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Town Clerk

**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE**  
**21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569 – 508-278-8600**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 – 6:00PM**

Present: Chair Jennifer Modica, Vice Chair/Clerk Jeff Shaw, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman Tim Rice and Selectman Lance Anderson. Also present Town Manager David Genereux and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Announcements

The Town of Uxbridge would like to thank the Milford Evergreen Center for the holiday wreath donation outside town hall. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Winter sand/salt mix is available at the DPW yard located at 147 Hecla Street. Please remember to bring your own 5-gallon bucket.

Chief Jeffrey Lourie announced that the Police Department will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toys for Tot Drive Saturday, 12/13 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Hannaford's. The First Holiday Night Parade was excellent and enjoyed by all. There was one incident where a motor vehicle did not obey the detour route and struck a police officer on his motor cycle. The officer had some injuries but is expected to return to work for his next shift. Chief Lourie also updated the Board on the Police Department staffing plan.

Ms. Modica reminded the Board that meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules.

2. Citizen's Forum – No one wished to be heard.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Blackstone River Greenway Bikeway Project – update

Ms. Tricia Donigan with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and Mr. Dan Driscoll with DCR were present and updated the Board on the status of the project. The Blackstone River Greenway includes a 48-mile long bikeway connecting Worcester, MA, to Providence, RI. Running the length of the National Heritage Corridor, the bikeway would follow along the Blackstone River and Canal. Segments 1 and 3 have been completed. Segment 2 runs through Uxbridge from Route 146 Exit 1 to the River Bend Farm on Oak Street, running along portions of the P&W Railroad, and is being evaluated by the State's engineering/design firm. Segment 2 is contingent upon shared access with the P&W Railroad, topography, design, funding sources and multiple land acquisitions. Another option is running the bikeway along the Snett Trail. It is anticipated that public meetings will be held in February 2015. The meeting schedule will be coordinated with the office. The

hope is that this section of the bike path will open late in 2016. No votes or action was taken.

2. Acceptance monetary donations
  - Senior Center
  - Fire Department
  - Police Department

Police Chief Jeffrey Lourie, Fire Chief William Kessler were present and informed the Board of the monetary donations received for their departments from the Italian American Club. Chief Kessler advised the Board that the fire department donation will be used for automatic CPR machines, a value of approximately \$14,000 and Chief Louire advised the Board that the police department donation will be used for radios, a value of approximately \$21,000. Devices greatly needed for both departments. **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board accept with thanks the monetary donations for the Police and Fire Department from the Italian American Club. Seconded by Mr. Rice, the motion carried 5-0.** We sincerely are thankful for their generous donations and support to the Town of Uxbridge.

The Town Manager advised that Fallon Community Center has donated \$2,000 to the Uxbridge Council on Aging to offset the costs of the food program. **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board accept with thanks the monetary donation to the Uxbridge Council on Aging from Fallon Health to help offset the costs of the food program. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.** We sincerely thank Fallon Community Center for their donation.

3. BOS Acceptance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition Comments on the Draft NPDES Massachusetts MS4 Permit – Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director was present and updated the Board on the comments. Mr. Sherman will forward the comments to the Board for review. The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.
4. FY 16 Budget Revenue – The Town Manager had the first round of FY 2016 revenue discussions and reviewed the memorandum dated December 4, 2014 (attached to the minutes). Supt. Kevin Carney was also present and discussed school budget projections. He will be submitting a level service budget to the Town Manager. He also informed the Board that Superintendents of small school districts of Worcester County got together and prepared a letter to the Foundation Budget Review Committee. The letter addresses concerns and growing frustrations with the funding that is provided to them through Chapter 70 and other state and federal funds. A meeting with the Foundation Budget Review Committee is anticipated early this winter. No votes or action was taken.
5. Proclamation - Department of Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart - **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board adopt the Proclamation for the Town of Uxbridge to become a Purple Heart Community and honor August 7<sup>th</sup> as Purple Heart Day. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.**
6. Linwood Street Crosswalk – update – DPW Director Benn Sherman updated the Board on the status of the crosswalks on Linwood Street at the post office and at Good Shepherd church. He informed the Board that there are many factors that should be considered and evaluated before crosswalks are utilized. Public Safety will be meeting on Thursday, 12/11 to discuss further plans. No votes or action was taken.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### V. MEMBER ISSUES

Ms. Modica reminded Board members of guidelines and topics that would be discussed during Member Issues.

There were general updates on the following topics:

- Meeting held with Chair of the ZBA, the Chair of PB, Building Officer, Town Manager and Ms. Modica - Review of the Zoning Bylaws by both Boards is ongoing; current bylaws under review include landfill material, home occupation.
- Zoning Map – The BOS will review the map in January.
- Senator Ryan Fattman and State Representative Kevin Kuros will be attending the next BOS meeting – comments for discussion should be forwarded to Ms. Modica.
- General Budget discussion – Mr. Baghdasarian advised the Board that he will not support a budget with a 2 ½ % increase.

#### VI. TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager discussed the following topics:

- Town Owned Property Book available for review – targeting for Spring
- The Town of Uxbridge has received a grant for partial funding by Blackstone Heritage Corridor in the amount of \$1,250 for the Town Hall beautification project, specifically for the historic marker outside town hall.
- The Town Manager thanked everyone who made First Night such a success. Crowds were good, and spirits were high, despite the rainy weather. Activities at the Senior Center, Fire Station, Library, and Town Hall offered a welcome respite from the damp and the cold. Please support Uxbridge First Night fundraising throughout the year and make plans to join us for First Night 2015.
- Solar Projects - site visits are tomorrow at Hazel and Sutton Street.

#### VII. MEETING MINUTES

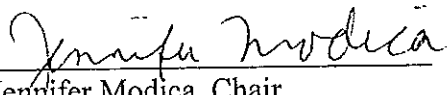
11/24/14 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the 11/24/14 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.**

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR SESSION BOS MEETING, MONDAY 12/22/14 - 6PM

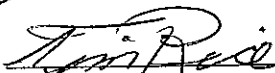
At 8:00PM, Ms. Modica adjourned the meeting.

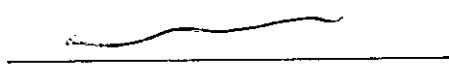
*Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante*

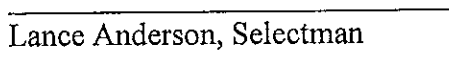
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:

  
Jennifer Modica, Chair

  
Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair/Clerk

  
Tim Rice, Selectman

  
Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman

  
Lance Anderson, Selectman

*approved: 12/22/14*