

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

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MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING DATE: October 4, 2012
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief William Kessler Uxbridge Fire Department
Chief Peter Emerick Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman Uxbridge Superintendent of DPW
Sean Hendricks Uxbridge Town Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley Recording secretary PSC
Holly Gallerani Uxbridge 1st Holiday Night
Tom Bellacqua Uxbridge 1st Holiday Night
Michael Baril Uxbridge Resident
Peter Rogers Martial Arts Event Instructor @ Habitat
Cari Kay Robertson Uxbridge Resident

Meeting opened at 9:35 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Approval of minutes:

a. Minutes: August 8, 2012

**** Motion by Sean Hendricks to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2012 meeting, seconded by Bill Kessler. Motion carried**

b. Minutes: September 6, 2012

**** Motion by Benn Sherman to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2012 meeting, seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion accepted with amendments, carried 2-0-2 with Bill Kessler and Sean Hendricks abstaining, they were not present at the September meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Per the Public Safety Committee new business items will be taken out of order.

1 Habitat – Jim Farrar mixed martial arts event.

Peter Rogers addressed the committee in reference to the Martial Arts Event being held at the Habitat for Sports on November 3, 2012.

Mr. Rogers said they would like to hold these every couple of months. This event will have 10-23 matches with the expectation of about 500 to 700 people in attendance. The building occupancy is for 1100 people.

There will be 2 doctors on site, 2 ambulances as well as state referees and judges.

All events will be held inside the building and there will be a concession. Bill Kessler said this is an A2 type of event. They will need to obtain a temporary use permit through

the Fire Department. If there is alcohol being served they need to make sure that they do not exceed over occupancy in the bar area. Bill Kessler to check with the Building Official on this type of event because Peter Rogers and/or Bill Farrar may need to obtain a special permit.

Peter Emerick said there should be signage for parking restrictions near the entrance ways to the parking area. The no parking zones on West Street need to be observed. Last year's event, Peter Emerick said people were parking in restricted areas and also in the entry way. Peter Emerick also noted that Police Details will be needed.

Peter Emerick said he will recommend this if the following is met; Parking situation, police details and the coordination with the fire department, car 1, A2 and occupancy.

****Motion by Sean Hendricks that the Public Safety Committee sanctions the event request from Peter Rogers subject to the aforementioned concerns with the Fire and Police Departments. Motion seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion carried 4-0**

If there should be a need for a date change it will not require an extra meeting.

2 School zones on Oak and Granite Street = Cari Roberston

With the new alignment of Taft and Whitin, both schools are releasing students at the same time. Cari Robertson addressed her concerns with the Public Safety Committee about the large number of students walking from Whitin to Taft to meet parents who have younger siblings in the Taft School. Although students were advised to walk in pairs they are still walking in groups from the school, making it difficult for motorists to travel in the area. Vehicles are congested and there is a lot of traffic.

Cari reports that "the school busses are flying" from one school to the other and there are no lights indicating that it is a school zone area.

Cari said she is proposing that the area between Taft and Whitin be made a school zone area. Also, as bad weather approaches the issue of snow removal is a concern especially along the fence at St. Mary's cemetery because of snow accumulating along the fence area and narrowing the sidewalk.

Peter Emerick said that a monitor is placed at Oak and Morrison St. and also at the Taft School. Neither of the monitors have addressed the issues. He will put the traffic counter out in that area and have the School Resource Officer monitor the activity in that area after school.

Peter Emerick said that the police department will do a study on this for a week or so and then make a decision. Ben Sherman has been aware of the various issues throughout town in reference to flashing lights and will do a compliance survey. He will also be looking at the school zone component. He did see "End of School Zone" sign but did not see any other signs in the area. Benn said that he will identify the walking routes, critical signage areas and crossing areas.

Benn Sherman said this issue is on the Board of Selectmen's radar and was brought up at their last meeting.

This issue will be tabled until further data is gathered and police involvement will be stepped up in the area.

3 First Holiday Night

Tom Bellacqua informed the committee that this is the 15th year of the 1st Holiday Night celebrations. The committee consists of 8 committee members.

This year they have added a 3rd Band, Shepherd Hill, who will play in the parade along with Douglas and Uxbridge. They will have Shriner vehicles in the parade. Peter Ostroskey will be parade marshal.

Benn Sherman to offer trash pickup; 1 guy 1 truck, they will also drop off 10 barrels around the common area.

Peter Emerick waived the administration fees for the detail officers.

Tom Bellacqua does not foresee any issues relative to the detour plan which they are accustomed to. The Motor Cycle units will get the bands to the McCloskey School.

Tom Bellacqua said the application will be submitted today to the Department of Transportation. On October 29th and the 30th the inmates will be here for 2 days setting up and cleaning the farm. The 1st Holiday Night Committee will be using the message boards announcing the event. Tom Bellacqua will let the area businesses know the date and time the road will be closed for the parade.

**** Motion by Sean Hendricks that the Public Safety Committee recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize the closing of Cross Street on December 1, 2012 from 12 noon until 12 midnight for the 1st Holiday Night event. Seconded by Bill Kessler, the motion carried 4-0.**

**** Motion by Bill Kessler that the Public Safety Committee endorses the 1st Holiday Night application to the DOT for the closure of North Main Street from Hartford Avenue to Douglas Street from 4pm to 6pm. Seconded by Sean Hendricks, motion carried 4-0.**

4 Planning Board Comments – Amendments to the plans Down East subdivision.

Discussion held and there is no action from the Public Safety Committee.

5 Town Loop Challenge – November 18th.

There is a 10 A.M. registration and runners begin at 11 A.M. Benn Sherman has met with Laura Derderian and the race is the same as it has been in the previous years; there have been no changes to the routes. This year they have more volunteers than last year. Peter Emerick said no details were needed as long as they have volunteers at the exit/entrances of CVS, and at the driveway between Mom's Restaurant and B&L Pools. These areas have been a problem in the past.

They will begin set up at 8 A.M. and clean up time will be around 2 P.M.

No action required by the Public Safety Committee.

6. Boot Drive

Informational only – no action required by the Public Safety Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

2 Common locks on all town gates.

Bill Kessler put together a list of town gates in the town that they could think of in the Fire Department.

Peter Emerick told the officers to drive by and check for gates and note them.

Bill Kessler suggested that they tie it into a card system and compare costs against common key locks. Peter Emerick said that the police have access to some of the historic cemeteries.

This will remain on the agenda for updates.

3 High School signage.

Peter Emerick forwarded a copy of the traffic data to Mass Highway a couple of weeks ago for a traffic survey. He will let the committee know as soon as he hears back from Mass Highway on what they plan to do.

This will stay on the agenda for further updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

7 Michael Baril

No action required by the Public Safety Committee.

****Motion by Sean Hendricks seconded by Bill Kessler to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The motion carried 4-0.**

Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2012

Minutes Accepted

Date: November 8, 2012

Members:









