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**UXBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Present: Chairman Kevin Kuros, Vice Chairman Michael Potaski, Clerk Cari Kay Robertson, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman Bruce Desilets, and Town Manager Jill Myers. Also present were Assistant to the Town Manager Kim Hood and Finance Director David Genereux.

NOTE: Some matters may have been taken out of agenda order but are presented below based on agenda order for ease of locating information.

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

- A. Announcements
- B. Citizens Forum

Howard Fortner restated cable questions previously posed at Citizens Forum and asked about the status of the Douglas Street land sale, ownership, and fees. Chm. Kuros indicated cable discussion will be on the 11/24 agenda.

Mark Stacey requested that the BOS delay the implementation of the winter maintenance policy which places a burden on homeowners to pay for private service.

Chm. Kuros indicated that the BOS can't take action tonight, but will place the policy/update from staff on the next (11/24) BOS agenda.

3) Leonard Greenberg expressed concerns about a junkyard at Millville Rd (across from the Post Office).

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

III. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

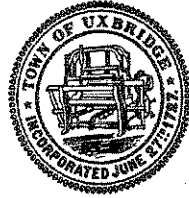
Ms. Myers reviewed the report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant –Discuss motions; Vote recommendations (Articles 4, 7 and 40 pending)

Article 4: Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Agreements: MOTION by Mr. Potaski for a favorable recommendation from the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Ms. Robertson. Motion approved unanimously.

Article 7: FY09 Funding Appropriation to the School/Town Building Maintenance Account MOTION by Mr. Baghdasarian to appropriate \$200,000 to the School Town Building Maintenance account; no second. MOTION by Ms. Robertson to recommend passing over Article 7 (no recommendation) since the Board is not offering a Motion. Motion approved 4-1 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).



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Article 40: Citizen Petition for the Acceptance of Spinning Wheel Drive, Cotton Mill Way, and a Portion of Crownshield Avenue **MOTION by Mr. Potaski for a favorable recommendation from the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Ms. Robertson. MOTION approved unanimously.**

B. Department of Planning and Economic Development; Reorganization assessment-Continued from 10/27/08

Ms. Myers provided an assessment of the departmental reorganization, including a review of materials provided in the Board's packet. Discussion ensued about the activities and role of the Department head. Ms. Robertson notes that the Town does not have a "big picture plan" by which to chart and track progress in the economic development arena and noted that it is the responsibility of the BOS to develop a plan to guide the Town.

Chm. Kuros agreed that Ms. DiPrete has been shooting at a moving or nonexistent target, and stated that the Board has to play a bigger role in setting the direction.

Action item: Schedule and off-night meeting for early in December.

C. Access to Town Counsel (P. Baghdasarian)- Continued from 10/27/08

The Board discussed current and historical spending on Counsel.

No action taken.

D. Consider and Adopt Financial Policy – second reading

MOTION by Mr. Potaski that the Board adopt the Financial Management Policy and Objectives as amended in B4; seconded by Ms. Robertson. Motion approved unanimously.

E. Douglas Street Property: Deed Restriction (Only if action of 10/27 needs to be reconsidered due to amendments to the document)

No action taken.

F. Consider ratification of Police Union Memorandum of Understanding

MOTION by Mr. Potaski that the Board of Selectmen vote to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding dated November 5, 2008 between the Town of Uxbridge and Uxbridge Police Local 123 of MCOPS, AFL-CIO, and present it to Town Meeting for funding; seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. Motion approved unanimously.

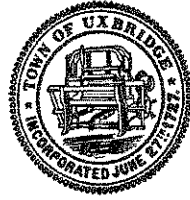
V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider TRIAD Request

MOTION by Mr. Potaski, seconded by Ms. Robertson, for Chairman Kuros to sign the cooperative agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Consider proposed license for the Savers Bank Parking Lot

Ms. Myers reviewed the proposed license granting Savers Bank use of the lot.



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MOTION by Mr. Potaski to renew the license with Savers Bank for the property at South Main Street from 11/10/08 to 6/30/09 for an annual rent of \$100 payable in advance; seconded by Ms. Robertson. Motion approved unanimously

C. Request for temporary road closure; Uxbridge First Holiday Night (requested by Chief Ostroskey)

MOTION by Mr. Baghdasarian to authorize the temporary closure of North Main Street from Hartford Avenue to Douglas Street from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm on 12/6/08 and to close Elm streets for its entire length from 3:30pm to 6:00 pm on 12/6/08 for the purpose of staging parade units; seconded by Mr. Potaski. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Consider request from Senator Moore for local revenue-generating ideas

By consensus to forward to Senator Moore for the Special Municipal Relief Commission:

- Eliminate “mandated” and/or prevailing wages;
- Relating to rest areas/plazas, such as the one in discussion on Rte 146 in Uxbridge – provide for a revenue sharing agreement or mechanism for the municipality to receive a portion of the sales tax. The BOS felt that local businesses will be impacted when drivers will no longer exit in Uxbridge, and that local services would be negatively impacted – such as police and fire to address calls for services to the rest area or plaza;
- Elimination of the State income tax;
- Increase the sales tax;
- Revisit MA excise tax law to provide for municipalities to receive excise taxes when out-of-state vehicles are stored on site. This item relates to activity at the BJ facility.

E. Blackstone Valley Regional Economic Development Council Participation Agreement

MOTION by Mr. Potaski, seconded by Mr. Desilets, for the BOS to endorse the participation agreement with the BVREDC, and prepare to sponsor an article at the SATM per section 5.2 of the Agreement. Motion approved 3:2 (Ms. Robertson & Mr. Baghdasarian opposed).

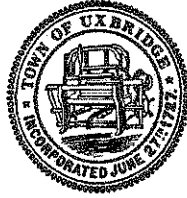
VI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from 10/27/08 Regular Session

MOTION by Mr. Potaski, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to accept the minutes of 10/27 as written. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/ OTHER BUSINESS

- ✓ Next agenda 11/24– follow-up on the plaque for the deceased dog officer
- ✓ Future Agenda 11/24 or 12/8 – correspondence to legislative delegation on return of lottery funds to municipalities; on the ballot in Uxbridge precincts 1, 2, 4 and passed;



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- ✓ Future Agenda – review of fees set by the BOS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (MGL c.39, §23B)

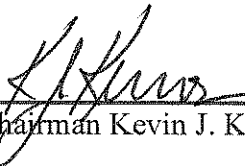
#3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effort on the government's bargaining or litigation position. Also, an executive session may now be convened to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

At 10:50pm, MOTION by Mr. Potaski, seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian for the purpose of collective bargaining relating to the SEIU with no business to follow. Roll call vote: Potaski-aye, Kuros- aye, Robertson- aye, Desilets-aye, Baghdasarian-aye.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular BOS Meeting 11/24/08: 11:10pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Kimberly Hood, Assistant to the Town Manager*

Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Chairman Kevin J. Kuros


Selectman Peter Baghdasarian


Vice Chairman Michael Potaski


Selectman Bruce Desilets


Clerk Cari Kay Robertson

November 24, 2008
Date Approved