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TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 – 6:00PM

Present: Chair Jay Cahill, Vice Chair Bruce Desilets, Clerk Tim Rice and Selectman Peter Baghdasarian.
Also present: Town Manager Sean Hendricks and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Announcements

North and South main Street Reconstruction Project - There will be a Design Public Hearing on April 25, 2013 at 7PM in Lower Town Hall. This is the public's opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the 25% design of the North and South Main Street Reconstruction Project. Additional information is located on the town's website.

The Spring Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7pm at the Uxbridge High School, 300 Quaker Highway. The Annual Town Election is Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at McCloskey Middle School. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Central Mass Mosquito Control Project – In celebration of Earth Day, CMMCP announced their goal of recycling 10,000 tires. There is a curbside program. For additional information, contact 508-393-3055 or go to <http://www.cmmcp.org/tires.htm>

Spring Clean-up day – Organizing/formation of the program will commence January 2014 targeting Spring 2014. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Town Manager's office.

- B. Citizen's Forum - Mr. Fraga inquired about the activity at the Hecla Farm project located on Hecla Street and addressed concerns. Ms. Alexa Romasco read a statement to the Board addressing similar concerns. The Board heard complaints from area residents, which included noise, excessive earth removal, traffic, operation of heavy equipment. It was suggested work is being done outside of a normal operation of a farm or agricultural pursuit. The residents were informed that the Board conducted a site visit on Thursday, 4/11 and an inspection of the property along with a review of the by-laws, the Board did not find evidence that Mr. Vecchione was operating illegally as it pertains to the Board of Selectmen's governance over earth removal. The Board noted that other Town agencies have other rules and regulations which are the responsibility of the land owner.. The enforcement of those rules and regulations are the responsibility of those agencies.

II. BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Endorse SATM Warrant – **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve and endorse the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 14, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Fire Suppression System (Acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners) – DPW Director, Benn Sherman and Fire Chief Bill Kessler provided feedback to the Board. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board adopt the Fire Suppression Pricing Fees as outlined in the presentation provided by Mr. Cahill (attached to the minutes). Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**
3. TM Compensation – Mr. Cahill asked the Board to re-consider compensation for the Town Manager for FY14. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board give the Town Manager an additional 5.5% pay increase for FY14. Seconded by Mr. Desilets. Discussion ensued. There was no roll call vote. Mr. Rice opposed and Mr. Baghdasarian suggested only a 4% pay increase. Mr. Cahill amended his motion. MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board give the Town Manager an additional 4% pay increase for FY14. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried 3-1 (Mr. Rice opposed).**

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ambulance Rate Change Proposal (Chief Kessler) – Chief Kessler discussed the proposed rate increase. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve the rate increase as outlined in the memorandum dated April 16, 2013 (attached to the minutes). Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**
2. Street Acceptance – Request for eminent domain – Saratoga Drive and Arapaho Lane - Mr. Normand Gamache w/ Guerriere & Halnon informed the Board that Mr. Afonso, developer, has directed his company to pursue street acceptance. He informed the Board that the title search performed by the attorneys discovered that the lots along Saratoga Drive and Arapaho Lane were conveyed but the conveying attorney did not reserve the title to the roadways. Therefore, he was requesting the town take the roadways by eminent domain. He has been in contact with the DPW Director and the Planning Board and is seeking to complete the punch list items this spring. The developer is willing to pay all fees and expenses incurred by the Town. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board take by eminent domain Saratoga Drive; drawings entitled “Layout Plan of Saratoga Drive in Uxbridge, MA dated September 5, 2003, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. and move that the Board take by eminent domain Arapaho Lane; drawings entitled Layout of Arapaho Lane in Uxbridge, MA dated January 13, 2005, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. All fees and expenses, including all attorney’s fees, incurred are the responsibility of the developer. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried unanimously.**
3. 100 Acre Lot Parking Lot – Recommendations for Access/Egress Improvements Mr. Lyndon Washington with the UYSL discussed the needed improvements to the parking area located at the 10-acre lot on Sutton Street. Due to increase usage, soccer/gardens, public safety issues have increased relating to the access/egress. This project is being coordinated with Public Safety, UYSL, Community Gardens and the Recreation Committee. A sub-committee of these groups has been formed. Public Safety had a meeting on August 8, 2012 and recommended the Board of Selectmen allow improvements to be made to the existing entrance through widening of the area between the stone walls to provide a total of 28 feet of clear area and a 24 foot vehicular travel aisle. Following discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve the recommendation for access/egress improvements provided by the Public Safety Committee for the 100 acre lot on Sutton Street. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried unanimously.** The sub-committee will update the Board with plans/costs at a future meeting.

4. FY 15 DPW Budget Discussions – DPW Director, Benn Sherman was present and discussed the DPW Budget. The budget is broken down into several categories, Engineering, Highway, Parks, Administration, Snow and Ice and Landfill. There was general discussion on each category. Mr. Cahill will follow-up with Mr. Sherman to develop a strategic plan for future budget discussions.
5. Endorse MOU (Dispatchers) – **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU Between the Town of Uxbridge and the Service Employees International Union Local 888. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 3-0-1 (Mr. Rice abstained).**
6. Appointment – Recreation Commission - Jeremy Leavitt – **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board appoint Mr. Jeremy Leavitt to the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**
7. Appointment – Poll Worker – Richard Feen – **MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board appoint Mr. Richard Feen as Poll Worker. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**
8. Appointment – Poll Worker – Mary Feen - **MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board appoint Ms. Mary Feen as Poll Worker. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**
9. Road Closure Request – Court Street, Uxbridge PTO, Trinkets, Treasures & Treats, Sat. 5/4 7:00am-3:00pm (Rain Date Sun. 5/5) – Representatives of the Uxbridge PTO were present and discussed the event. **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve the road closure of Court Street for Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 7:00am – 3:00pm with a rain date of Sunday, May 5, 2013, subject to a police detail at the cost of the participating organizations. No tables are allowed on the street. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**
10. Local Initiative Program – Refinance – 45 Summerfield Drive #24 – **MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board approve the LIP Refinance for 45 Summerfield Drive, Unit #24. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Pole Hearing – Myers Street – Plan No. 14325846, dated 2/14/13 – The Chair opened the public hearing. Mr. Michael Roberts with National Grid was present and discussed the pole petition. Following no public input, the Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board approve the Pole Petition for Myers Street, Plan No. 14325846 dated 2/14/13. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**
2. Application – Alcohol/Beer and Wine - Transfer of License – Uxbridge Beer and Wine, 158 N. Main Street - The Chair opened the public hearing. Atty. Henry Lane was present on behalf of the applicant and discussed the Transfer of License. Following no public input, the Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Rice, move that the Board approve the Transfer of License for Uxbridge Beer and Wine, 158 N. Main Street, subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**
3. Application – Alcohol/All Alcohol - Transfer of License & Change of Manager – Charlie’s Variety, 30 Douglas Street - The Chair opened the public hearing. Atty. Henry Lane was present

on behalf of the applicant and discussed the Transfer of License/Change of Manager. Following no input, the Chair closed the public hearing. **MOTION: I, Mr. Rice, move that the Board approve the Transfer of License for Charlie's Variety, 30 Douglas Street, subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously. MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board approve the Change of Manager for Charlie's Variety, 30 Douglas Street, subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

IV. MEETING MINUTES

4/8/13 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve the 4/8/13 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

4/11/13 Meeting Minutes - **MOTION: I, Mr. Desilets, move that the Board approve the 4/11/13 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.**

V. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

The Town Manager updated the Board on the following topics:

- Annual Audit complete
- Downtown Revitalization Award
- DEP acknowledged the Uxbridge DPW Water Division for achieving one of the top scores in the Large/Medium Community System Category for 2013 Public Water System Awards Program
Congratulatory to DPW Director Benn Sherman, Operations Manager Bill Buma and the Staff.
- Attended Senator Moore Local Aid Conference
- Update Fraga/Byron vs. Planning Board lawsuit – Town Counsel will assume passive defense role and prepare and file answer with the court to preserve the rights of the Planning Board. The Board had no objection.
- Collective Bargaining Agreements – negotiations are anticipated in the next couple of months

VI. MEMBER ISSUES

There was general discussion.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

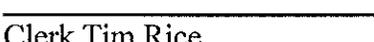
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOS MEETING MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 – 6:00PM

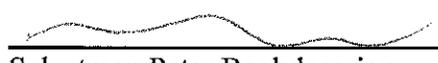
At 9:35PM, Mr. Cahill adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Chair Jay Cahill


Vice Chair Bruce Desilets


Clerk Tim Rice


Selectman Peter Baghdasarian

5/13/13
Date Approved