



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

Chairman Benn Sherman Director DPW  
Chief William Kessler, Fire Dept.  
Chief Jeffrey Lourie, Police Dept.  
David Genereux, Town Manager  
Kevin Carney, School Superintendent  
Peter Emerick, Retired

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2016  
**MEETING LOCATION:** Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW
David Genereux	Uxbridge Town Manager
Jeffrey Lourie	Uxbridge Police Department
William Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Valerie Nowlan	Recording Secretary
Jim Boliver	Water Division Supervisor
Larry Lench	Building Inspector
Tracey Ante	Town Manager Assistant
Melanie Blodgett-O'Toole	Public Information Officer
Barry Giles	Cable Program Coordinator
Nick Federico	Town Treasurer/Collector
Justin Cole	Town Accountant
Andy Garabedian	Community Emergency Response Team
Marsha Petrillo	COA Director
Kelly Dumas	Town Clerk
Joan Navarro	Town Assessor
Mike Morrissette	Board of Health Chairman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

It being 3:01 pm, the emergency meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

Emergency Public Safety Committee meeting called to discuss the Water Division water quality issue (E. coli). Routine sampling of the water distribution system was completed and the laboratory indicated an unconfirmed total coliform positive found in an isolated sample location. The DPW contacted MassDEP and informed them of the situation and were instructed to begin chlorination of the water distribution system as a precaution. MassDEP instructed the DPW Water Division to collect repeat samples at the affected location, in addition to upstream and downstream locations. The laboratory confirmed the samples were positive Total Coliform and further cultivated the samples and determined positive indications for E. coli. This information was relayed to MassDEP and they issued a Boil Order for the water distribution system.

The DPW Water Division continued efforts chlorinating and flushing the distribution



system. The Boil Order triggered a Tier 1 notification that went out via multiple modes of communication (CodeRed, Town website, social media, press releases, etc.).

The continued flushing is causing secondary impacts to the distribution system. The source water wells are under continuous use causing them to go into a low level alarm situation. Blackstone Street wells had to be shut down in addition to the East Street booster pumping station. The overall situation is causing additional problems with water pressures around town.

The Water Division staff were able to achieve an adequate chlorine residual throughout the system. The first round of repeat samples was collected and delivered to the laboratory. It will be 18-24 hours before results will be available. The Water Division staff continue with the chlorination and flushing in anticipation of additional samples. The Town needs 2 clean rounds of samples before the Boil Order can be lifted.


After additional discussion, bottled water will be brought in and distributed to Uxbridge residents at the DPW office on Hecla Street, in the parking lot. CERT volunteers, along with town staff, will man the distribution center.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Benn Sherman, seconded by David Genereux to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. At 3:25 p.m., Fox 25 News came to the meeting looking for an update on the water quality issue.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Nowlan.*

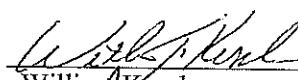
*Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee*

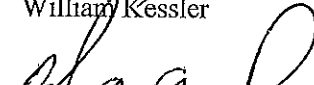
  
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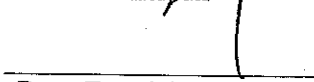
  
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