

UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
UXBRIDGE TOWN HALL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 – 7:00PM

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 – Ms. Robertson announced the Town has received the Common Cause's 2010 e-Government Award. The Uxbridge Police Department received a letter of commendation from the Ashland Police Department recognizing Officer Prior and Officer Bergeron for their assistance in an investigation. Nstar will be holding a Public Hearing on May 6th pertaining to a rate increase and Charter Communications will hold a Public Hearing on Cable Television Rates on June 8th. Information is available at Town Hall.
- B. Citizen's Forum – Mr. Howard Fortner addressed concerns as relates to the MSBA and receiving no response. He further advised he will no longer complain about the Board adhering to the Charter requirements. Ms. Tara Corcoran, resident of Cassie Lane, updated the Board as to street acceptance status. The Board advised DPW to conduct a street inspection. The Board requested the Town Manager's office provide a status report to the Board as relates to private ways.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

None

III. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Town Manager reminded residents that the quarterly tax payment is due May 3rd. Coupons were sent with the previous bill. Residents may pay online, call or come in Town Hall. He advised that the grievance was settled with SEIU union regarding Holiday pay and will begin discussing contract negotiations. He attended a meeting with Senator Moore and discussed budget cuts. Items addressed to assist towns did not appear to be any money saving changes. He spoke with Mike Peterson at National Grid and most of the street lights have been turned off. Complaints have been received at the office. The Town Manager will obtain the cost break out from Mr. Peterson. It was the consensus of the Board, that the Board will revisit the complaints. Discussion also included the phases of the turnoff, how costs are established and the breakdown thereof. The Town Manager attended the Blackstone Valley Regional Economic Development Council Meeting and updated the Board. Mr. Potaski was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Town Manager evaluation – Following discussion, the Town Manager will prepare a self assessment. It was the consensus of the Board to use the Town Manager's evaluation form

from the Town of Danvers. The Town Manager will provide the Board with letters of commendation and complaints, if available. The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

- B. Open/Close and include articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant June 19, 2010
- Open STM Warrant 4/26 – **MOTION by Mr. Kuros to open the June 19, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant on Monday, April 26, 2010 and to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 5:00PM. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously.**
 - STM Warrant Legal Notice Publication – The legal notice will appear in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette on April 27, 2010.
 - Vote inclusion of articles – Following discussion, **MOTION by Mr. Kuros to include Article 1: Appropriation for Construction of a New High School in the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Ms. Robertson to include Article 2: Capital Exclusion (G.L. c59 ss21C (1 ½): Bridge & Culvert Survey in the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Kuros, the motion carried 3-2 (Ms. Pitman and Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).**
 - Vote to place question on special election ballot – Following discussion, **MOTION by Ms. Robertson to place the following question on the June 22, 2010 ballot “Shall the Town of Uxbridge be allowed to assess an additional \$110,000 in real estate and property taxes for the purposes of funding a study to evaluate the condition of all town bridges and culverts for the fiscal year beginning July 1st 2010?” Seconded by Mr. Kuros, the motion carried 4-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).**
 - Close STM Warrant (min. 5 business days from publication) 5/4, 5:00PM – The Board set the closing date to Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 5:00PM.
- C. SATM Warrant Discussion – Life Science – Mr. Mark Anderson with Heritage Design Group, Mr. Jack Tweed and Mr. Cappy Fournier, Owners of the Bernat Mill, were present and discussed the amendment to the zoning bylaws to adopt Life Science and Life Science Technology. Discussion included proposed uses, zoning, the permitting process through the Board of Health and additional permitting requirements through various Boards.
- D. SATM Warrant Discussion – Age Restricted Overlay – Mr. Stephen O’Connell with Andrews Survey and Engineering was present and discussed the proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw Section 400-41. The amendment would allow for an Age Restricted Development adjacent to Summerfield at Taft Hill. He advised the proposed project would be an age restricted private development. Mr. O’Connell distributed a handout with the projected revenue of the project to the Town prepared by the Assessor’s Office.
- E. Vote recommendations – SATM Warrant May 11, 2010
- ARTICLE 2: FY10 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS**
MOTION by Mr. Kuros to recommend favorable action for Article 2. Seconded by Ms. Pitman, the motion carried 3-2 (Mr. Baghdasarian and Ms. Robertson opposed).
- ARTICLE 4: TOWN BUDGET**
The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.
- ARTICLE 9: COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION BUDGET**
MOTION by Mr. Kuros to recommend favorable action on Town Manager and FinCom recommendations for Article 9. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried 4-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).
- ARTICLE 11: REVOKE PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL MASS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT** – Following a request by Mr. Kuros to revisit Article 11, **MOTION by Ms. Robertson to reconsider prior vote. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, MOTION by Mr. Kuros to recommend**

favorable action to revoke participation in the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL EXCLUSIONS: BRIDGE CULVERT STUDY

This article has been moved to the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS

MOTION by Mr. Baghdasarian to recommend favorable action, subject to the motion including "with the exception that it not be allowed in the Agricultural zoning district".

Seconded by Mr. Kuros, the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: STREET ACCEPTANCES

The Board will pass over, there are no street acceptances.

ARTICLE 15: AMEND THE ZONING BYLAW SECTION 400-41

MOTION by Ms. Robertson to recommend favorable action. Seconded by Mr. Kuros, the motion carried unanimously.

- F. Town Counsel – review the need for new counsel – The Town Manager advised of his concerns with Town Counsel. He requested permission from the Board to solicit for new counsel and put out an RFP. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Ms. Robertson to prepare a RFP for new Town Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously. The Board will continue discussions at a future meeting.
- G. Budget Discussions – The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SBC – re-evaluate member qualifications – large project management - The Board discussed the SBC member's qualifications as relates to project management skills and availability to meet with contractors. Mr. Kuros will address the SBC and advise the Board accordingly.
- B. Application for a One Day Alcohol License – Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club – Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner – May 22, 2010, 6PM – 10PM – **MOTION** by Mr. Baghdasarian to grant the One Day Alcohol License to the Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club for May 22, 2010. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Application for a One Day Alcohol License – First Congregational Church – Community House @ First Congregational Church, Southern BBQ & Dance, May 15, 2010, 5PM – 10PM - **MOTION** by Mr. Baghdasarian to grant the One Day Entertainment License to the First Congregational Church for May 15, 2010. Seconded by Ms. Robertson, the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss/approve proposal for Waste Water Treatment Plant evaluation – Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director was present and discussed the proposal from CDM to provide an evaluation of the Waste Water Treatment plant. Discussion included plant operations, permitting limits, planning, plant improvements, funding sources and procurement or RFP. Mr. Sherman disclosed that his wife is employed at CDM. Following the scope of the evaluation, costs related thereto and disclosure by Mr. Sherman, it was the consensus of the Board to solicit for RFP. Mr. Sherman will prepare the RFP and revisit with the Board at a future meeting.
- E. Endorse Warrant for Annual Town Election – May 25, 2010 – **MOTION** by Mr. Kuros to endorse the Warrant for Annual Town Election May 25, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.

F. Review Amended OPM Contract with Joslin-Lesser and authorize Chair to sign – It was the consensus of the Board to have the Chair endorse the amended contract. A vote was previously taken at a prior meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approve Meeting Minutes – The Board will move to their next scheduled meeting.

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

No executive session was held.

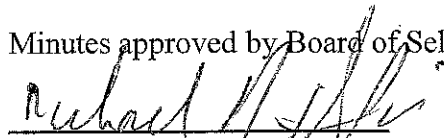
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next BOS Meeting May 10, 2010


Mr. Kuros left the meeting at 10:05PM and returned at 10:10PM.


At 11:21PM MOTION by Mr. Kuros to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried unanimously.


Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante

Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Chairman Michael Potaski


Vice Chairman Kevin Kuros


Clerk Beth Pitman


Selectman Peter Baghdasarian


Selectman Cari Kay Robertson

5/10/10
Date Approved

Attachments
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