

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2009

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair
Fred Goodrich, Vice Chair
William A. Trotta, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Town Clerk – Susan Stone

- (MQ) Susan Stone elected to Town Clerk, but currently holds position as Assistant Town Clerk. Town Counsel has confirmed that Chapter 44 Section 33B does not apply to salaries of elected officials and that only a Town Meeting can change this.
- (MQ) contacted Ethics Commission and stated that there were two things that were required to take place:
- Declare the Town Clerk's position as a Special Municipal employee under M.G L. Chapter. 268A §1(n).
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to declare the Town Clerk a Special Municipal employee until June 30, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (MQ) As she cannot be her own boss, requires an exemption under M.G L. Chapter. 266A §20 (d), as she will occupy two positions.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to give Town Clerk exemption under M.G L. Chapter 268A §20 (d). Unanimous all in favor.**
- Susan Stone asked how to distinguish between positions. She was advised to keep a timesheet for Assistant Town Clerk position but would have a representative sign this.
- Francis Ford, Moderator was present at the meeting and asked Susan Stone to take the oath to become sworn into the position of Town Clerk, which she so did.

End of Year Transfer

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to approve the end of year transfer from Central Purchasing Oil account to Central Purchasing Electricity account.**

Town Meeting Discussion

- Discussed the strategy with the Moderator and Finance Committee Chairman for the Town Meeting.
- (CB) suggested using a figure for State Aid of a number between the Senate and House number, namely \$550,000.
- Richard Fenton, Finance Committee stated that they planned to take \$100,000 out of stabilization.
- (FG) requested that they restore the \$50,000 to the Emergency Medical budget for the ambulance service run by Spencer Rescue.
- Richard Fenton stated that an ambulance was purchased that was not fully functional which made us lease a new ambulance.
- Fire Chief disagreed with this and stated that both fully functional.
- (CB) also recommended BOS reinstate the money for the ambulance, as this should not suffer and if the State Aid figures are wrong and come in higher we would not need to come back for a Town Meeting.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to reinstate \$50,000 for the ambulance service and increase the money required from Stabilization Article 7 to \$150,000. Unanimous all in favor.**

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to close the Regular Meeting at 6:50pm to conduct the Town meetings. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant