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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2014
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:30 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
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Public Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	recording secretary PSC
Charles E. Thompson	Greenway Challenge

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeffrey Lourie proposed a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

**** Motion by Jeffrey Lourie to move the Greenway Challenge under New Business out of order seconded by Ben Sherman. Motion carried 5-0-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charles Thompson – Greenway Challenge

The Greenway Challenge is in its 14th year, it is a team relay race and will be held on September 24, 2014.

Charles Thompson went over the details and route of the race. The cycling event will be 19 miles long, paddling will be 7 miles long ending at Rice City Pond in Uxbridge. Teams will then go to mountain biking and they are requesting a detail officer where bikers will take a left turn onto Pudding St. and head out to the pavilion at West Hill Park and they will transition to running which will be a combination of trail and street running. Public Safety members suggested runners run from West Hill to E Hartford Avenue to Deanna Drive. This suggestion is due to the curve by on E. Hartford Ave before My Way which will make it difficult for motorists to see runners as they come over the hill. Charles Thompson will make that change in the route and a detail officer will be needed at this point to assist runners crossing the road. Next transition will be at the canal where teams will go back to paddling and the Old Millville Road where they will transition to Street Bikes bikers will bike out to Route 98 where there will be another detail Officer for bikers turning onto Route 98. The race is 60 miles long and starts at 9:00 am, and should reach Rice City Pond by 11:00 am.

Barbara, from Greenway Challenge, will contact Lt Peter Emerick to discuss detail Officers and the suggestion of Deanna Drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of minutes:

**** Motion by Bill Kessler that the Public Safety Committee accept the minutes of the July 10th meeting, seconded by Jeffrey Lourie. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Kevin Carney Abstained)**

2. Discuss Route 122 at Hannaford's Plaza

Benn Sherman has said at this time there are 2 – 11' lanes going through 122 to turn into Hannaford's. They are considering moving the crosswalk to the front of the Bank and making a 12' lane towards Moody St.

This section of route 122 is state road from Fletcher St North. The Town's jurisdiction is from Fletcher St. to High St.

Benn Sherman will send a letter to Mass DOT voicing concerns relative to Hannaford's and Homeward Ave.

******* Motion by Peter Emerick, seconded by Bill Kessler that Benn Sherman send a letter to Mass DOT looking for additional justification clarification on the roadway configuration in front of Hannaford's Plaza. Motion carried 5-0-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

#2. Unsafe bus stop appeal

Copy of email from Kevin Carney to Bus Manager, Bus Safety Individual looking for feedback from project manager for actions they will take for Public Safety concerning project of railroad tracks. This was the only bus appeal or complaint that reached the Chief's desk.

Kevin Carney said concern about stops are more about parent /children abilities to get to the bus stop. School Committee Policy states that it is the parent's responsibility to get their children to the bus stop. It is the School's responsibility to make sure it is safe. Bus stop concerns should be deferred to the school.

#3. One day permit to serve alcohol outside at Progressive Club.

No Public Safety action necessary.

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.

#4. Boot Drive Policy

Kevin Carney said he will gladly work with these organizations to find a safer way to raise money. The Public Safety Committee discussed this and made the following motion:

******* Motion by Bill Kessler seconded by Jeffrey Lourie that the Benn Sherman send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager stating that the Public Safety Committee recommend the Board of Selectmen rescind their Boot Drive Policy because in the Public Safety Committee's opinion it is not a safe activity. Motion carried 5-0-0**

#5. PSG, Pop Warner and Booster Club Boot Drive

Public Safety Committee discussed the concerns and complaints they received from citizens and made the following recommendation.

******* Motion made by Bill Kessler seconded by Jeffrey Lourie that the Public Safety Committee send a letter to the Board of Selectmen, that from concerns and complaints the Committee received from citizens, the Public Safety Committee members have an unfavorable recommendation for the three boot drives. Motion carried 5-0-0**

#6. Discussion on RR Track rebuild, East Hartford Ave. crossing

Notices have been posted on Facebook, Web Site and various message boards about the RR Track rebuild from September 23 through September 26.

There will be 2 traffic detail Officer's at RR Tracks, 1 detail Officer at Linwood at N Main and 1 in the Whitin St. area for local traffic.

Kevin Carney said letters were sent in back packs to all families with students who ride busses on that route and also sent electronically. He also contacted Benn to share the letter on the DPW web site.

#7. Crossing Guard Complain

Crossing Guard made a complaint because she was almost hit by a motor vehicle.

Kevin Carney said they need formal training and asked if the School Resource Officer could train them.

Peter Emerick said the crossing guards were appointed under the Civil Defense Acts. In reality they were not defined by law and were basically called School Crossing Guards or Matrons. He also stated that Chapter 71 allows schools to perform their own safety program.

School Crossing Guards are the responsibility of the schools and the school is also responsible for the regulations.

The school has to establish a policy and guidelines on stopping traffic. Bill Kessler asked what other districts do and Kevin Carney will look into this.

Peter Emerick to have Officer Deveau look at a couple of programs.

******* Motion by Bill Kessler seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. Motion carried 5-0-0**

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

December 4, 2014

MEMBERS:











