Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Budget Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2010

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair, Bill Trotta, Vice Chair Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

Meeting Minutes

- <u>Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22,</u> 2010. Unanimous all in favor.
- <u>Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010.</u> <u>Unanimous all in favor.</u>

Daniel Freeman & Juan Maldonado – AMC Road Race

- AMC Students Daniel Freeman & Juan Maldonado would like to host a 5K Road Race to benefit Haiti on April 11, 2010 at 10am.
- Police Chief has been informed and has no problems with keeping the road open. There will also be a medic on site.
- BOS had concerns with the race starting at 10am with church traffic and asked if the race could start at Noon.
- Daniel Freeman & Juan Maldonado agreed to change the start time to Noon.
- Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to allow the road race to take place. Unanimous all in <u>favor.</u>

Master Plan Implementation Committee

 (FG) stated he had send a memo requesting the set up of a Revolving Account for the Master Plan Implementation Committee with revenue coming from Planning Board fees, however (CB) had informed (FG) that under C44 §53E¹/₂ this needed a Town Meeting vote and under C44 §54G Board allowed without a Town Meeting vote must be set up for employment of outside consultants and paid out to these consultants or paid returned to the applicant.

- (PB) asked what the committee needed the money for?
- (FG) responded that he was not sure.
- <u>Motion (WT) seconded FG) to give the committee a FY11 budget of \$500 to get them</u> <u>started and have them come back. Unanimous all in favor.</u>
- (PB) asked whether the memo that (FG) wrote should not have come from all the BOS and not just (FG).
- (FG) stated anyone of them can take up an issue.
- After further discussion regarding these funds <u>Motion made by (WT) seconded (FG) to</u> <u>withdraw his motion until more information received from the Master Plan</u> <u>Implementation Committee. All in favor.</u>

Town Administrators Update

Anna Maria College – Extension of Licensing Area

• The ABCC has disapproved AMC 's application to extend the area covered by their liquor license.

Charter Communications

• Payments of \$651.00 for our franchise fee remittance and \$13,400.95 for the Public Educational and Government Access Grant have been received.

Town Traffic Study

• (CB) will be meeting with the second traffic study consultant on March 11th.

Regional Meeting

 The Wachusett Regional Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committee will meet on March 11th at 7:00pm.

Correspondence

 Letter from Dr. Pandiscio, WRSD regarding Budget Advisory Task Force Meeting on March 15th. All BOS to attend.

FY11 Budget

- (FG) stated that they may have to go to Stabilization for deficit. Currently using WRSD figures of \$4,853,781 and Baypath's final figures of \$213,861.
- Senate has indicated that there may be a cut of between 5 &10% in state aid.
- Hoping to meet with Finance on March 22nd to review budget.

Other Business

- (FG) stated that the Census would be issued to every household starting the week March 15th and that we need to get the message out that it is important that these forms are competed and returned by every household. The census determines how we receive funds and establishes the districts in the Government (FG) requested that this be put on the website and in the papers.
- (WT) asked why the BOS did not hold the Saturday budget meeting with the department heads as in the past.
- (FG) said maybe next year they will bring that back.

Motion (WT) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches Administrative Assistant