

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

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Town Clerk

MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING DATE: August 8, 2012
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Bill Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department
Chief Peter Emerick	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge Dept. of Public Works
Sean Hendricks	Uxbridge Town Manager
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge School Superintendent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Adam Silva	Blackstone Valley Tribune
Charlie Thompson	Greenway Challenge
Barbara Dixon	Blackstone River Valley Nat. Historical Corridor

Meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

Old Business:

1. Minutes: July 12, 2012

**** Motion by Sean Hendricks to accept the minutes from the July 12, 2012 meeting seconded by Bill Kessler carried 4-1 with Kevin Carney abstaining; Mr. Carney was not present at the July Meeting.**

2. Common Locks on all town gates.

Bill Kessler had a conversation with MIA and the vehicle Maintenance and locks will be coordinated on the grant application.

Bill Kessler will have the fire department do an inventory and Peter Emerick will have Officer Prior do an analysis. Bill Kessler will get the locations.

New Business:

1. Taft Park Art Show

Discussion held on the upcoming Taft Park Art Show and issues with the parking. There will be parking in the parking area on Carney St. where the event is being held. There will be a second parking area at the end of Marywood St. to accommodate for any overflow of parking. Peter Emerick said if visitors use both parking areas there will be no problem.

****Motion made by Bill Kessler seconded by Sean Hendricks to recommend the Board of Selectmen allows Mr. Michael Tracy to use the Taft Memorial Park for the Outdoor Art Show with a notation of the second parking area. All approved 5-0.**

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

#4. Greenway Challenge

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**** Motion made by Bill Kessler and seconded by Sean Hendricks that the Public Safety Committee approves the request from Greenway Challenge with the understanding that police details and signage be worked out with Benn Sherman and Peter Emerick. All approved 5-0.**

2. Douglas Pike

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**** Motion made by Peter Emerick and seconded by Sean Hendricks that the Public Safety Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen accept the Douglas Street Project with the traffic detours that were established. All approved 5-0.**

3. High School Signage

Discussion held on the signs and street signals by the Uxbridge High School, 300 Quaker Highway. High School is set to open on August 29th.

Some of the issues discussed were the lights that are on the North Bound side are blinking as you approach the entrance to the high school. This gives no time for drivers traveling north to react to those drivers turning left to get into to the school zone from the south bound lanes. Since the project began there have been two accidents.

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Sean Hendricks will bring these concerns up at the construction meeting being held today. Peter Emerick will put the message board out, 1 week on 146 north bound and 1 week on 146 south bound.

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**** Motion by Sean Hendricks seconded by Peter Emerick to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.**

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8/8/2012
Minutes Accepted

Date: October 4, 2012

Members:

Will T. Cook
Benny D. Hummer
Scott
John