



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 – 6:30PM**

Received by  
Uxbridge  
Town Clerk

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Announcements

- i. **The Fall Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00PM, Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Town Meeting will be held at the Valley Chapel, located at 17 Hunter Road, Uxbridge.**
- ii. Volunteers needed: Affordable Housing Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Housing Authority, Parade Committee, Planning Board, Town Common Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and *Water / Sewer Advisory Committee*.

Mr. Hogan reminded the Board of openings on the Open Space Committee. Mrs. Modica noted there was an open position on the Dog Park Committee.

iii. Gift Acceptance – Chief Lourie

Chief Lourie discussed a number of donations totalling \$3355 to support six puppies that were discarded in the Blackstone River and recovered by kayakers. Chief Lourie asked for acceptance of these generous donations.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved that the Board accept the donations as stated by Chief Lourie with great thanks to the donors. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

2. Citizens' Forum

Chief Lourie asked that members of the Town work together and do what is best for the Town with the announcement of Mr. Genereux's decision to transition to a Town Administrator position in Leicester.

Chief Kessler asked that Board members and citizens to act with civility given previous disagreements in Town.

Mr. Demers asked if Board members were aware of any road repairs conducted since July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sherman, DPW Director, was present and clarified that there had been none. Mr. Demers informed the Board of processes used by other surrounding towns and asked for more attention to roadway maintenance activities.

Mr. Anderson asked the Board to hire an Interim Town Manager and to deliberate carefully over selection of the next Town Manager.

Mr. Currie asked Board members what they are doing for economic development. He also expressed concern over cohesiveness of the Board. Mrs. Modica and Mr. Piccirillo offered discussion.

Mr. Paulino reminded Mrs. Modica of her attendance at a recent court case, and asked for the Board to assign an Interim Town Manager.

Mr. Plasko inquired about an earlier meeting, asking how a citizen, Mr. Hannon had specific details from communications to Town Counsel.

Mr. Hannon indicated that he overheard conversation in the Clerk's Office. He later spoke to issues relating to the Chair.

Ms. Currie asked that Board members to consider why they are on the Board and if they are working for the benefit of the Town.

Ms. Baker asked that the Board work together.

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*The Chair called a 5-minute recess.*

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Mrs. DoRosario expressed concerns about emails and about points earlier made over the Uxbridge Dog Park.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Application for a Class II License (Motor Vehicle Sales) for Competitive Auto Sales., 690 Quaker Highway

Mr. Sliney from Competitive Auto Sales was available to answer questions relative to the license application. Mr. Baghdasarian reminded the Board of requirements.

No one from the public wished to speak on the application.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved that the Board approve the application for a Class II License for motor vehicle sales for Competitive Auto Sales at 690 Quaker Highway. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0**

2. Pole Hearings, requests from National Grid:
  - i. Installation of new joint-owned pole (Pole #93-1), and anchor, located 140' south of existing Pole #93, on Hartford Avenue East

- ii. Installation of new joint-owned pole (Pole #5-50) at staked location, on Locust Street, to serve newly built home at 56 Locust St.
- iii. Relocation of joint-owned pole on Blackstone St (#58), moving 38' northeast to accommodate new road

Mr. Frazier from National Grid was available to answer questions relative to the requests. No one from the public on Pole 93-1

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved to close the public hearing on Pole #93-1. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to approve the plan as presented. Mr. Hogan so moved. Mr. Shaw seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

No one from the public wished to speak on Pole #5-50.

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved to close the public hearing on Pole #5-50. Mr. Hogan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to approve the plan for joint owned pole #5-50 as presented. Mr. Hogan so moved. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

No one from the public wished to speak on Pole #58.

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Shaw so moved. Mr. Hogan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the plan to move Pole #58 on Blackstone St. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Ms. Modica inquired if Mr. Frazier was aware of a previous inquiry on double poles on East St. Mr. Frazier said he would be working with Mr. Sherman later in the week. Mr. Hogan asked about cut poles on South Main St. Mr. Frazier indicated that the cut poles were the responsibility of Verizon or Charter Communications.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and acceptance of Public Way - Clark Road; or take any action related thereto

Mr. Piccirillo reminded the Board of a citizen's petition on the upcoming Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant on this subject. Mr. Sherman indicated that the project had met all requirements for the installation of the Roadway.

**Mrs. Modica made a motion to accept the Clark Road as a public way. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Thayer approached the Board and expressed concern about the review process relating to the roadway approval procedure.

2. Request for Veteran's Day Speaker

Mr. Seely, representing the upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony sought a speaker for the ceremony. Mr. Piccirillo volunteered to speak.

3. Street light restoration request – 26 Old Millville Rd

Discussion was held regarding the request and the location of the streetlight.

**MOTION: Mr. Baghdasarian made a motion to deny the request. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-1-0. Mr. Piccirillo voted no.**

4. Request for snow and ice removal on Private Way – Waterman Way

*\*taken out of order, following Old Business #3*

Mr. Sherman and Mr. Genereux discussed the historical background relating to the issues with clear title on Waterman Way.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to authorize snow and ice removal on Private Way – Waterman Way. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Baghdasarian abstained.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Modica made a motion to retract the earlier vote and to authorize snow and ice removal on Private Way – Waterman Way for the winter of 2017-2018 with the expectation that snow and ice removal would not continue in future years unless accepted as a public way. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

5. Review Notice of Intent to Sell under MGL Chapter 61A – 700 Hartford Avenue East; or take any action related therefrom

*\*taken out of order, following Old Business #3*

Attorney Knapik was available for any questions relating to the proposal for his client's desire to remove 700 Hartford Avenue East from designations under Chapter 61A.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to pass over its right of first refusal for the land located at 700 Hartford Avenue East. Mr. Shaw seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

6. Review and approve license application for electrical facilities on private property – 80 River Rd

*\*taken out of order, following New Business #5*

DPW Director, Mr. Sherman was available for discussions relating to the work pending on the site of the Uxbridge Wastewater Treatment facility. Mr. Sherman indicated that the process was similar to that recently undertaken for licensing at the site of the new Uxbridge Fire Station.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve a license for the installation and maintenance of electrical facilities on private property at the location of 80 River Rd. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

7. Request for Selectman volunteer to participate in ongoing regional / local business development discussions

The Board held debate on various matters relating to ongoing discussion business development opportunities. Mr. Piccirillo asked for volunteers who would be interested in (1) regional development and (2) development in the Town of Uxbridge. There was no support. Mr. Piccirillo asked for volunteers who would reach out for an upcoming Open for Business meeting being held through the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Shaw volunteered to call local businesses for support.

**No motion taken or vote was held.**

8. Review of applicants for Poll Worker and make appointments thereto
  - i. Jeanne Hauge

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Hauge as Poll Worker. Mr. Hogan so moved. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discuss Town Manager screening committee - take any actions related thereto, or make any appointments thereto  
*\*taken out of order, following New Business #1*

Mr. Piccirillo informed the Board of recent calls with attorneys on staff with the Division of Public Records and Division of Open Government, discussion relating preliminary screening committees for selection of Town Manager candidates. Debate was held as to the merits of having a screening committee for the search. Mr. Genereux offered to post for citizen volunteers on the Town website and to advertise at the upcoming Town Meeting.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to set up a Town Manager Screening Committee to consist of two selectmen, two department heads and a citizen at large. Seconded by Mrs. Modica. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Baghdasarian abstained.**

2. Discuss prospective Interim Town Manager resumes and profiles and/or take any actions related thereto  
*\*taken out of order, following Old Business #1*

Mr. Piccirillo informed the Board of recent calls with staff at the Collins Center at UMass-Boston and discussed that resumes for Interim Town Manager candidates which had been submitted in relation to the upcoming Town Manager vacancy. Debate was held between Board members relative to the merits of hiring an Interim Town Manager.

**MOTION: Mrs. Modica made a motion to arrange interviews with Interim Town Manager candidates. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Baghdasarian abstained.**

3. Discussion / negotiation / approvals or any action related thereto relating to a draft Host Community Agreement from Xiphias Wellness, Inc., a proposed medical marijuana facility in the Town of Uxbridge.

*\*taken out of order, following Public Hearings*

Attorney Romano representing Xiphias Wellness was available for the discussions relating to Host Community Agreement. Discussions were held relating to projections for Town expenses for hosting the proposed medical marijuana facility.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter a Host Community Agreement for 1.25% of gross revenues. Mr. Shaw seconded. The motion carried 4-1-0. Mr. Baghdasarian opposed.**

4. Street light restoration request – 73 Elm St., Pole #13

Discussion was held relative to the street light request.

**MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion to not-honor the request for street light restoration at 73 Elm St., Pole #13. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 4-1-0. Mr. Piccirillo voted no.**

5. Discussion for Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, make recommendations, and/or take any actions related thereto

Mrs. Modica made discussion relative to amendment of the Town Meeting Article #9, having to do with the moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments. Mrs. Modica wished to extend the temporary moratorium to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to use Mrs. Modica's amendment as its motion on the Town Meeting floor. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Piccirillo discussed recent correspondence from counsel regarding the basis for contractual obligations for the Town Manager; Table C, Item 5 in the warrant. Mr. Genereux discussed background in Table D, Item 7. The Board asked to move forward with recommendations.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to recommend favorable action on Table C, Item 5. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to rescind the previous vote and recommend favorable action on the entirety of Table C. Seconded by Mrs. Modica. The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Modica made a motion to recommend favorable action on Table D, Item 7. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion carried 5-0.**

**V. MEMBER ISSUES**

1. Discuss member email correspondence

The Board discussed various issues relative to recent correspondence and policies relative to communications.

**No motion taken or vote was held.**

**VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Genereux provided discussion relative to public posting of appointed positions. He wished to understand what approach should be taken relative to the interview and placement of candidates. Mr. Hogan offered that Mr. Genereux should work with the Chair of individual boards to make any appointments. If time runs out, the recommendations may be left to the Interim Town Manager.

Mr. Genereux sought recommendation if the RFP for the Sutton St solar project should be published. Board members asked that the RFP be published as soon as possible. Mr. Genereux agreed to publish the RFP.

Mrs. Modica wished to thank Mr. Genereux for his service to the Town.

**No motion taken or vote was held.**

**VII. MINUTES**


Passed over.


**No motion taken or vote was held.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING: 11/13/17**

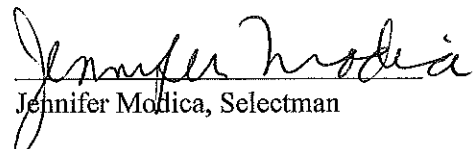
**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
Justin Piccirillo, Chair & Clerk

  
Jeffrey Shaw, Vice-Chair

  
James Hogan, Selectman

  
Jennifer Modica, Selectman

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Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman

Date 2/2/2018