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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

MEETING MINUTES

**Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk**

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2013
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Peter Emerick	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge Department of Public Works
Bill Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department
Sean Hendricks	Uxbridge Town Manager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Public Schools
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	recording secretary PSC
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CALLED TO ORDER: 9:37 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of minutes:

**** Motion made by Sean Hendricks to accept the June 13, 2013 minutes seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion Carried 3-1 Bill Kessler abstains not present for the June 13th meeting.**

**** Motion made by Bill Kessler to accept the July 18, 2013 minutes seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion Carried 3-1 Sean Hendricks abstains not present for the July 18th meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1 West River Rd. Speeding/Safety issues.

Chief Emerick reported that the data they collected shows that the speed limit for this area is 35 mph and the average speed limit traveled was 28.4 mph. Data showed that 50% of the vehicles traveled within the 32 mph range and 85% traveled at 37 mph. There were isolated incidents where there were 2 vehicles traveling at 51.60 mph and were time specific. Chief Emerick has placed Officers in the area at those times to interact with those vehicles. Also due to the E. Hartford detour and Pout Pond traffic there is an increase in traffic along West River Road.

Oak St and Morrison St. traffic shows that the speed limit in this area is 30 mph. Collection of data in this area shows that 50% of vehicles are traveling at 34 mph and the speed of 41- 50 mph is mostly weekends by the tennis courts and there is no school activity.

Chief Emerick stated that the detour that is west bound on E. Hartford Ave needs to be open by 4:00 pm and no later and he will enforce that today.

2. **School Bus contracts**
Discussed and the School Committee will not be making any changes.
3. **Street naming:**
Discussed
4. **Signage**
Discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Speed limit Sign Changed – Mendon St.**
Resident on Mendon St. stating that the speed limit for the area around should be changed to cars at 25 mph and trucks at 10mph. Benn will send a letter to this individual letting her know that the police department will be doing “targeting enforcement.” Benn will also contact DOT to get speed regulation on Mendon St. Chief Emerick also noted that parking issues on state roads in town have not been addressed with MA Highway.
Discussed waiting for data report.
2. **Stop sign on Old West St.**
Resident in the area observing driver’s passing through and not stopping at the intersection at Old West & West St. This resident is requesting that a stop sign be placed at this intersection for safety issues. There is a stop sign across the street from West St on West St. There is no signage on the West St. crossing Paine going westerly.
Benn will come up with a map showing signage. There are 2 things to consider the first being what and/or where the limits on the street are and secondly force the issue / recommend short term additional stop sign, and consider contacting Blissful for signage.
Benn will have information at the next meeting after reviewing the area.
3. **Dog walk 5k**
Dog orphan group – They have done a dog walk event in the past at West River Bend Farm. Public Safety Committee has asked that Benn Sherman contact the event coordinator and ask that this person attend a Public Safety Meeting to give a presentation with a schedule and information on the event. This event is scheduled to take place on the 1st Sunday in May 2014.
4. **Run in My Shoes – DCR event.**
This event will take place on September 21, 2013 and is an Autism benefit being held at the Heritage State Park. Sean will call DCR to cross check that they will not be using public streets.
5. **Greenway Challenge**
At this time no one has contacted the Public Safety Committee.

6. **NEW PIO;**

Melanie Blodgett-O'Toole has been assigned as the new PIO for the Town of Uxbridge.

7. **Town use common.**

Approved

**** Motion by Bill Kessler seconded by Peter Emerick to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.**

Next meeting scheduled for September 5, 2013

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

September 11, 2013

MEMBERS:

William F. Kimb
Spitzer

David
