

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

Members Present: Michael T. Quinlivan, Chair  
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice Chair  
William A. Trotta, Clerk (absent)

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

- (MQ) announced that Bill Trotta is not able to make the meeting due to illness, so he is calling a meeting next Monday. No votes will be taken this week.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Passed over until next meeting.

### **Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator**

- Concrete pad laid
- Generator should be in place next week
- Poxy floor will be laid next week
- Damaged lockers to be replaced, hoping to be ready for October 1<sup>st</sup> move in.
- Finishing up installation of radios.
- Dedication October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- (MQ) acknowledged receipt of copies of Change Orders and minutes of the Public Safety Complex Committee, but still awaiting the information on the square footage of the building and who will be in the building at any given time.
- (MQ) noticed from the minutes that sub committees were appointed but didn't have those minutes. One sub committee able to approve changes under \$3000, but on one occasion approved \$9000. Also a sub committee for space usage no minutes on this committee, but would like to see.
- (CB) informed (MQ) that the sub committee was formed to authorize small changes, so that the contractor did not have to wait for the next Building Committee meeting to get approval for these.
- (FG) asked what the purpose of all this was, Building Committee appointed, why when near completion bringing this up, serves no purpose.

- (MQ) responded that they should still be paying attention, even with an appointed committee. Want to know what we are going to receive when the building is handed over to us.
- From the minutes (MQ) noticed that the architect had a yearly running cost for the building of \$100,000 to \$150,000, and requested a new estimate based on the increased size of the building. Would like to know going forward from the architect what the budget will be, he informed (CB) that he was making a public information request and he had 9 days to provide.
- (CB) informed (MQ) that there was a prepared budget for the safety complex, approved by the BOS and that public record request allows 10 days to provide.
- (MQ) responded that (CB) has 9 days to provide, as he is one of his bosses.
- (CB) asked (MQ) to clarify exactly what he wanted.
- (MQ) responded that he wants to see a report from the architect of the expected operating costs from October onwards based on current costs.
- (FG) also added that there was an approved FY10 budget for the Safety Complex.
- (CB) asked to see where the architect had provided the estimated budget information.
- (MQ) referred to the minutes he had, and stated it was November 3, 2008.
- (CB) full square footage was included.
- (MQ) if we have better information, we can make better decisions.

#### **Statue at the Public Safety Complex**

- (MQ) referring to the Fire Fighter statue outside of the Public Safety Complex asked when was this accepted by this board?
- (FG) presented to the Public Safety Building Committee and was accepted.
- (MQ) responded that this is an organizational problem, excerpting authority, read from MGL 44 §53 & 53½ .
- (CB) stated that the first drawing showed area marked for future Fire Fighter Monument.
- (MQ) responded that the building should be rightfully named the Chief Robert Mortell Municipal Building.
- (CB) believed that the Police Department was prepared to place a memorial to the late Chief Mortell at the other side of the building.

- (FG) started to say that he proposed to the Building Committee that he had suggested a dedication to Chief Mortell but (MQ) interrupted and stated that he should not be caught in this and that Gifts and Grants should come before the Board of Selectmen.
- (CB) provide the BOS with history of how the monument came about, that it was in recognition of Gordon Richards, and other fire fighters who gave so much to the Fire Department.
- (MQ) responded that this wasn't the Fire Department's fault, they had just been caught up in this and that (CB) should take full responsibility for this, as it was never brought forward in any of the Town Administrators updates.
- (CB) yet again informed (MQ) that this appeared on the original plan and was not his responsibility.
- (MQ) stated that tangible property should not appear on Town property and that they need to do better.

#### **Board of Appeals Open Position**

- Margy O'Donnell appeared before the board and provided her background.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the appointment. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Request for a Meeting with the Board of Selectmen by Louis Mountzoures, Attorney for Muir Meadows**

- Attorney Mountzoures provided the BOS with a copy of the application for a Site Approval Letter submitted to MassHousing. Muir Meadows is a proposed 150 unit townhouse condominium complex for which a comprehensive permit will be sought under the provisions of MGLA Chapter 40B.

#### **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to send to Town Counsel.**

- (CB) stated still in preliminary stages, will need to get input from other committees and DHCD will review information, nothing definitive at this stage.
- (MQ) request that they meet with Mr. Mountzoures on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Board of Selectmen Goals & Objectives**

- Establish a date at next meeting.

#### **Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard** **Ice Storm**

- FEMA representative reviewing the documentation for our work on the ice storm clean up has informed us that everything is in order and that they have eliminated PW00289 and combined with PW00148, this is the way we preferred as we did the bid as a bulk sum.

#### **Cultural Council Appointment**

- Barbara Beall Fonfana requesting to be appointed to the Cultural Council.

- **Motion ((FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Barbara Beall Fonfana to the Cultural Council. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Library Trustees**

- Board of Trustees requesting the appointment of Kerrie Orciuch to fill the open position left by Louise Erskine.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Kerrie Orciuch as a Library Trustee until the May 2010 Town Election. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Other Business**

- (CB) Peter Brennan, has provided the maintenance agreement for signature, the DPW Superintendent has reviewed this and increased the charges, we will contact Peter Brennan to see if he is in agreement and bring before the board at the next meeting.
- (FG) at LGAC discussed restoring the funds for the Quinn Bill for FY09, studying the wording, a big fear for next fiscal year. Also discussed the H1N1 preparations necessary, categorizing who will receive immunization, will forward presentation along to Judy Hatstat.

#### **Correspondence**

- Email from Robert Pelczaski resigning from the Recreation Commission. Town Clerk has not accepted due to not being signed.

#### **Public Session**

- Ellen Parsons, (Landmark Reporter) asked where the Mortell Memorial Monument is, informed on the Common.
- Ellen Parsons, (Landmark Reporter) asked where Muir Meadows is, informed across from Indian Hill Road.
- (FG) stated that Mortell plaques currently on the Police Building will be moved to the lobby of the new Public Safety Building.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant