

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

MEETING MINUTES

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Uxbridge
Town Clerk

MEETING DATE: August 7, 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
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Public Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Tom Belacqua	1 st Holiday Night Committee
Kenneth Gikas	Public Health Emergency Planner

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Approval of minutes

***** Motion by Jeffrey Lourie, seconded by Kevin Carney to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes.
Motion carried 6-0-0

***** Motion by Jeffrey Lourie seconded by David Genereux to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes.
Motion Carried 5-0-1 Bill Kessler abstained, was not present for that meeting.

***** Motion by Jeffrey Lourie seconded by Bill Kessler to accept the June 19, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes with amendments.
Motion carried 6-0-0

NEW BUSINESS:

#3. 1ST Holiday Night – Band Concert August 27th, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tom Belacqua announced that the Uxbridge 1st Holiday Night Committee were recipients of a grant from the Uxbridge Cultural Council. They are looking to put on a band concert on the common September 3rd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. They will also be asking the UHS class of 2018 to do face painting to help them raise money and also ask Wayne Tucker if he wanted to bring his petting zoo. Will not need any road closures. Chief Lourie will plan on working late that evening to negate having a detail. If there are a lot of people he will call someone in.

The second event will be on Sunday September 14th from 3pm to 6pm. It will be a band concert at the Town Park. They were approached by the Town Park Committee and they would like the town park to have some exposure and they have given the 1st Holiday Night funds to hold this event. There will be a 5 piece band called "Still Burning" all EMC workers. Their hope is to have Pastor Howard allow volunteers to park their vehicles there and the volunteers will clean up the path up there.

Peter Emerick asked if they were going to promote parking in the church parking lot and Tom Balacqua said yes they will be doing that and have residents access the park from the path. Bill Kessler suggested that they hold the Marywood Parking lot as all handicap parking. Benn will make sure that Kelly has paperwork ready for the Town Common Request.

Tom said they are also looking to add a fourth band to the holiday parade this year.

#5. Department of Public Health – Emergency Dispensing Site Overview.

Kenneth Gikas from the Department of Public Health presented what he has been doing with Lieutenant Emerick and Denise from the Board of Health developing the Emergency Dispensing site plan. This plan will be used if the town had to do mass inoculations in the town of Uxbridge. It can be accomplished in two days. We are using the high school as the DES site which can also be used as a drive through. Classrooms can be used for triage for individuals who need additional assistance. Drive through are used for pill forms dispensing such as radiation, anthrax problems etc.

Mr. Gikas spoke about Region 2 coalition which is comprised of 72 towns and where the transmitters are located; Northbridge, Auburn, Dudley and Blackstone.

He addressed equipment availability and how the town would go about getting the equipment and where the equipment would come from.

EDS Planning; how notification would get to the residents in the town to inform them where the EM Dispensing Site is located. The towns EDS plan is located in the Board of Health and Community Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Gikas also spoke about MRC subdivisions.

Mr. Gikas showed the Public Safety Committee Uxbridge's EOC Activation Roster for Public Health Related Incidents. The committee asked Mr. Gikas to make the following changes.

Public Information Officer, Replace Primary PIO with Melanie Blodgett-O'Toole leaving David Genereux as back up for the Public Information Officer.

Add David Genereux as primary for Finance section and Justin Cole as secondary, removing Nick Frederico from the accounting section.

Chief Kessler asked that Tancrell be changed to Tom Dion as operation Section Chief and gave Tom Dion's email address and correct Chief Kessler's email address.

Logistic Section Chief; Benn asked that Paul Morante be added he is the Highway Supervisor. Mr. Gikas said the Board of Health has to step up they own this and if something goes wrong they are the ones that need to deal with this.

Jeff Lourie asked Peter Emerick to set up a training session for the AM Transmitter on the 1st Saturday of December.

Mr. Gikas can be contacted at Kgikas@phepreregion2.org or call 508-922-0239.

Lieutenant Emerick wanted it noted that the Board of Health was invited today and no one was in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

#2 Parking – Khapi’s Pub

This was discussed and this is an enforcement issue and all calls will be deferred to Law Enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 Hannaford’s parking lot entrance/exit and traffic on N. Main St.

There was a complaint through social media. Building inspector spoke with the homeowners about cutting back the shrubs. The State Highway will dictate how that area will be handled. Benn will contact State Highway and ask them to see the layout.

2 Knox box keys for police department – discussion

Jeff Lourie said that there needs to be a policy and procedure stating it is strictly for medical due to the liability issues on this. Jeffery Lourie to get together with Bill Kessler and work out a policy and Procedure for Knox Boxes.

4 Kristen St. abutments and trash barrels. For discussion only

Discussed

6 Nazarene Church Event – Hunter Road entrance/exit.

Benn Sherman to coordinate with Beth and let her know Public Safety has not opinion on this.

7 Uniquely Uxbridge Day

Kevin to contact Jenn and ask her to go to the Town Managers Office so he can direct them with what they need to do, and then will call a public safety meeting.

8 Request for Town Common

Request from Special Needs Ice Hockey to raise money to pay for ice time. They are looking for Saturday August 23, from 10am to 4pm. Historically this came before the committee if there was a need to close the street or use electricity. They will not be using electricity or closing off the street. The Committee at this time is just signing off on the request.

9 Providence & Worcester Railroad

Providence and Worcester will be relaying the section of tracks on East Hartford Ave. during the week of September 25th. Bill Kessler has no problem with it as long as emergency vehicles will be allowed to pass through. Benn will be calling them to coordinate with Providence and Worcester Railroad.

******* Motion by Jeff Lourie seconded by Bill Kessler to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Motion carried 6-0-0**

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

October 2, 2014

MEMBERS:

Bernie Herman

Walter J. Kowalski

Robert J. ...

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