

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2014  
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:40 A.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley Recording secretary PSC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1 Approval of minutes**

Minutes on hold

**2. Identifying and codifying traffic management update**

Street name corrections have been filed with the State. Areas such as Patrick Henry St where "No Parking" signs were put in place when the mill was open are no longer needed. Peter Emerick asked the members if they see things such as these please bring them to his attention. There are several in that area that are due to the mill and also on Cross St.

**3. Speed Limit on Hazel St.**

Chief Lourie will direct Officers to do more radar in that area. Chief Lourie has asked if there are anymore traffic complaints and/or concerns in the future to direct them to him. Also if a timeline can be determined, he will direct Officer's to do specific enforcement during those hours.

**4. Winter sidewalk maintenance**

This was discussed; David Genereux feels this is an unfair enforcement action asking the public to remove snow on sidewalks in front of their homes or be fined. Peter Emerick said when the town clears snow off sidewalks in high traffic areas we are responding to a Public Safety issue. Benn Sherman said that last year there were a lot of concerns about actual crosswalks not being open. Benn said that they are basically doing the loop and school areas. Peter Emerick said that the loop sees a lot more traffic and has become a very popular area. Clearing Sidewalks has to do more with the schools, making it safe for students to get to and from school. David Genereux said in reality we do not have the

funds to do all sidewalks in town, the committee would like to see it done but there is no funding.

Benn will get the snow and ice plan out earlier so people will be informed on what to expect during the winter season.

#### **5. Street naming policy**

Safety committee discussed signing off on notification of street naming. The Planning Board needs to put together a better sign off sheet. David Genereux said that the bylaw should outlaw these signage's, and should require removal of signs that were created by people using a town sign and their own name and erecting it on private property, then saying it is a destination. Peter Emerick said from an emergency response we are no longer an address driven data base, it is location and it is now a GIS, GPS emergency service locator.

#### **6. Parking on Elm St., mailboxes being destroyed**

Issue is there is parking on both sides and the person asked that there be a no parking issued to one side of the street because of broken mirrors on cars and mail boxes being hit and destroyed.

**\*\*\*\*\* Motion made by Bill Kessler, seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that there be no parking on the East side of Elm Street from the northerly border of 278 N Main Street, as identified on the Assessor's map to W. Hartford Avenue. Motion carried 5-0-0**

#### **7. Khapi's Pub**

Discussed and put on hold until next meeting. Benn to search for the results of the survey of property lines relative to Khapi's at the intersection of Rivulet and Elm Streets.

#### **8. Hazel St.**

Reviewed and Discussed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1.428 N Main St., MPH sign**

Benn Sherman will call State Highway.

##### **2. E. Hartford Ave., Culvert Construction**

Discussed and there is no issue re-routing traffic up Linwood St. Bill Kessler suggests doubling it up to get the job done quicker and Benn agreed. Benn said that he will continue to work on it and send something to the board.

**\*\*\*\*\* Motion made by David Genereux seconded by Bill Kessler to proceed with the project under the assumption that the road will be closed for a period of time. Motion carried 5-0-0**

##### **3. Town Common event – September 6, 2015**

Tabled for more information

**4. Hellen's**

The DPW is doing the designs for the water main for North and South Main Streets and concurrently working on the design from 122 to the bridge. Question has come up and DOT weighted in on the condition of the culvert crossing N Main St. Benn wants the Public Safety Committee to be aware that there is a sink hole developing in Hellen's and the sewer pipes are collapsing in the parking lot. Benn was approached by one of the Bedards who is of the opinion that it is the town's problem. Benn's personal belief is it's a problem that has occurred over a period of time.

At this time there is no action being taken by the Public Safety Committee.

**\*\*\*\*\* Motion by Bill Kessler seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to adjourn the meeting at 11:20. Motion carried 5-0-0**

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

September 11, 2014

MEMBERS:

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