

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
275 Douglas Street  
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569**

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2013  
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Peter Emerick Uxbridge Police Department  
Bill Kessler Uxbridge Fire Department  
Sean Hendricks Uxbridge Town Manager  
Kevin Carney Uxbridge Public Schools

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Benn Sherman Uxbridge DPW

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley recording secretary PSC  
Jean Ouellette Mendon St. resident  
Cheryl Ethier Uxbridge Fire Department

**CALLED TO ORDER: 9:42 AM**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval of minutes:**

**\*\* Motion made by Sean Hendricks to accept the August 1, 2013 minutes seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion Carried 4-1 Kevin Carney abstains not present for the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.**

**2. Speed limit sign change – Mendon St. data report**

Jean Ouellette was here to discuss the issues pertaining to heavy trucks traveling on Mendon St. Ms. Ouellette stated to the members that thirty (30) plus heavy trucks travel Mendon St. per hour well above the speed limit. This traffic begins at approximately 6:00 a.m. and continues into the wee hours of the night. Ms. Ouellette mentioned that she called Benn Sherman to express her concerns about the area being a Historical District Area and mentioned to Benn that long dump trucks the size of a semi-trailer go through every five (5) minutes and are headed towards Mendon and come back through town with heavy loads and this causes a strong vibration in her home.

Ms. Ouellette said her home is in the area between St. Mary's rectory and Saints Deli, and these trucks hit their air brakes, air jack brakes causing a lot of noise and a strong vibration through her home.

Peter Emerick asked Ms. Ouellette if she could narrow the focus to the noise pertaining use of air brakes, air jack brakes or vibration from a defect in the roadway such as pot holes. Bill Kessler asked Ms. Ouellette what her primary concerns were with this issue, the vibration or noise and Ms. Ouellette replied all of it. Ms. Ouellette felt that the law was not being enforced, however, Chief

Emerick said there have been cruisers in the area but he could not keep one there 24x7.

Ms. Ouellette expressed her desire to change the culture and the mindset of the people traveling through the area, and wanting people to respect the neighborhood, school busses and regular traffic traveling through the area. She feels there should be a sign in the area designating it as a Historical District. Sean Hendricks informed Ms. Ouellette that if she is requesting a sign for a Historical District she should begin by contacting the Historical Society. Sean gave her the contact name and phone number to do so.

Benn is looking to painting lines and slowdown in the roadway by the Capron St. and Mendon St. area.

Peter Emerick said the police department will do a more current speed study and Benn Sherman is doing a study of the area and a physical inspection of the road.

3. **Stop sign on Old West St.**

On hold for information.

4. **DCR Event:**

Need to contact DCR and inform them if their event goes onto the roadway they need to contact the Police Department.

5. **Melanie – PIO**

Sean Hendricks said he is finishing up a memo on the position. Department Heads are asked to go through Melanie but advise Sean when they were utilizing her so he can track her time and this will be used to adjust her stipend for next year as to whether she is under/over paid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Uxbridge Firefighter's Association cancer walk.**

Cheryl Ethier from the Uxbridge Fire Department addressed the committee on the Cancer Walk the Uxbridge Firefighters Association is holding on October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. Donations will go to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and/or The Jimmy Fund. If there are a large amount of people Cheryl was asked to contact the Police department and inform them.

2. **Landry Lane safety issues.**

Police received 2 calls for vehicles parking on private party obstructing the view going south. Peter Emerick advised that Sgt. Scott Brown was gathering data on field of vision and how the vehicles exit the intersection and will produce a report that can identify the issues.

3. **"Together We're Ready" Mass Prepared campaign – for discussion.**

Discussed and Peter Emerick said this is a B.O.H. issue and he gave Wayne Tucker the contact information.

4. **Town Hall Security.**

Discussed and waiting for update from Peter Emerick.

5. **2014 Parents For a Safe Graduation Boot Drive.**

PSG requested from the Board of Selectmen to do a boot drive on October 5<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Committee discussed this. There are two events going on that day, the Cancer Run/Walk and the boot drive. It was decided that the PSG will be asked to choose one intersection and start a half hour later.

**\*\*\* Motion made by Bill Kessler that the Public Safety Committee approve the boot drive under the conditions that the Parents for a Safe Graduation had to choose one of the two intersections starting at 9:30 a.m. All approved so moved.**

6. **Mass Down Syndrome Congress Entertainment Lic.**

Event will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at River Bend Farms. Discussed, no issues.

7. **Resident requesting a crosswalk sign at intersection of 1 Elm St and Rivulet St.**

Stop sign has since been replaced and there is no crosswalk in this area.

8. **Bus Issues.**

Numerous complaints in the area of Quaker Highway reporting drivers passing through when busses have the red lights on and Chief Emerick placed an Officer in the area with no issues being reported.

Officer Dan Deveau is in an unmarked cruiser and Officer Paul Stuczynski stopped by the resident on Mendon St and reported no issues there.

9. **Restriping of parking spaces in front of Town Hall.**

**\*\* Motion by Sean Hendricks seconded by Peter Emerick to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. The motion carried 5-0.**

Next meeting scheduled for October 3, 2013.

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

December 12, 2013

MEMBERS:

*Kevin M. Cane*  
*Wilhelm*  
*Paul*

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