



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

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

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** September 20, 2017  
**MEETING LOCATION:** Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Chief
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge DPW Director
David Genereux	Uxbridge Town Manager

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeanne Daley	Recording Secretary PSC
Timothy Burke	Uxbridge Police Sergeant
Tom Bellacqua	First Night Committee
Holly Gallerani	First Night Committee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

It being 9:05 am, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by William Kessler.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

August 16<sup>th</sup> minutes – remain on agenda.

**B. Public Safety Committee Responsibilities.**

Discussion held on the committee's responsibilities in reference to the use of the Town Common. Chief Kessler will work on the wording as he does not feel the committee should be granting permission.

**C. Mass D.O.T. & Quaker Hwy.**

Chief Kessler and Benn Sherman did meet with DOT on route 146 and they were going to tie it in with an existing approved project because of closeness to wet lands. Chief Kessler to follow up on the status of the project.

Quaker Hwy and South Main St. accident data discussed, 2014 had 1 accident, 2015 had 3 accidents, and 2016 had 4 accidents and one fatal this year 2017. Benn Sherman to forward the accident data to DOT. Benn Sherman to email Bill Clourty, the engineer, to see where the project on 146 stands.

**D. Update on flashing red lights.**

Bill Kessler following up on old business in reference to accidents where the flashing red lights were put in place in March 2017.



**West Hartford @ Rivulet St.** The first year leading up to the red flashing stop lights being put in place March 2016 – February 2017 there were 4 accidents. March 2017 to September 2017 there has been 1 accident.

**Douglas Pike @ Aldrich St.** The first year leading up to the red flashing stop lights being put in place March 2016 – February 2017 there were 5 accidents. March 2017 to September 2017 there has been no accidents.

**E. Hartford Ave @ Granite St.** The first year leading up to the red flashing stop lights being put in place March 2016 – February 2017 there were 4 accidents. March 2017 to September 2017 there has been 1 accident.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. **Town Common Use Request – Miniature Gaming Flea Market.**

October 14, 2017 – 10 am to 5:00 pm – don't need electricity or road closed. No detail required.

**Motion by Benn Sherman, seconded by David Genereux to approve the Town Common Use for Miniature Gaming Flea Market. Motion carried 3-0-0.**

#### B. **Discuss and vote on Town Common Use for Cultural Fair on September 30th.**

Discussed.

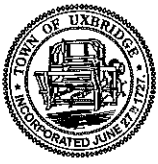
#### C. **First Night Committee – Discussion and Decision of recommendation of an event in October and the First Night on December 2.**

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Band Concert to be held at Capron Falls 2:00 to 6:00 pm., no alcohol. Vehicles will be parking on Depot St., St. Mary's and Farnum House. Discussion held on detail officer and Chief Kessler informed the committee members and First Holiday Night Committee that the committee changed the way details are requested. People doing events should go directly to Chief Lourie as it is his decision or the Sergeants if a detail is needed or not. Per Sergeant Burke a decision was made that no detail would be needed for this event.

UFHN Bonfire – Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5:30 to 9:30pm at Serendipity weather permitting. There will be a Detail Officer as well. Kessler to go forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for permission for a ceremonial Bonfire.

December 2, 2017 is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the First Holiday Night Parade. Discussion held on where to line up vehicles for parade. Holly Gallerani to send letters to businesses and residents on Rivulet and Elm Streets to inform them that the parade will be staging in their area and they will be inconvenienced between the hours of 3:00 and 5:30 pm. Parade route will be the same. Benn will put out trash barrels for the event and provide pick up.

Tom Bellacqua informed the Committee that the time for Fireworks will be 7:40 pm instead of 7:30pm. This was due to a request received from the Rhode Island Tourism Council asking them if they could coordinate the fireworks with the last Polar Express Train coming in so those on the train can see the fireworks. Uxbridge Fire Department will have one detail at the location of fireworks. Chief Kessler will put out cones where the train cannot go by, but there will be second set of cones where the train cannot pass because the train will be too close for the fireworks to be released. Fireworks will last about 20 minutes and



the company will apply for the permit. Chief Kessler to update documents from last year with the changes. Updated documents to be discussed at next month's meeting. Chief Kessler will provide the light towers.  
Chief Kessler to go before the Board of Selectmen to request road closures and use of Town Common.

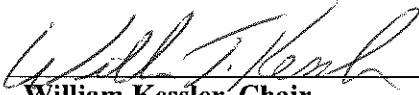
- D. Board of Health – Discuss community wide communications, boarding, and drug/alcohol addictions.**  
To remain on agenda as new business.


**IV. Adjournment**

Motion by William Kessler, seconded by Benn Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.  
**Motion carried 3-0-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by* **Jeanne Daley.**

*Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee* **Date Approved:** 11/15/2017

  
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**William Kessler, Chair**

  
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