

**Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2008**

Members Present: Frederick Goodrich, Chair, Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice Chair
John F. Malone, Clerk

Attendees: Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator
See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2008, with one amendment. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update

- Apparatus steel building roof panels are now in place.
- Frame bottom section complete, up to second floor next.
- Goal is to have the roof on by the end of the month.

Robert Pelczarski WRSDC

- Mr. Pelczarski stated that he was present as Paxton's outreach from the School Committee.
- He stated that the Electric Audit savings were looking financially good, with big savings in energy and money.
- (MQ) asked whether the same grant could be looked into for the Town.
- (CB) added that Siemens conducted an energy audit, but the findings were not significant, not a large enough savings to warrant the upgrade of equipment.
- (FG) informed Mr. Pelczarski that the Town had a substantial deficit and that they would be looking for level funding for FY10 starting with a zero base.

Representative Robert Spellane

- Rep. Spellane stated that the Green Community Act initiative was for both private and municipalities. Some rural towns do not see a sufficient saving, so regionalize with other towns.

- Rep. Spellane went on to say that the State had a drastic shortfall, the Governor is to expand his authority to make cuts, but he stressed cuts to local aid and education are unacceptable.
- (FG) asked whether Rep. Spellane believed that FY10 would be level funded. Rep. Spellane was unable to answer this but stated that they would try to let towns know around February/March.
- (FG) stated that a recent meeting of the Financial Group they were informed that there were problems with collection of taxes and fees.

Carlton Dodge Lions Club

- Carlton Dodge stated that the Electronic recycling would take place in Town on October 25th and that they are working with the Police Chief and DPW Superintendent in order for the process to run smoothly.
- Katie Siemen, Recreation Commission stated that they were trying to move all soccer to the Klingele Fields that day.
- Lions Club offered the Town a credit of \$250.00 for disposal of the Towns recyclables.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to allow the Lions Club to put up signage on the Common on October 25th 9am to 2:30pm. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Trash Fee abatement Request – 11 Winter Street

- Ken LaMura requesting abatement of trash fee as property has been vacant since June 2008.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to allow abatement, subject to guidelines previously put in place. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Recreation Commission – Katie Siemen and Robert Pelczarski

- Recreation Commission would like to use the area in the Senior Center Basement, when the Fire Dept. move into the new Public Safety Complex to store supplies and hold classes.
- (FG) stated that the Paxton Center School and Cable Committee are also looking to use this area.
- (JM) asked that the Recreation put their request in writing as to exactly how they wish to utilize this space.

Town Administrators Update

Special Town Meeting

- Town Moderator has indicated that he has a conflict on November 18th, (CB) asked whether the BOS would be willing to change the date to November 17th.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to change the date of the Special Town Meeting to Monday, November 17th, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Asian Longhorned Beetle

- The regulated area for the Asian Longhorned Beetle has been expanded to the Paxton/Worcester line but does not include any land in the Town of Paxton.

Dispatch Appointment

- Chief Desrosiers and Sergeant Lang are recommending the appointment of Herbert Duggan to the position of Assistant Chief Dispatcher.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to appoint Herbert Duggan as Assistant Chief Dispatcher. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Master Plan

- Public Forum was held on September 29th, comments made at the meeting and further comments by the committee will be incorporated into the draft Master Plan and forwarded to the Planning Board for their adoption.

Department of Revenue Division of Local Services

- (CB) attended a "What's New in Municipal Law" Seminar. (CB) provided information on changes.
- (FG) asked (CB) to look further into the changes in Chapter 182 of § 14 being the increase of the cap on Senior Property Tax Deferrals, with the maximum being tied into the state circuit breaker tax credit limit and annual cost of living adjustment.

DPW

- (CB) stated that the DPW Superintendent is to draft a policy for the department's clothing allowance, he wants to ensure that the allowance is spent correctly, prioritizing on protective boots and any remainder for outerwear.

Other Business

- (JM) would like to see the Town Hall closed on Friday's to conserve oil. He suggested that the Town Hall be open Monday through Thursday 8am to 5pm and that programmable thermostats be installed. (CB) to look into the logistics of this.
- (CB) informed the BOS that the Real Estate Tax Bills will be mailed out October 20, 2008 and be due November 19, 2008.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Unanimous all in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant