

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

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MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING DATE: January 10, 2013
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief William Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department
Chief Peter Emerick ✓	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman ✓	Uxbridge Department of Public Works
Sean Hendricks ✓	Uxbridge Town Manager
Michael Legendre	Uxbridge Public Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Howard W Fortner	Uxbridge Housing Authority
Michael R. Potaski	Uxbridge Housing Authority
Jon Juhl	Jon Juhl Associates, LLC, Holliston MA
Ed Nunes	Nunes Trabucco Architects, Needham, MA
Doris Merchant	Abutter of Blanchard School
Marie Elena Silva	Property Mgr., Crown and Eagle

Meeting opened at 10:37 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon Juhl, Blanchard School project taken out of order,

Mr. Jon Juhl, Program Manager addressed the Public Safety Committee on the concept of the redevelopment of the Blanchard School project. Mr. Juhl spoke to the Public Safety Committee and explained there is a proposal to redevelop the Blanchard School into affordable housing /veterans units under Chapter 40B.

The main building of the Blanchard School will be restored and an addition will be built in the rear corner of the building, and the entrance will be set back to show a distinction between the old and new. When the addition is completed it will bring the building to four stories including the lower floor which will be the basement. The façade on the front of the original building will pretty much remain the same. The lower floor (basement) will also have a couple of units. The entrance between the original building and the addition will be on grade with an elevator and handicap access.

There will be 25 units and they are broken down to 5 – 1 bedroom units, which will be 750 square feet; 17 – 2 bedroom units which will be approximately 1,000 square feet and 3 – 3 bedroom units which will be 1,100 square feet. Mr. Juhl state by state Law 5% of the units should be handicap accessible and they will have 3 handicapped units. They will have a list of these units for the Police and Fire Departments and these units are usually located on the first floor.

Pete Emerick asked if there are going to be any provisions for emergency power supply. Mr. Juhl said due to the size of the building there will be limitations that they can

cover. They will have the elevators, boilers and hallway lights covered with the power supply and hopefully the state will agree with it.

The third floor of the Blanchard School used to be an auditorium and this will be converted into a community room. The Massachusetts Historical Society said the auditorium has to be restored; also the windows will be replaced with storm windows on the inside. There will be no central laundry all units will have their own laundry area within their units. Most of the utilities will come off of School Street. At this time the proposal is to have 31 parking spaces.

Peter Emerick expressed concerns and asked about the line of site coming from School St. onto E. Hartford due to the grade of the roads. Bill Kessler explained that the turn onto School St. from E. Hartford Ave. may be difficult for emergency vehicles to make and that there should be an emergency lane on School St. so emergency vehicles can turn around. Michael Legendre asked about snow removal, and Jon Juhl replied that they were not at that stage of planning yet. Mike wanted to know if they were planning on banking the snow or will the snow be removed from the site.

Jon Juhl spoke about lock boxes. They would like an access plan in place with the fire and police departments. Bill Kessler said that the fire department would want it on the front opposed to the side because it could get too congested in the back. Pete Emerick asked if they planned on having accessibility in the front of the building and Jon Juhl said probably not. Pete Emerick also mentioned that they may want to take into consideration the on street parking and told Mr. Juhl that they may want to look at the designated zones and make sure they are clearly marked 20' to 40'. Marie Silva asked if it were possible to make no parking on both sides of School St... Pete Emerick advised her that this was an issue that would need to be addressed with the Board of Selectmen.

Sean Hendricks stated that any changes to parking and access would be addressed to the Board of Selectmen who will look heavily to the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee.

Jon Juhl said this is firm 40B and they are here to work with the Public Safety Committee and other committees that need to be met with. They will be meeting with the planning board on January 23rd and have planned to meet with the neighbors. They have sent out 75 letters and plan on periodic meetings with the neighbors to keep them updated on the progress and discuss any concerns they may have.

No action required by the Public Safety Committee; this was an informational only meeting to discuss concerns and planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Approval of minutes:

1. Minutes

**** Motion by Bill Kessler to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2012 meeting seconded Sean Hendricks. Motion Carried 4-0.**

****Motion by Bill Kessler to accept the minutes from the December 6, 2012 meeting seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion Carried 2-1. Sean Hendricks and Benn Sherman abstain not present at the meeting.**

2 School zones on Oak St. and Granite St. / School zone street signs.

Oak St. Resident agreed to pay for the signage; however the signs were cleaned and put back up. Sean Hendricks will forward the email from the Mrs. Nietz to Benn Sherman so Benn can respond to her.

Benn Sherman said there will be signage for the school zones. These will be all updated and brought back into compliance by the spring.

Ernie Esposito spoke with Sean Hendricks about the exterior and entrance lightening at the new High School. Sean Hendricks has been working with National Grid and Sean and the Board of Selectmen are looking to put a light at the entrance.

3 Public Safety Release Forms for Common Use.

Discussed.

4 Street Lighting.

Discussed.

****Motion by Bill Kessler seconded by Peter Emerick to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion carried 4-0.**

Next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2013

MINUTES ACCEPTED

Date: February 7, 2013

Members







