



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

MEETING MINUTES

Received by
 Uxbridge
 Town Clerk

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2017
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Lourie	Uxbridge Police Chief
William Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW Director
David Genereux	Uxbridge Town Manager
Kevin Carney	Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Nowlan	Recording Secretary PSC
Kristin Black	Uxbridge Board of Health
Timothy Burke	Uxbridge Police

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:45 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, Benn Sherman called the meeting to order.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jeffrey Lourie, seconded by Benn Sherman to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1. Kevin Carney abstain, he was not present at the January meeting.

2. Kapi's Pub – No Parking Signs/Rivulet/Guertin Street:

Due to concerns and complaints regarding on street parking along Rivulet and Elm Streets, Benn Sherman investigated and determined that when there are vehicles parked along Rivulet Street, there is a reduction in sight distance. Benn will draft a letter to the BOS requesting two No Parking Here to Corner signs. Upon approval, the DPW will install the signs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency Plan Binders/Information

Discussion regarding who should be the holder of the town's emergency plan binders. Chief Bill Kessler will keep one binder and the PSC recommends that Mark Blair, the Emergency Management Director keep the other binder.

2. Request for Speed Limit Signs – Linwood Street

The PSC received a request asking for consideration of lowering the speed limit. The area qualifies as "Thickly Settled" and as such, the statutory speed limit is 30 mph. Benn Sherman reviewed with MassDOT, Section 193 of the Municipal Modernization Act, which allows a municipality to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph contingent upon the Town



adopting MGL c. 90 § 17C. Upon adoption by the BOS, the DPW will install two (2) 25 mph speed limit signs at each end of the Linwood Street corridor.

3. Stop Ahead Sign & Speed Enforcement – Rivulet Street

Benn Sherman discussed the issues expressed by the resident regarding excessive speeds and the signage in front of her house. Mr. Sherman explained to the resident sign placement is specified by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The current location is near the side property line and located on the utility pole. It was noted that the sign may not meet the new retroreflectivity requirements and may need to be replaced. Mr. Sherman referred the speed complaint to Chief Lourie for spot enforcement this spring once the golf course opens.

4. Access and Security Issues at the 100-acre Lot

Chief Lourie recommended a gate installed that would limit access to the entire site. In the interim, the DPW will install a chain across the entrance to limit access for the remainder of the winter. The PSC defers to the BOS for a specific plan on how to address access to the entire site for passive recreation. The PSC voted to relocate the existing “No Trespassing Dusk to Dawn” signage to the entrance.

5. Street Name Change – LaChapelle Lane to either Passing Lane or Ram’s Way

The PSC received a letter from Ken LaChapelle requesting consideration for changing the street name from LaChapelle Lane to Ram’s Way. LaChapelle Lane is a “common driveway” located at 244 Mendon Street. The PSC will draft a letter to the BOS recommending the approval of the name change to Ram’s Way.

6. Linwood Avenue @ Maple Street

The PSC has received complaints regarding cars parked on both sides of the Linwood and Maple Streets limiting sight distance. The PSC will draft a letter to the BOS requesting the authorization to install No Parking Here to Corner signs on Linwood. Upon approval, DPW will install two signs.

7. Aldrich Street @ Douglas Pike

Chief Lourie mentioned that visibility is limited and there have been several accidents in this location. Chief Lourie recommends putting up signage to warn drivers of the stop controlled intersection with Aldrich Street. Benn Sherman will install “Stop Ahead Signs” on Douglas Pike. Also discussed, was damage to the guardrail and that it needs to be repaired through an insurance claim.

IV. Adjournment

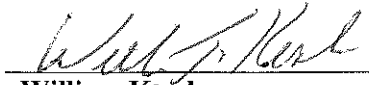
Motion by David Geneux, seconded by Kevin Carney to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**




Minutes respectfully submitted by *Valerie Nowlan*.

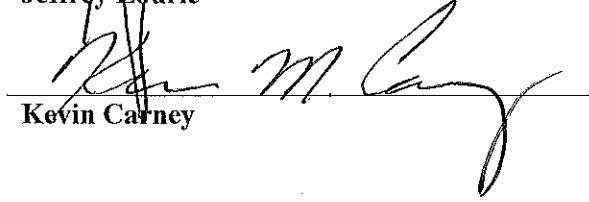
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee Date Approved: 4/6/17


Benn Sherman, Chair


William Kessler


Jeffrey Lourie


David Genereux


Kevin Carney