

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

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 05, 2014
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:43 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Lourie	Uxbridge Police Department
Peter Emerick	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge Department of Public Works
David Genereux	Uxbridge Interim Town Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Mary Beauchamp	4 th of July Committee
Tracey Ante	Admin. Assistant to Town Manager
Robert Chaille	Northeast Roofing Co.
Steve Tancrell	Uxbridge Deputy Fire Chief

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Approval of minutes

Minutes on hold

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary Beauchamp – Chapin St traffic

Mary Beauchamp addressed the Public Safety Committee to discuss her concerns about Chapin St being very windy and very narrow which poses a public safety issue at this time of the year. Beginning at 9am traffic is very busy because of the reservation in that area and the traffic to Southwick's Zoo. The commercial traffic is more of a problem because there is a lot of school busses and tour busses that are 40 – 50 feet long taking some of those corners. Tractor trailers making deliveries to Southwick Zoo. Wanted to know if something could be done with signage or rerouting of commercial traffic. Peter Emerick suggested that as a committee direct correspondence to Southwick Zoo asking them to encourage their vendors and bus groups to use the Mendon access road versus coming up Chapin St. They know when the busses will be coming, it is a dangerous route to use especially the busses going around the curves. Benn will also look into the signage issues.

***Motion made by Jeffrey Lourie seconded by Peter Emerick, that Benn Sherman send a letter to Southwick asking them to notify their vendors and bus tour groups to use the Mendon St. access to the Zoo and discourage the use of Chapin St.**

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Mary also updated the committee on the Fourth of July event stating there are no issues, everything is coming along and it is on the 27th. Chief Lourie asked if it was going to end

at 10 pm and she said it will be ending at 9pm per the request of the Public Safety Committee so the hours are 4pm to 9pm and there will be two officers there.

2 Town Hall roof – Northeast Roofing Co.

The target date is June 20th a Friday and if the weather looks good they will try to work Friday, Saturday and Sunday to get the whole front of the building done over the weekend. Safeway Scaffolding will be there on the 19th to set up a safety net over the main entrance and handicap ramp to catch any debris falling off the roof. There are 2 large pieces of equipment but they will not be in the road. The dumpster will need to be in the handicap area and there will be a dumpster in the fire station back parking lot. Steve Tancrell said that Bill Kessler said nothing can go in that back lot. Storage options was an issue. There are 12 – 13 pallets of shingles and each takes an area of 4x3 area. The storage options would be Desruisseaux's, the back lot of the fire department or municipal parking lot. Also, next issue is dumpster locations and where do operations go. Jeffrey Lourie suggested that the committee contact Bill Kessler and set up a conference call. The other concern Jeffrey Lourie had concerned the number of detail officers needed for the job. He stated that definitely three on Friday because it is the last day of school and most of the students head downtown for lunch and amend it to two on Saturday and Sunday.

During Town Hall operations the work zone area should be fenced off, Dave Genereux said the School department will be closed on Friday and Northeast roofing hopes to have the work done by the end of the weekend. Dave Genereux feels the only way to get this done would be to close the fire department for the length of the job. Steve Tancrell said there is no way that the dumpster could go in the back there would be no room. Steve said they could move the vehicles out of the station for the day but they need to be brought back in at night. Jeff Lourie said that the vehicles would be in harm's way anywhere on that property. Dave Genereux said the inevitable conclusion is to move the apparatus because the only place they are safe is inside the fire station.

11:14 am Conference call connected with Bill Kessler. Jeffrey Lourie spoke with Bill and said the idea was to do one of two things. 1. Move to DPW or 2. Move to the PD. Bill Kessler will think about how to move the equipment out. He will think of a plan while on vacation and will discuss with Tom Dion. Bill Kessler said they will need to discuss this further. Conference call ended at 11:30 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Identifying and codifying traffic management updates.

Work in progress, on hold

3. Speed Limit on Hazel St.

Hold

4. Winter sidewalk maintenance

On hold.

5. Jim Bartro – Fire on the Falls

Benn emailed Jim Bartro and Travis Baker - Food Truck Rally. The last email from Jim said they pushed it to the weekend of Saturday, July 5th. The main issue is uncertainty of whether they needed to close Court St or not. Basically there is no update. The request was submitted back in April for the Town Common piece. Sean was coordinating it with them and Benn took it over when Sean left. Food Truck Rally did not have all permits needed so far. Benn sent an email to Jim Bartro for details. David asked if we had any official knowledge that either event is actually happening or not and Benn said no.

6. Town Common request for Food Truck Rally and Fire on the Falls.

Discussed above.

7. Street naming policy.

Tabled for next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Parking on Elm St., mailboxes being destroyed.

What was the issue? The front facing mailboxes are being destroyed and mirrors are being knocked off vehicles because there is no room for vehicles to pass. It is being requested that there be no parking on the side of the road where the mailboxes are. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

4. Parking at Khapi's Pub

Tabled for background information.

5. Hazel St. truck traffic

Some people were complaining about truck traffic on Hazel St and George from the junk yard said all his people go out the Hartford Avenue side. The main complaint is the culvert by Cole Spring and during the closure of the land fill they had a sign that the culver was posted for ten tons and when they finished they removed the posting. Benn could not find anything with limits on the culvert. The person complaining about this is saying that there is an ordinance stating all towing vehicles are supposed to exit / enter the Hartford Avenue side. He said it is not happening. The complainant also stated he is concerned with the stone bridge at the bottom of the hill not meant to hold all that weight. George at the salvage yard said the trucks go left he has a sign up and there is nothing else he can do to make this happen. Peter Emerick said this does not happen because GPS tells them to go in all different areas. Pete Emerick said maybe it is time we address this issue along with Chocolog Road, West St. and Chapin St. These are not issues we had to deal with in the past but need to address them now. There is no low grading on the culvert on Hazel St. and there is no structural issues leaning towards that bridge needing a weight restriction. Dave Genereux asked what the Public Safety issue is and there did not appear to be any. Benn said that if there was a need to replace the bridge there would be a restriction on that bridge. Peter Emerick said there have been no complaints or accidents so he does not feel there is a public safety issue.

Benn will get back to the committee to see what he can or cannot find.

6. Oak St., handicap crossing accessibility.

The resident said that it is difficult crossing because people do not stop and family members in his household are handicap. Benn said this has come up many times. Benn considered developing a policy on requesting signs. Peter Emerick said it is a policing problem for the DPW because there are signs that should not be up and still are.

*** Motion by Peter Emerick seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to put handicap signs up in both directions. All approved. Motion carried 4-0-0**

7. Safe routes to school

Benn said Whitin Middle school qualifies. He has not done anything because the roads need to be repaired but if they do work all the ramps have to be redone. Oak and Granite Streets need to be worked on and that will have to include repaving of the road, fix handicap ramps, sidewalk curbing's need to be replaced. It becomes a cost issue.

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

August 7, 2014

MEMBERS:

Ben Simon

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