

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2006

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 19, 2005. Unanimous.

School Building Reimbursement

- (FG) Town Counsel not available to comment on whether the WRSDC can use the SBA reimbursement without a Town Meeting vote.
- After a brief discussion it was agreed that the reimbursement should be returned to the Towns and that WRSDC be notified.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to request that the reimbursement be returned to the Towns. Unanimous

Aggregate Wealth Model

- (FG) need to respond to legislators.
- (MQ) believes that the funding formula is not fair and that if a school budget is over 50% of the budget that there should be a rider included to get assistance from the state.
- (MQ) has prepared a spreadsheet that shows the over burden on the Towns and would like to write up a report.
- (JM) believes that a change is needed as a region.
- (MQ) would like to see a motion in favor of a change in the formula with a rider of 50% for over burdened Towns.
- (FG) would like to contact legislators and push for a reform.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to compose letter to legislator to give consideration to Towns as (MQ) suggested. Unanimous.

Town Administrator Update

Technical Assistance Program

- (CB) the Town has been accepted for a complete financial management review by the Division of Local Services.

Sewer Study

- (CB) survey mailed and 40% returned to date.

Roni Huard Probationary Period

- Michael Putman, DPW Superintendent recommending that Roni Huard be taken off probationary status and made a permanent employee with a 3% raise (CB) agrees.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) that accept recommendation of the Superintendent and (CB).

Unanimous.

Local Emergency Preparedness

- (CB) Chief Desrosiers LEAPS Grant can be used for the new generator, further appropriation needed at a STM. Unanimous.

Performance Evaluations

- (CB) has completed performance evaluations and will conduct interviews.

Paxton Center School Replacement Windows

- (CB) replacements windows in progress as planned.

Open Space Residential Development and Stormwater Bylaws

- (CB) would like to make appointments to the committee.
- (FG) has further people that he wishes to be contacted.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to appoint Gordon Snyder, Kevin Quinn, Susan Wolfenden, Kristen Ausanka, Michael Putnam (DPW) and John Malone (BOS) to the Open Space Residential Development and Stormwater Bylaws Committee. Unanimous.

Correspondence

- Thank you letter from George & Louise Howatt for the Police Union Spaghetti Supper.
- Thank you letter to (CB) from the Lions Club for speaking at their meeting.
- Dispatch monthly report.

Other Business

Trash Fee 1105 Pleasant Street

- Information provided by the Light Department indicates no one living at this address.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to remove the trash fee. Unanimous.

Building Fees

- Building Fee report shows less fees coming in. (FG) need to ensure that we don't over project the revenue for FY07.

Special Town Meeting

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to hold a STM on February 28, 2006 at 7pm. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to open the open the warrant for the STM on February 28, 2006. Unanimous.
- Warrant will close on February 14, 2006.
- (JM) asked that condolences be sent out to the family of Jack Kane, Rutland WRSDC Representative who died recently.
- (JM) Tate & Howard preliminary numbers for hydraulic study will be available shortly.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 39, S.23B sections 3 and 6 to discuss labor strategy and strategy in the purchase of 15 West Street, will only return to regular session for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
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