

# UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING UXBRIDGE TOWN HALL LOWER TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 – 7:00PM



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Present: Chair Michael Potaski, Vice Chair Kevin Kuros, Clerk Beth Pitman, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian and Selectman Cari Kay Robertson. Also present, Town Manager, Michael Szlosek and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

NOTE: Some matters may have been taken out of agenda order but are presented below based on agenda order for ease of location information.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

- A. Announcements Mr. Kuros inquired as to the Town's emergency preparation plan and advised the DAM safety commission advised water levels are at 50%. The Town Manager has had ongoing discussions with DPW and will continue to monitor the flood zones.
- B. Citizen's Forum No comments.

### II. PUBLIC HEARING/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL OPEN THE DIRT BIKE TRACK MOTOCROSS PARK

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, County of Norfolk, hereby request, pursuant to Massachusetts G.L. c. 39, Section 10, and Massachusetts G.L. c. 40, Section 5, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge hold a Special Town Meeting and place the following proposed zoning bylaw amendment on the official Warrant for said special Town Meeting as prescribed by law. Proposed Bylaw Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw as follows: (1) Amend Article X, "Definitions", "Commercial Recreation, Outdoor", to read as follows: Commercial Recreation, Outdoor: A drive-in theatre, country club, golf course, minature golf course, driving range, bathing beach, sports club, horseback riding stable, boathouse, game preserve, marina, motocross facility, motorsports facility, or other commercial recreation carried on in whole or in part outdoors, conducted for-or not-for-profit, except for those activities more specifically designated in these Bylaws. Outdoor commercial recreation shall not include for-profit automobile racing tracks or facilities and all uses specifically prohibited hereunder. (2) Add a new Definition, "Motocross Facility": an outdoor facility used for training activities and controlled competition events involving off-road motorcycles on a closed course. A Motocross Facility as defined hereunder is not to be considered a Racetrack under these Bylaws.

(3) Amend Appendix A, "Table of Use Regulations", as follows: Under Outdoor Commercial Recreation, Industrial Zoning District ("I"), change "N" to "Y".



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The Chairman opened the public hearing. Attorney David Simons was present and spoke on behalf of the petitioners and discussed the zoning amendment warrant article. Mr. Stephen Griff, lead proponent, was present and discussed the practice training facility, hours of operation, noise control and the success of the sport. Petitioners for the zoning amendment discussed the success of the sport and the benefits to the youth, noise control solutions, the use of silencers, DEP noise regulations, changing track contour, projected economic development, employment opportunities, lack of riding places and the facility would provide a safe environment.

Opposing residents addressed areas of concern that included noise, dust, pollution, amending the bylaws, prior litigation and expenses, limited acreage, limited business attraction, safety, riding on private land, parking, traffic, prior town meeting action and costs associated with a special town meeting. A list of surrounding facilities was presented to the Board (attached to the minutes).

The Chairman closed the public hearing. The Board deliberated. It was observed the zoning amendment presented is not about the operation of a motocross track, but about commercial outdoor recreation being an allowed use as a matter of right in the Industrial Zoning district. The Board discussed surrounding facilities and projected revenue, traffic, community impact, economic development, safety, permitting process, site plan review and amending the petition on town meeting floor with restrictions. MOTION by Ms. Robertson to recommend no action, without prejudice. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

### III. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Town Manager discussed the anticipated local aid cuts.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Endorse SATM Warrant – Following review and discussion, MOTION by Ms. Robertson to endorse the SATM Warrant. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vote Intention to Layout Streets – The Town Manager advised that there is no clear title certification. Atty. Henry Lane representing the residents has submitted a certification plan. Following discussion, MOTION by Ms. Robertson to decline to layout the streets as presented. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.



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### VI. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

The Board had miscellaneous discussions as relates to Life Science, street lights, Lemire Property and the SBC public hearing schedule.

### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (MGL c.39, §23B)

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next BOS Meetings: March 16, 2010 and March 22, 2010

At 9:45PM MOTION by Mr. Baghdasarian to enter into Executive Session with no further business to follow for the purposes of discussing personnel issues and Town Counsel comments. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried unanimously on a role call vote (Potaski - AYE, Kuros - AYE, Robertson - AYE, Pitman - AYE, Bagdasarian - AYE).

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante

Minutes approved/by Board of Selectmen:

Chairman Michael Potaski

Chairman Kevin Kuros

Clerk Beth Fitman

Selectman Peter Baghdasarian

Selectman Cari Kay Robertson

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Date Approved

Attachments DVD

Bas Mtg Griff Public Hearing

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Motocross Facilities, Eastern MA, CT, RI 3/10/2010

MX 365

Bellingham, MA (Indoor facility, under development, not yet open)

Crow Hill Motor Sports Park 600 King Phillip Trail Route 202 Baldwinville, MA 01436

Moto-X 338 (Southwick) Attn: Diane 46 Powder Mill Road Southwick MA, 01077 (413) 569-6801 (413) 569-2960 - fax Email: diane@motocross338.org GPS: 42.057451, -72.752053

Capeway Rovers Motocross 224 Plymouth St Carver, MA 02330

#### MA State Parks with motocross trails

Beartown State Forest
Freetown-Fall River State Forest
October Mountain State Forest
Pittsfield State Forest
Tolland State Forest
F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, Foxboro
Franklin Trails, Franklin, MA
Wrentham Trails, Wrentham MA.

### Rhode Island

MX 691 Tiverton, RI. Open yet?

Hawkins Dunes Chepachet, RI (401) 568-2380

Description: Dunes, trails, and every thing you need to have fun all day long!

## Directions - coming

### Connecticut Mototown USA Windsor,CT

(Indoor facility)

Central Cycle Club Central Village, CT

Pachaug State Forest Voluntown CT

Thomaston Dam Thomaston CT