



MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
62 CAPRON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met at the High School Gymnasium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on June 23, 2011:

Moderator Charles E. Maharay called the Annual Fall Town Meeting to order at 7:31pm. Declaring the presence of a quorum (50 required, 416 voters present). Rules for conducting business and taking votes of the meeting were announced.

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ARTICLE 1: CITIZEN'S PETITION – AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAWS

1. Amend Article VI Section 400-20 (Special Permit for Major Nonresidential Project) by deleting the term "Solar energy" from Sub-section B. (5).
2. Amend Article X Definitions by adding:
Solar Photovoltaic Ground Mounted Installation Solar Farm: The use of a parcel of land for the production and subsequent sale and or distribution of electricity by collecting energy produced by the sun in ground mounted structures, which structures have been specifically designed to be used as solar collectors.
3. Amend Section E of the Table of Uses by deleting "Solar energy" from the use defined as "Electrical generating facilities with a capacity of 350 megawatts or less on a minimum of 15 acres, using natural gas, renewable and low sulfur fuels, wind or solar energy."
4. Amend Appendix A by creating a new use to be added to Section E thereof:

Solar Photovoltaic Ground Mounted Installation Solar Farm:

R-A	R-B	R-C	A	B	I
N	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB

SPONSOR: Citizen's petition

MOTION: I move that the town vote to amend the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws as follows:

1. Amend Article VI – Section 400-20 (Special Permit for Major Nonresidential Project) by deleting the term "or solar energy" from Sub-section B.5;
2. Amend Article X – Definitions by adding:
Solar Photovoltaic Ground Mounted Installation Solar Farm: The use of a parcel of land for production and subsequent sale and/or distribution of electricity by collecting energy produced by the sun in ground mounted structures, which structures have been specifically designed to be used as solar collectors.
3. Amend Section E of Appendix A – Table of Use Regulations by deleting "or solar energy" from the use defined as "Electrical generating facilities with a capacity of 350 megawatts or less on a minimum site area of 15 acres using natural gas, renewable and ultra low sulfur fuels, wind or solar energy."

4. Amend Section E of Appendix A – Table of Use Regulations by creating a new principal use to be added as follows:

	R-A	R-B	R-C	A	B	I
Solar Photovoltaic Ground Mounted Installation Solar Farm	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable Action (3-1-0)
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Favorable Action (3-0-0)
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable Action (5-0-0)
VOTE NEEDED: 2/3rd's Majority (Chapter 40A, Section 5)

The motion is seconded.
Moderator declares a 2/3rds majority, motion carries.

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ATHLETIC FIELDS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS ON THE SITE OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of constructing and equipping athletic fields and related improvements on the site of the new Uxbridge High School on Town-owned land on Quaker Highway and that, to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for this purpose; provided, however, that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½);

or take any action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

MOTION: *Move that the Town borrow the sum not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of constructing and equipping athletic fields and related improvements on the site of the new Uxbridge High School on Town-owned land on Quaker Highway and that, to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for this purpose; provided, however, that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).*

Commentary: *This article seeks funding to construct athletic fields and related improvements on the site of the new high school. They were included in the original design and solicitation of the 43 million dollar construction project, but could not be included after the bids were tabulated.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable Action (6-0-0)
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable Action (5-0-0)
VOTE NEEDED: 2/3rd's Majority (Chapter 59: Section 21C)

Motion to move the question.

Motion seconded.

Moderator declares 2/3rds majority, motion carries.

The main motion is seconded.

Moderator declares 2/3rds majority, motion carries.

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A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the 2011 Special Town meeting. The motion carried unanimously and town meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

A true copy attest,



Kelly J. Bickford
Uxbridge Town Clerk

