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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2013
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Lourie	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge Department of Public Works
Bill Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Public Schools
Peter Emerick	Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sean Hendricks	Uxbridge Town Manager
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
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CALLED TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Appointing Peter Emerick as voting member.

Jeffrey Lourie suggested that Peter Emerick remain as a voting member on the Public Safety Committee.

*****Motion made by Jeffery Lourie to have Peter Emerick added as a voting member of the Public Safety Committee seconded by Bill Kessler.
Motion carried 4-0-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

#1 Approval of minutes:

**** Motion made by Bill Kessler to accept the September 11, 2013 minutes seconded by Kevin Carney. Motion Carried 3-0-2. Jeffrey Lourie and Benn Sherman abstained not present for the September 11, 2013 Public Safety meeting.
November 7, 2013 minutes on hold.**

2. . Identifying and codifying traffic management.

Benn Sherman will provide the committee with a list of signs and log in to GIS.
Peter Emerick reported to the committee that inters are identifying signs, pole numbers, and outdated parking areas that are no longer needed. Route 16 north is done and 16 south will be done later

3. Speed limit on Hazel St.

Speed sign is in two other locations and will go out this week.

4. Street naming policy / regulations

This will be held on waiting for update from Sean Hendricks.

5. High St. / Richardson St. intersection

Benn is requesting that the Board of Selectmen change sign from Yield to Stop and also put in a "Stop Ahead" sign ahead of the intersection.

*****Jeffrey Lourie supporting Chairman of Public Safety Benn Sherman on his above request to the Board of Selectmen that they change the Yield sign to a Stop Sign and also put a "Stop Ahead" sign prior to the intersection. Seconded by Bill Kessler. Motion carried 5-0-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Beth Pitman in reference to on site and off site school zones

Ms. Pitman has an issue with the no parking sign on Granite Street in front of Taft School. Kevin Carney said this has been well communicated to people that they are not allowed to park in that area when picking up or dropping off students.

Benn Sherman stated that he is working on an overhaul of signages in that area along with crosswalks, sidewalks and establishing school zone areas.

Peter Emerick said the parking situation at Whitin School is a disaster and needs to be looked at. Students who leave the school through the cafeteria walk directly into the travel lane of the entrance for vehicles exiting/entering the school parking lot.

Kevin Carney suggested delaying dismissal of walkers and those students who are picked up after school.

Benn Sherman said his plan is to come up with a draft plan of school zones, make notes of signs on Oak St. and Granite St. Identify what needs to be changed and/or replaced. He will bring this to the next meeting.

3. Communicating school delay – closures

Kevin Carney said last year he called 7 school day delays over the course of the season and Paul was very reliable. Kevin wanted to let Benn know that delays and school closings begin with Paul and he communicates this to Kevin. The last storm was clear the night before that there would be no school.

Benn is working on a snow and ice plan but it needs flexibility due to different locations. Jeffrey Lourie discussed the radio transmitting around town. Justin Cole is working on a process of trying to figure out working with the network and radios in town.

Bill Kessler talked about the lowband to UHF as well. The committee feels this needs to be a separate agenda outside the Public Safety Committee to plan this.

4. 1st Holiday Night

Discussion was held in reference to fire trucks lining up, parking on Carney St. and detours.

5. Identifying plan on winter events

Benn Sherman wants to have a route to know what needs to be cleared for walkers, looking at the minimum that needs to be done to get walkers to school.

Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2014

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

January 9, 2014

MEMBERS:









