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TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 – 6:00PM

Present: Chair Peter A. Petrillo, Vice Chair Jay Cahill, Clerk Tim Rice, Selectman Bruce Desilets and Selectman Peter Baghdasarian. Also present, Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Announcements – The First Holiday Night Parade is Saturday, December 1st from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Thank you to all those who helped support the Uxbridge food pantry Thanksgiving food distribution. They provided over 140 food baskets to families and assisted with the senior meal distribution. Anyone wishing to assist with the Adopt an Angel program or wishing to donate may contact the food pantry at 508-278-5506.
- B. Citizen's Forum - No one wished to be heard

II. BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dept. of Recreation and Conservation – Presentation on Blackstone River Greenway - Ms. Tricia Domigan with Vanasse Hangen Brustin, Inc. (VHB) and Mr. Dan Driscoll with the Dept. of Recreation and Conservation (DCR) were present and discussed the Blackstone River Greenway project. They are seeking an easement from the town to utilize a parking lot on Adams Street for the project. The parking lot would be restored. Signage could be posted for public awareness of historical locations, parks, etc. Plans will be submitted to the Board for review at a future meeting. DCR anticipates the project going out to bid February 2013.
2. Board of Selectmen acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners – discussion on fees for hook-up for fire suppression systems - Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director, Mr. William Kessler, Fire Chief and Mr. Peter Ostroskey, Fire Marshall were present and discussed the hook-up fees and design for fire suppression systems. The state is enforcing sprinkler systems be hooked up for or establishments and/or clubs serving alcohol in excess of 100+ people. There was discussion on how this impacts existing users. Mr. Sherman will compile additional information for the Board to review at a future meeting.
3. Town Meeting Warrant – Technical Aspects Articles 2-13 – Mr. Cahill informed the Board of the recent emails and conversation he has had with Mr. Howard Fortner regarding the technical aspects of the town meeting warrant. Mr. Howard Fortner and

Mr. Ed Maharay were present and addressed concerns with the warrant and validity of the community garden articles. The discussion also centered around initiation of articles and the use of the word "Sponsor" on the warrant. There is an argument that "*Sponsor*" should be reserved for indicating who initiated the Article, as defined in the Town Charter Article 2, Section 7(a). Currently it is being used as a means to describe the stake holder or town employee who holds the subject matter expertise on the article. Mr. Maharay strongly recommended Town Counsel do a thorough review of the articles within the warrant including citizen petitions. Future warrants will include a line indicating who initiated the article and a line who requested the article. The minutes from town meeting will be submitted to the Attorney General's office for final approval. The Board will advise and post accordingly.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Franchise Line – Landry lane - In conformity with the requirements c. 166 s. 22 of M.G.L., the Uxbridge Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:00PM based upon the petition of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for a Transmission Line Franchise for permission to erect, construct, maintain, repair, operate and use lines for the transmission of high and low electric current, data and other intelligence, upon, along, through and over, and across the following public way in the Town of Uxbridge: Landry Lane.

Ms. Lauren Peloquin with National Grid was present and discussed the project. Following input, the Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: I, Mr. Baghdasarian, move that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the petition from New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for a Transmission Line Franchise for permission to erect, construct, maintain, repair, operate and use lines for the transmission of high and low electric current, data and other intelligence, upon, along, through and over, and across the following public way in the Town of Uxbridge: Landry Lane. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Levy Percentages - The Uxbridge Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:00PM at Uxbridge Town Hall. Public comment is welcome on tax levy percentages for Fiscal Year 2013 for all classes; Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property. The Board of Selectmen will determine if they will shift the burden of taxation to Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property.

Ms. Joan Navarro, Assessor was present and discussed the tax levy percentages (memorandum attached to the minutes). Following input, the Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board vote to establish a single tax rate to be apportioned equally upon all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property classes for Fiscal Year 2013. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried unanimously.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

11/13/12 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board approve the 11/13/12 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Cahill abstained).**

11/14/12 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board approve the 11/14/12 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried 3-0-2 (Mr. Baghdasarian and Mr. Rice abstained).**

11/20/12 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board approve the 11/20/12 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Desilets, the motion carried unanimously.**

V. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

VI. MEMBER ISSUES

Mr. Cahill reminded the Board the TM evaluations are due by 12/7.

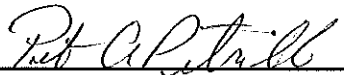
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOS MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 – 6:00PM

At 8:35PM, MOTION: I, Mr. Cahill, move that the Board adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried unanimously.

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



Chair Peter A. Petrillo



Selectman Bruce Desilets

Vice Chair Jay Cahill

Selectman Peter Baghdasarian



Clerk Tim Rice

12/10/12
Date Approved