

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 – 6:30 PM

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Town Clerk

Present: Chair/Justin Piccirillo, Selectmen Jennifer Modica, Jim Hogan and Peter Baghdasarian.  
Also Present: Interim Town Manager, David Colton  
Not Present: Jeffrey Shaw

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Announcements

- i. Looking for volunteers to fill seats: Affordable Housing Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Housing Authority, Open Space Committee, Parade Committee, Town Common Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. Anyone interested should complete a Talent Bank Form
- ii. Gift Acceptance - Request from Chief Kessler for \$994.62 gift acceptance from the Estate of Pauline Greenhalgh

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion to accept the gift of \$994.62. So moved by Mr. Baghdasarian. Seconded by Ms. Modica. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

2. Citizens' Forum

- Michael Potaski - South Uxbridge wellhead/land clearing.
- Brian Plasko - Milford Town Government Workshop 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 11/18 at the Milford Town Library.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Hearing to discuss and set FY 2018 Tax Classification rates for all classes, Real and Personal property.

Ms. Navarro, Assessor presented to the Board.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan move that the Board vote to establish a single tax rate to be appropriated equally between all residents, commercial, industrial, and personal property taxes for FY 2018. Seconded by Ms. Modica. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

2. Pole hearing: National Grid request to relocate pole P107-61 off private property to grassy island area at 775 Quaker Highway.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan move to continue the pole hearing for relocation of Pole 107-61 at 775 Quaker Highway. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request from Public Safety Committee for approval of road closures and detours for First Night Celebration, December 2, 2017.

Chief Kessler updated the Board on the First Night Celebration.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan move that the Board approve the 2017 First Holiday Night road closures as submitted by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

2. Discussion relating to marijuana establishments, or any actions related thereto.

The Board had a discussion regarding marijuana establishments. The Board will continue discussions at an upcoming meeting.

3. Review Notice of Intent to Declassify 814 Douglas Road (Book 54288, page 160) from horticultural to residential use under MGL Chapter 61; or take any actions related thereto.

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo asked for a motion that the town elect not to exercise or assign its first refusal option to purchase land at 814 Douglas Street. So moved by Mr. Hogan. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

4. Discuss offer for vacant parcels; 17 acres of Commerce Drive (on multiple contiguous lots), or take any actions related thereto.

A discussion ensued about providing water/sewer to businesses in the S. Uxbridge area. Board will locate survey results completed by previous Town Manager. The Board will continue discussions at a future meeting. *No vote taken.*

Louie Deruseau, Douglas Street, inquired about the wells. A recap discussion occurred about matter previously discussed earlier.

5. Review of applicants for Open Space Committee and make any appointments thereto.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan move that the board appoint Lauren Steele, Russ Holden, and Paulette Jones to the Open Space Committee. Seconded by Ms. Modica. The motion passed 3-1-0 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).**

6. Review of applicants for Historic District Commission and make any appointments thereto.

**MOTION: Ms. Modica made a motion to appoint Mary Pat Wickstrom to the Historic District Commission as an alternate member. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

7. Discuss FY 2019 draft budget, or take any actions related thereto.

*Continue after IV Old Business. 1. Discussion relating to billing from Legal Counsel.*

The Board had a discussion on OPEB funding (Other Post Employment Benefits). Board will need to look at new revenue sources to fund the \$37M in FY 2037. Board should continue discussion to put a funding plan in place. *No vote taken.*

8. Review request for one-day beer and wine license – November 18, 2017 for the benefit of the Our Lady of the Valley Parents Guild – Annual Holiday Event

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo made a motion to approve the request for a one-day beer and wine license for the benefit of the Our Lady of the Valley Parents Guild. So moved by Baghdasarian. Seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

9. Request for Title Affidavit – Virginia Blanchard School

Counsel approved documents. **MOTION: Mr. Hogan move that the Board accept the request of Title Affidavit for the Virginia Blanchard School with the edits of including the County of Worcester on the Title Page and the completion of Exhibit A and allow the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board once those edits have been completed. Seconded by Ms. Modica. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

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

1. Discussions relating to billing from Legal Counsel (Counsel and Special Counsel)

*Taken out of order following III. New Business 6. Review of applicants for Historic District Commission and make any appointments thereto.*

A discussion occurred about legal invoices and use of Town Counsel.

2. Discuss Town Manager Interview process and/or take any actions related thereto

The Board had a discussion regarding interview format. *No vote was taken.*

**V. MEMBER ISSUES**

- Response policy to citizens' comments  
The Board discussed how to move forward addressing questions/discussions during citizens' forum.
- Double poles  
The Board had a discussion on double poles.

**VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes.

**VII. MINUTES**

A discussion occurred about meeting minutes.

Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017

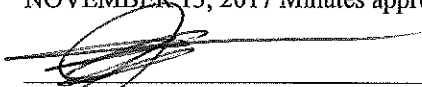
**MOTION:** Mr. Hogan made a motion that the Board approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2017 as written. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion passed 3-0-1. Ms. Modica abstained.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 1/22/18**

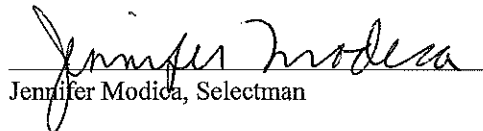
**MOTION:** Mr. Hogan move that the Board adjourn. So moved by Ms. Modica. Seconded by Mr. Piccirillo. The motion carried 4-0-0.

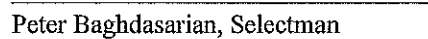
Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch.

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
Justin Piccirillo, Chair/Clerk

  
James Hogan, Selectmen

  
Jennifer Modica, Selectman

  
Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman

Date Approved: 2/12/2018