

B. Complaint from Mr. Donald Ashcraft regarding stop sign and Stop line at Rodgerson Crossing at Granite.

Chairman Montminy states we received a complaint from Mr. Ashcraft regarding the lack of stop signs or stop lines at Rodgerson Crossing and Granite. Benn Sherman states what is the risk of having a stop sign because the people should follow the rules of the road. Chairman Montminy states I respectfully disagree Rodgerson Crossing has become increasingly busy because of a new development, and the residents believe that the lack of signage is a safety issue, and a stop sign would be beneficial in that location.

\*\*\*\*Motion by Benn Sherman to recommend to the Select Board for approval of a stop sign at Rodgerson Crossing and Granite Street, seconded by Chairman Montminy. All approved-motion carried 4-0-0.

C. Email from Mark Richards from Village at Autumn Ridge Condominium signage installed regarding children (slow children at play). Parking allowed on one side of the street.

Chairman Montminy states in the email they would like signage for slow children at play at Hyde Park Circle. Chairman Montminy states I observed commercial vehicles parked on one side of the street causing vehicle's to be unpassable. Benn Sherman states DPW can make a recommendation to the Select Board supporting the installation of no parking signs



along one side of Hyde Park Circle. Benn Sherman will make recommendations and follow up at the next Public Safety Meeting.

- **D.** Chairman Montminy informed the committee this Saturday is First Night. Independent of the Public Safety Committee we met with the organizers, and it will be the same from previous years and fireworks are scheduled.
- E. Dr. Baldassare states we received Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Worcester Meadows Corporate Challenge to be used towards Child Safety. We would like to use this for the Raptor program. Dr. Baldassarre said before entering the school the individual will put their ID into the Raptor System machine. The Raptor System will perform a national check of a person if they have an active restraining orders, if the person is a sex offender, they have a no trespass notice, and then the machine will generate a professional badge for a visitor with their picture ID. The machine will be located between the 2 entry doors for safety of the children. Dr. Baldassare asked if this should be a matter for the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Montminy said this is not a matter for the Public Safety Committee we will provide a letter supporting the Raptor program.

\*\*\*\*Motion by Chairman Marc Montminy requesting the Public Safety Committee draft a letter of support for the Raptor Program, seconded by Chief Dion. All approved, motion carried 4-0-0.

### IV. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Baldassarre, seconded by Chief Dion to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. **Motion** carried 4-0-0.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Claudine Alm	neida.
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee	Date Approved: />//9/25
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Marc Montminy, Chair	Benn Sherman
Tom Dion	Steven Sette
Dr. Michael Baldasarre	