

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 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 7:05pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2009, with one amendment. Unanimous all in favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard, Town Administrator

- Interior being completed
- Site work being completed
- Valley Communication working with Verizon and Charter.
- Antenna base designed and will be constructed once reinforced steel ready.
- Committee finalizing the radio and furnishing orders.

Town Administrators Update

Busy Bee

- References for the apparent low bidder were checked and a contract was signed.
- Busy Bee, DPW Superintendent and Police Chief have met to discuss procedures etc. for removal of the storm debris.
- Concerned that the FEMA standards may not be met for the hangers and leaners, looking into.
- Likely to have a grinder in town next week to clear the debris at Grove St, to have a staging area to work.
- Will publicize when a schedule is available.
- (FG) asked whether they had heard any further on the state continuing to clear along Rt122?

- (CB) responded only that they have stopped work due to running out of money.
- (MQ) stated that a bill had been approved for MEMA to reimburse 12½% for the December Storm.
- (CB) aware of this, likely to be appropriated over two years, but no specifics as yet as to how this will be accounted for.

Charter Communication

- Charter Communication has filed for bankruptcy, Town notified in case it was necessary to obtain the Town's approval as part of the process, since determined no action is necessary by the Town. (CB) recommending that Chairman signs a letter addressed to Charter confirming this.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to have the Chairman sign the letter stating that the Town does not intend to take any action regarding the Charter bankruptcy. Unanimous all in favor.**

Borrowing

- Letter for BOS information that was sent by (CB) to First Southwest regarding borrowing authorized at the June 1st Special Town Meeting. We received \$512,912.26 from FEMA for the 75% on the work completed during the Ice Storm Emergency.

Flood Maps

- (FG) and Mike Putnam reviewed the proposed revisions to the FEMA Flood Maps and saw no obvious errors or omissions.
- All areas formerly identified as Zone B have been upgraded to Zone A areas. Greatest impact of these being on Oakwood, Knollwood and Briarcliffe Rd areas.
- (CB) Only preliminary maps when final maps arrive will publicize.

Other Business

- Chief Desrosiers will be asked for his input on the lighting issue at Paxton Center, Peter Brennan will be asked to attend the June 22, 2009 meeting.
- (FG) stated that the Town's borrowing is currently above the limit of 12.5% and would like a moratorium on borrowing.
- (CB) stated that some of the borrowing within proposition 2½ and should not be included.
- (FG) stated that he did not disagree with this but the ice storm borrowing and Public Safety Complex has brought considerably above.
- (MQ) suggested they meet with the Capital Planning Committee.
- (FG) stated that they needed to meet with the financial team.
- (MQ) consider sending a memo to Capital Committee for an update.

- (WT) referred to the DPW Superintendents memo informing the BOS that they would be giving assistance to the Recreation Commission maintaining the fields. (WT) asked that (CB) request the DPW look at fixing the basketball and tennis court surfaces; cracks have appeared which have caused accidents.
- (CB) responded that he did not believe that DPW had blacktop to resurface these areas, but would contact the Superintendent.

Public Session

- Brian and Alex Thamel present on behalf of three families known as the Paxton Peddlars to request the BOS to allow them to operate a toll road one Saturday in August to support the Dana Faber Cancer Institute through the Pan Mass Challenge bike race.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to allow subject to the Police Dept. confirming that they have no concerns with public safety. Unanimous all in favor.**

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant