

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2010

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair
William A. Trotta, Clerk
Peter Bogren, Selectman

Attendees: See attendee list

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

Continuation of Public Hearing AMC Liquor License to Extend the Premises to include Socquet House, Miriam Hall and Attached Patio , Fuller Activities Center, Alumni/Coghlin Hall and the Athletic Fields.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to open the Public Hearing. Unanimous all in favor.**
- Cheryl Selboda, Chief Financial Officer, President Jack Calaruso and Lori Aguiar, Soxheo Catering Manager all present.
- Ms. Sleboda, provided new plans for the revised areas that they wished to be licensed: Turf Field, Miriam Hall and patio and the Arts Building and patio.
- Following on from the last Public Hearing (CB) informed those present that a One Day Special License was not permitted when the applicant already holds a Liquor License, so that was not an alternative for AMC.
- Cheryl Selboda stated that only people invited to these functions would be allowed in the area served with alcohol. And that there would only be one function taking place at any one time.
- Lori Aguiar, provided credentials of Alcohol Serving training and said they did not have bartenders on staff and that they contracted this out, she checked that they all had current training certificates in place before being able to man the bar area.
- President Calaruso stated that AMC security check all ids and no one can leave the serving area with a drink. There is no serving of alcohol after the start of a Football game. The area was fenced off.
- Cheryl Selboda confirmed that there is detailed police officer on duty during their events.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to approve the application to extend the licensing area of the AMC Liquor license to include Turf Field, Miriam Hall and patio and the Arts Building and patio. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to close the Public Hearing. Unanimous all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010.(PB) abstained.**

Town Building Space Utilization Committee

- Jay Gallant, Chairman stated that they were following up with from their last meeting whereby they presented their report and were enquiring as to whether there were any plans to utilize the White Building basement or Police Department.
- (FG) stated that they had since heard that the Water Board were no longer interested in using the old Police Dept.
- Jay Gallant asked if there was something else they could help the BOS with.
- (FG) confirmed that they were keeping the Committee in place as they anticipated that they would be part of any utilization process of these buildings that might take place.
- Richard Fenton stated that the Cable Committee were not sure at this stage whether they were going to use the White Building basement due to the repairs that needed to be made.
- (FG) suggested that Cable Committee funds could be used to renovate the space.
- Paul Robinson asked what the long term plans were for the old Police Dept?
- (FG) stated that the BOS had voted in favor of leasing out the space, as the area will be needed if the Town Hall is renovated.
- Richard Fenton stated that it might be worthwhile to get someone in to inspect the White Building basement to see exactly how much it would cost to renovate.
- (FG) stated that they should leave this to the budget discussion.
- (CB) From the MMA meeting the past weekend, Charlie Murphy, Ways & Means stated that they didn't see any way to level fund state aid, as the Governor had indicated the previous day. Budget resolution would be passed March 2010.

Town Administrators Update

10 West Street

- A request for proposals for the lease of 10 West Street prepared by (CB). The business that was previously interested in using the building, is no longer interested. To be taken up at the next regular meeting.
- (CB) one issue is that there is only one meter for the heat and light. Documents from the Town Hall basement will be moved out to 10 West Street in the spring.
- (PB) stated that there would be an insurance issue should a business lease the top floor but we still had access to the lower floor.

Wachusett Earthday

- Wachusett Earthday will be holding a white goods collection day from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Saturday, February 6th at the Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway, West Boylston.

Traffic Study

- MassHighway has indicated that although they do not have the staff to conduct a study on the option to improve the traffic in the center to Town as requested by the BO, they will be able to provide a review of options proposed by an engineer if the Town decided to hire one to do this work. Also contacted CMRP, their report does not address improvements to this area, but will review the data to see if there is anything beyond the normal traffic counts and accident data that appears in the December 2009. (CB) will secure proposal from engineers for the study and report back to the BOS. Can have an Engineer come in to speak with the BOS.

Other Business

- (CB) WRSDC are holding a budget discussion on February 6.2010 in the Media Center 9am to Noon. MMA do not support the cut in C71.
- (CB) received a letter from Auditor Nucci indicating that they are going back to the Ethics Commission and see if they can take steps to implement the new Ethic Law more easily without as much cost to the Towns.
- (CB) provided BOS with memo and Governor's FY11 Budget Proposal that he presented at the Opening Session of the MMA Annual Meeting on January 22nd. His proposal Chapter 70 is to fully fund foundation budgets and to hold all districts harmless to ensure funding is not less than FY10 levels. Also proposed level funding of unrestricted general government aid PILOT and Chapter 71 regional school transportation aid.
- FY11 Budget manuals distributed to the BOS. Even with level funded budget with the exception of contractual items there is indication of a deficit of over \$60,000.
- (CB) asked whether the BOS would like to hold a Saturday budget session to meet with Dept. Heads. (FG) stated that he they will meet with Department Managers individually during their Monday night budgets meetings to see their needs and for the residents to view via the Cable.
- Brian Bullock retiring, reception for him at Vals's on January 28th.
- (WT) asked if anything could be done about the Christmas Tree on the Common, as doesn't appear to have taken too well.
- (CB) responded that he has put a call into Pleasant View Nursery, who kindly donated the tree.

Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn regular meeting at 8:40pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant

