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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 – 6:00PM**

**Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk**

Present: Vice Chair Jeff Shaw, Clerk Jim Hogan, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian and Selectman Lance Anderson. Also present Town Manager David Genereux and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

Not Present: Chair Jennifer Modica.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcements – None.
2. Citizen's Forum – No one wished to be heard.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing-In Ceremony Officer Thomas Stockwell for Patrolmen K9 Bear
Chief Lourie commended the Uxbridge Police Department for their hard work and dedication. As Chief, he is extremely proud and honored to lead the Uxbridge Police Department. He welcomed Officer Stockwell, Patrolmen K9 Bear and Officer Stratton. Ms. Kelly Dumas, Town Clerk swore in Officer Stockwell and Patrolmen K9 Bear. Congratulations!
2. Swearing-In Ceremony Officer Keith Stratton – Ms. Kelly Dumas, Town Clerk swore in Officer Stratton. Congratulations!
3. Medicare Part B Reimbursement for retiree discussion - The Town Manager discussed the reimbursement for the retirees and asked the Board to consider eliminating this reimbursement. Four years ago, town meeting voted to support retirees receiving 80% Medicare Part B reimbursement. Following the passage of the Health Insurance Reform Act, the Board has the option to consider eliminating this reimbursement. If eliminated, this could be a cost saving to the town of \$160K per year. The Town Manager will be meeting with the Insurance Advisory Committee on January 27th and will seek their recommendation. The Board will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting. No votes or action was taken.
4. Initial Discussion of Sewer rates (Acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners) – The Town Manager discussed scenarios of various financing options to cover the cost of the \$44M sewer treatment plant upgrade and whether the cost would be assessed solely to the rate payers that are hooked up to town sewer, or spread across all taxpayers. Mr. Genereux advised that he is working the local and state officials on various funding sources. The plant upgrade is mandated by EPA. If the town did not upgrade the plant, the town will be heavily fined. Residents from Summerfield Condominiums address concerns with the sewer fees and how they could be forced out of their homes. Discussion ensued. It was recommended that residents send a letter to our local and state officials and the EPA concerning the mandate. No votes or action was taken. The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2016.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. MEMBER ISSUES

Mr. Baghdasarian inquired about the role of the Building Inspector also serving as the Zoning Enforcement Officer. He shared correspondence with the Board. The Town Manager informed the Board that he is working on clarifying the duties and will oversee any enforcement action.

Mr. Baghdasarian advised the Board that the "secret meetings" that are happening are not a good idea. The Town Manager responded and advised the Board that the meetings are the initial informational pre-scoping sessions for a large scale economic development project. The Town has signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement. A formal presentation to the Board is anticipated for February 8th.

There was general discussion on the following topics:

- Capital Plan
- Mandated wages
- Meeting material

VI. TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes.

VII. MEETING MINUTES

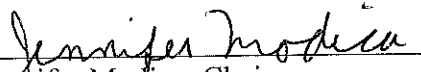
1/11/16 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the 1/11/16 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0.**

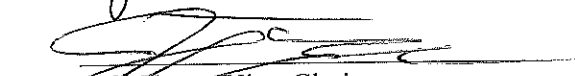
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2/8/16


Mr. Shaw adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

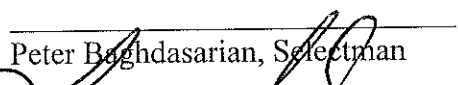
Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante.

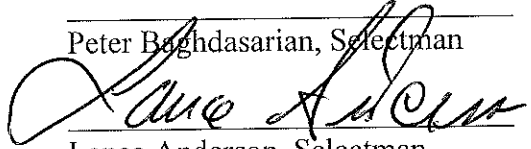
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Jennifer Modica, Chair


Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair


Jim Hogan, Clerk


Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman


Lance Anderson, Selectman

Date: 2/22/16