

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

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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2013
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Holly Gallerani	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night
Tom Bellacqua	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night
Bob Ambrosino	Uxbridge 1 st Holiday Night

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:07 AM

NEW BUSINESS:

Uxbridge 1st Holiday Night committee members addressed the Public Safety on the upcoming event which will be held on December 7, 2013. There were changes that were introduced to the Public Safety Committee.

#1. The lineup starting time was changed from four o'clock to 3:30.

#2. Location of the lineup. After much consideration the Public Safety Committee and First Holiday Night Committee decided it was best to fully close Rivulet Street from W. Hartford Ave. to Guertin Ave. between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. giving floats, bands and members of the parade access to the side streets to line up on.

#3. Parade end route. Tom Bellacqua said the Holiday Committee suggested that the parade end on Mendon Street by Depot Street which will help end the confusion in the center of town as it has in the past. It will help to make a smoother ending as the parade rounds the corner from S. Main St. onto Route 16 heading to Depot Street. Band members and floats can then dissipate in a more formal manner. It gives them to opportunity to also make their way up Capron Street to the school parking lot.

The PSC did let the Uxbridge 1st Holiday Night Committee know that they still had to petition MA Highway because of the closure from Rivulet St to Hazel St.

Shut down of roads will not occur until the parade reaches the area. The following road closures will take place.

A. Court St. to be closed from 8 am to 10 pm.

B. Rivulet St. closing 3:30 pm to 6 pm for line-up for parade.

- C. For Mass DOT District 3, N Main St closed from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Rivulet St. to Hazel St. to be closed from 4:30 pm to 6:00 p.m. and will reopen depending on vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- D. The following detours westbound traffic from Mendon St., Oak St., Granite St., East Hartford Ave. for Northbound traffic. And from S. Main St. to High St., Carney St., Douglas St., Snowling Rd.

Discussion was held on which streets were going to be detoured and/or closed and the committees decided that they will not occur until Parade reaches the areas, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will determine when the roads will reopen.

There will be four Parade Marshalls this year; Bill Albin, Leo Beaudoin, Stan Smith and Ed Dannis. The 1st Holiday Night Committee is looking for Veterans in honor of Pearl Harbor Day.

A discussion on Fire Sirens was held. They want to work on reducing the noise from the sirens and when the parade comes to a stop the 1st Holiday Night Committee is requesting that fire trucks stop their sirens. Bill Kessler will send out letters asking fire personnel to be considerate of the noise levels. Bill Kessler will also get 2 light towers, one for the fire department lot and one across the street.

Ben Sherman will get extra barrels to place in different locations to help with the control of trash.

**** Motion made by Bill Kessler, seconded by Peter Emerick that the Public Safety Committee recommend that the Board of Selectmen approve the plan as laid out by the 1st Holiday Night Committee for December 7, 2013. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of minutes:**

No quorum for the September 11, 2013 meeting.

**** Motion made by Bill Kessler to accept the September 26, 2013 minutes seconded by Peter Emerick. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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

On hold for information.

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

Benn Sherman will have information for the next meeting.

4. **Landry Lane Safety Issue.**

After discussing the visibility study it did articulate that the issues are speed related and not visibility related. Benn Sherman will review the intersection and study what the options are for the area. This is being held pending report from Benn Sherman.

5. **Town Hall Security update.**

On hold.

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

Benn Sherman is waiting for an answer for an answer on the striping and signs. Were the plans approved by the Board of Selectmen? Benn needs to send the plan to the Board of Selectmen because they are the regulators on parking. Benn will send the plan to the Board of Selectmen for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Town Common Use.**

Benn Sherman does not feel that the Public Safety Committee is getting the full review of what is going on. Sean Hendricks will send memo's to all committee's directing them to Board of Selectmen and start from there. Sean Hendricks said the first point of contact should go to the Town Manager's Office.

3. **Town Loop Challenge.**

No action required by the Public Safety Committee.

4. **King Street access.**

After much discussion on the status of the road this has been deferred to the Board of Selectmen.

5. **Parking issue on Morrison St.**

Complaints from neighbors on school exits and people parking on the street. It is a short road and neighbors are parking on both sides of the street directly across from each other narrowing the roadway. Pete Emerick said there were parking restrictions on Morrison St. years ago before the sidewalks were put in. There should be permanent restriction between 7a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parking should be restricted to the northbound side of Morrison St.

**** Motion made by Peter Emerick, seconded by Bill Kessler that the Public Safety Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they restrict parking between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on the north side of Morrison St. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

6. **Identify and codify traffic management.**

Benn Sherman will generate a list so the Public Safety Committee can identify and discuss sectors with issues on parking to see if we need to modify them.

7. **Veteran's Day Parade.**

Sean Hendricks and Support our Troops are coordinating the Veteran's Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, November 10th. 1:30 Muster from North Uxbridge Baptist Church. They will be going to the Board of Selectmen to close Court St.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for November 7, 2013

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

November 7, 2013

MEMBERS:

Benjamin S. Sullivan

Paul R. ...

William J. ...

