



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 – 6:30PM

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Present: Chair / Clerk Justin Piccirillo, Vice-Chair Jeff Shaw, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman Jim Hogan and Selectman Jennifer Modica. Also present: Town Manager David Genereux.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcements:

Mr. Piccirillo asked for a moment of silence for those lost in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington on 09/11/01.

The Chair then spoke of a town employee who had been seriously hurt in a recent accident, offering the Town's well wishes and hope for a full recovery.

The Chair announced that volunteers are needed for the following committees: **Affordable Housing Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Historic Commission, Housing Authority, Parade Committee, Planning Board, Town Common Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Water / Sewer Advisory Committee**

Town Manager Genereux made an announcement to remind the public of the upcoming Town Meeting at the Valley Chapel, 17 Hunter Road, at 7:00 PM on October 24th.

2. Citizens' Forum

Citizens were present and discussed the following topics:

- A series of personal attacks being made on committee members and Town employees and whether the Board should consider drafting a harassment policy.
- A desire to see better management of the Town.
- A desire for agreements on marijuana facilities to not be solely the decision of the Board; it should be placed on a town-wide ballot.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for a Class II License (Motor Vehicle Sales) for Wild Fifty Sevens, Inc., 870 Quaker Highway / 30 Monahan Drive.

Mr. Genereux noted that the ZBA was unable to meet last week due to quorum issues, so the hearing should be continued until the next BOS meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to continue the public hearing until the following meeting to be held on 9/25/17. Mr. Hogan so moved. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Amazon Request for Proposal for 2nd North American headquarters; and any discussion or action therefrom

Discussion revolved around submitting a response to Amazon's RFP, and the possibility of attracting and siting a large organization seeking a campus style second headquarters with 50,000 employees to the Town. Several citizens also spoke on the matter.

MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo moved that the Board consider all items required to submit an RFP to Amazon. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion failed, 2-3-0; Mr. Shaw, Mr. Baghdasarian, and Mrs. Modica opposed.

2. Presentation of "Does it Make Sense" (DIMS) Study – discussion for establishment of a stormwater utility

Mr. Sherman and a consultant from GHD presented the DIMS study report, for the discussion on funding the storm water management actions required by our current MS4 permit, the estimate for total annual costs being \$237,000. Discussion centered on whether the funding should be obtained through a storm water utility/enterprise fund or raised via the budget process.

MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved to direct the DPW director to conduct the storm water utility feasibility study. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-1-0; Mr. Piccirillo opposed.

3. Review of applicants for Recycling and Sustainability Committee and make appointments thereto
 - i. Orlando Corona
 - ii. Linda Corona
 - iii. Pieter deJong
 - iv. Mary McDonald
 - v. Brian Plasko (alternate)
 - vi. Deanna Savage
 - vii. Christine Zadykovich

**taken out of order, following New Business #1*

The Board discussed the applicants. Mr. Genereux informed the Board that he had received information from Board of Health member Dr. Tapscott that Ms. Savage wished to be considered as an alternate member and that one of the full member appointees wished to be removed from consideration. The Board of Health will work with the remaining four full members and the two alternates while seeking a fifth full member.

MOTION: Mrs. Modica moved that Orlando Corona, Linda Corona, Mary McDonald, and Christine Zadykovich be appointed as regular members to the Recycling and Sustainability Committee, with Brian Plasko and Deanna Savage being alternates. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.

4. Information requests – discussion of counsel review; or any action related thereto

The Chair referred to an email from Town Manager Genereux regarding the use of Town Counsel regarding public records requests. Mr. Genereux explained that routine requests for information

will continue to be processed by employees without review by Counsel, but large volume requests involving committee members and employee records or email need to be sent to Counsel for third party review and redaction.

No motion was taken or vote held.

5. Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce – ‘Open for Business’ meeting discussion

Mr. Piccirillo explained that a group had assembled to promote business in the Blackstone Valley and that a meeting would be taking place at the Chamber on October 17, and that an “Open for Business” meeting would be held on November 8, 2017 at the Uxbridge Library. Each selectman will receive business contact information to invite local businesses to the event.

No motion was taken or vote held.

6. Request for Constitution Week Proclamation

The Board discussed the proclamation, designating September 17 -23 as Constitution Week, which was read by Mr. Piccirillo. Further discussion regarding the state of the Constitution ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved that the Town join with the Deborah Wheelock chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to designate September 17th to the 23rd as “Constitution Week”. Seconded by Mrs. Modica. The motion carried 5-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of proposal from Xiphias Wellness, Inc., a MA non-profit corporation, seeking a letter of support or non-opposition to medical marijuana facility in the Town of Uxbridge, including discussion / negotiation / approval of host community agreement. Executive session may be called to discuss security personnel, devices, or strategies with respect thereto.

**taken out of order, following New Business #2*

Representatives from Xiphias offered a summary of their proposal, seeking further questions from the Board, and requesting that a letter of non-opposition, explaining that they would be happy to negotiate a host community agreement. Discussion was held regarding similar agreements in other communities. Mr. Geneux stated that he had called DPH, and that the host community agreement is not considered a part of the licensing process, and that a letter of non-opposition may be withdrawn up to the point where a license is granted.

MOTION: Mr. Baghdasarian moved to sign a letter of non-opposition. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 3-2-0; Mr. Shaw, Mr. Baghdasarian, and Mrs. Modica opposed.

2. Town Manager - annual review

The Chair stated that no review material had be received to date. Mr. Baghdasarian faulted the Board’s overall performance. Mr. Shaw gave a positive verbal review. The Chair requested that Board members provide a written evaluation for the next meeting.

No motion was taken or vote held.

3. Zoning Bylaw Review
 - i. Review and draft amendment, as necessary: §400-1 through §400-10

Discussion regarding the issues with the zoning bylaws continued. Mr. Baghdasarian suggested that review is not possible without understanding their purpose. The Board inquired about the Community Compact Grant for the zoning diagnostic. Mr. Genereux stated that he would inquire on the status of the grant at CMRPC.

No motion was taken or vote held.

4. Identify selectmen or designees to find and mark Town Boundary Markers per MGL Chapter 42, §2 – discuss communications with contiguous towns

After discussion, Mr. Shaw accepted the task.

No motion was taken or vote held.

5. Town Manager – vacation roll over discussion

Mr. Genereux informed the Board that he has misspoke previously when the Board voted to allow a carry-over of unused vacation time. The full amount was 93 hours. Mr. Genereux requested that the Board amend its previous motion for a total of 93 hours.

MOTION: Mr. Baghdasarian moved to allow the Town Manager to carry over a total of 93 hours in unused vacation time from FY 2017. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 5-0-0.

V. MEMBER ISSUES

Mr. Hogan requested that a pole with a flickering light on Susan Parkway be repaired. Further discussion centered on poles with lights on during the day, and a street light restoration request for Elm Street.

Mr. Piccirillo stated he had heard concerns from the public regarding the new town meeting location.

Mr. Piccirillo also discussed the condition of Town roads.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Town Manager read specific portions of his report, which is attached to these meeting minutes, including the Finance Committee's rejection of a reserve fund transfer request, the hiring of a new administrative assistant, Ellen Welch, and ongoing FATM meeting preparation.

VII. MINUTES

Mr. Baghdasarian left the meeting at this time

The Board discussed and amended the June 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Modica moved to accept the meeting minutes, as amended, for June 26, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Motion carried 3-0-1; Mr. Hogan abstained.

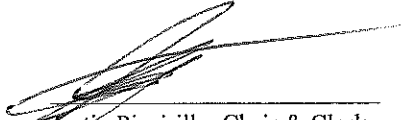
The Board discussed and amended the July 10, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Modica moved to accept the meeting minutes, as amended, for July 10, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 4-0-0.

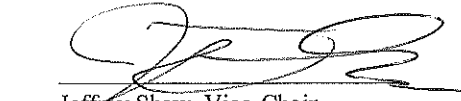
VIII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECMEN'S MEETING: 9/25/17

MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hogan so moved. Seconded by Mrs. Modica. The Motion carried 4-0-0.


Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



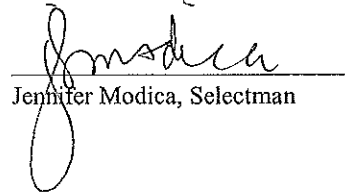
Justin Piccirillo, Chair & Clerk



Jeffrey Shaw, Vice-Chair



Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman



Jennifer Modica, Selectman

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Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: David Genreux, Town Manager *DG*
DATE: September 7, 2017
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report for the BOS Meeting of August 28, 2017

I am pleased to offer the following report of the Town Manager's activities since August 24, 2017.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS (TO), TOWN EMPLOYEE AND/OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC (GP)

I fielded inquiries regarding the following topics:

- Cable complaint (GP)
- Complaint regarding weeds around telephone poles (GP)
- Spoke with an employee about a perceived threat (TE)
- Discussed email received by the BOS regarding the DPW garage with director (TE)

IT ISSUES

The Finance Committee, at their 08/29/17 meeting refused my reserve fund transfer request for an in-house server backup, citing the need for obtaining quotes on the project. I have sent an email to the Chair, advising him of my intention to cost an out of house provider. I am unwilling to allow another company access all parts of our network, including the confidential police server, simply because their quote is slightly cheaper. Our current vendor will not to continue to support our network infrastructure under these circumstances. We should consider either working an agreement with the schools or hiring an employee, because we simply cannot afford to change consultants every time we undertake a project of significant cost.

PERSONNEL

- One of our Highway Department staff members was seriously injured in an accident this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.
- I am pleased to announce that I have hired Ellen Welch of Franklin to be the Assistant to the Town Manager for 19 hours per week, until the Fall Annual Town Meeting, where I hope to return the position to full time. I am certain that she will be a valued addition to the office.

OCTOBER

- Still working on the municipal portion of the end-of-year report for the schools.
- Now working on warrant article detail for FATM.
- Completed hiring process for Assistant to the Town Manager
- Continued work on the title issue with the Blanchard Building.
- Processed new rounds of Public Records requests, and other emails.
- Started training for Assistant on pole hearings, office administration, etc.
- Sent 61 emails; mainly in response to questions
- Filed two incident reports with MHA; awaiting on details for a third.
- Appointed Rob Knapik to the ZBA
- Toured a marijuana grow facility in Fairhaven, MA with Chief Lourie and Sergeant Burke.

I will be out on September 14, 2017 for day surgery. Ellen will be covering the office for part of the day.

Finally, at a previous meeting, the Board allowed me to retain 60 hours of vacation time. I had misspoke at the meeting, as I had 93. That was the number that I should have requested, according to the Treasurer. I respectfully request the Board grant an additional 33 hours of vacation time.

Please contact me with any questions.