



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: October 18, 2017
MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department, 275 Douglas Street

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley Recording Secretary PSC

I. CALL TO ORDER

It being 9:10 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 16th minutes – remain on agenda.
September 20th minutes – remain on agenda

B. Public Safety Committee Responsibilities

Chief Kessler still working on wording will bring back for discussion next month. .

C. First Night December 2, 2017

Chief Kessler made updates to the documents from previous years and forwarded them to Sergeant Burke for review.

Chief Lourie will put a second Officer on. His concern is limiting the candy throwing he would prefer that they hand it out due to children running into the road. Chief Lourie wants “No Parking” on both sides of the road on Seagrave St. and Snowling Rd. The Board of Selectmen have to approve the no parking. Sgt. Burke asked that the committee request Elm St. and Sayles St., be added to the list of Road closures at the beginning for lineup. The number of detail officers last year were 10 and Sergeant Burke will add two more detail officers.

Chief Lourie will add this to social media and Benn Sherman to utilize Code Red and put information on it in reference to road closures and also ask Barry Giles to put it out on cable.

Chief Kessler to contact PIO so she can get this information into the papers. Sergeant Burke said closing Rivulet and Elm will be about an hour and a half, 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Chief Kessler and Chief Lourie will bring road closures before the next Board of Selectmen meeting.



D. Mass DOT hydroplaning issues Rt. 146 NB south of Lackey Dam Rd., exit 4.

Chief Kessler gave an update. He stated that he and Benn Sherman met with Mass DOT on Route 146 North Bound lane before exit 4 at the Lackey Dam Road area. This was a couple of days after a large rainstorm and they were able to see what some of the issues were. They planned on wrapping this in with an existing project. They were able to do that and put a couple of extra storm drains that area and this should help alleviate some of the problems.

E. MASS DOT S. Main St. @ Rt. 146A

There is a history there and there has been only one fatal. The problem is they widened it and it obstructs the view of people going straight. Sgt. Burke to forward the updated number of accidents to Mass DOT. Benn said it would be helpful to have updated traffic and accident counts for DOT to dictate improvements to warrant a traffic light or not.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonfire November 24th

This event has been cancelled.

B. Request for Detail Officer at the driveway that the busses use to leave the yard for the school runs when they are leaving.

The above issue was more driver error. Kevin Carney believes this is a piece of a bigger issue since implementing bus fees. More pedestrian traffic and changing routines on how parents enter the parking lots. There is also an issue with the blinking lights that have been out for some time. Benn said the cost to remove and replace with new ones will cost about \$8,700. Chief Lourie said the average speed is 37 mph so the complaints are legit. Chief Lourie and Benn Sherman agreed that the lights should be put back on. Chief Lourie to have day shift monitor to see if there is a problem and if there is then it will be addressed with the company.

Public Safety Committee takes no action to put a Detail Officer at the driveway where the busses leave the yard.

Motion by Benn Sherman, seconded by Jeffrey Lourie to recommend that the flashing lights be in at the school zones. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Officer Deveau to give feedback to Kevin Carney if there is a need for a Crossing Guard anywhere in town, in addition if there is a need for one at Taft. Sgt. Burke asked for a number for the walkers at Taft.

C. Board of Health – Discuss community wide communications, hoarding, and drug/alcohol addictions.

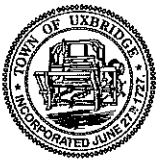
To be removed until BOH requests to bring it back.

D. Construction Traffic leaving construction project from Rogerson Project.

Benn has put a call into the developer requesting that a temporary stop sign for their guys at Mooreland and Rogerson Crossing for traffic leaving Rogerson project. He also asked them to have a discussion with the truckers on site.


IV. Adjournment

Motion by William Kessler, seconded by Benn Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.
Motion carried 5-0-0.




Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jeanne Daley**.

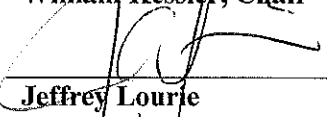
Minutes approved by Public Safety Committee Date Approved: 11/15/2017



William Kessler, Chair



Benn Sherman



Jeffrey Lourie

David Genereux



Kevin Carney

