

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Budget Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30, 2006

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

Town Administrator: Charles T. Blanchard

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

- Richard Fenton gave an overview of the Finance & WRSD Sub-Committee meeting held on January 26, 2006 and provided a handout for the BOS. Next meeting March 2, 2006.
- (FG) State Aid estimated FY07 \$689,296, PILOT is down.
- (FG) Consideration should be given to joining WRTA, which would give the Town a better rate for using the Elderbus service and reduce the wear on the COA van.

Budget Sheets

- Assessors: questioned change in data processing amount from \$4800 to \$2800. Changes will be needed as Assessor retiring this year – (CB) to look into before accepting.
- Town Clerk: request for an increase in salary from \$10,498 to \$17,500 (FG) hours need to be justified for this position – (CB) to obtain information from Town Clerk.
- Conservation: not received as yet.
- Planning Board: (FG) no amount included for Bylaw changes - hold.
- ZBA: request for \$1500 for a new tape recorder and increase for advertising – more information needed.
- PHP: requesting \$39,000, (CB) believes this should be 0 as not used this years budget.
- (JM) request that PHP come to a meeting to review progress.
- MIS: (CB) to review again to ensure includes everything.
- Historical Commission: requesting \$ 500 for signage, Commission has provided justification, review at the next meeting.
- Public Building: add line item 5800 for equipment to purchase a new snow blower for the custodian. Additional amount may be required for repairs to public buildings – hold at this time.
- Designer Selection: eliminate – now a role of the Town Administrator.

- Animal Control Officer: remove \$1500 for stray cats.
- Cemetery Commission: request for \$5000 for planning – this would be an article. Review at next meeting.

Accepted Budgets

- Moderator
- Board of Selectmen
- Town Administrator
- Town Service Coordinator
- Finance Committee
- Reserve Fund
- Town Accountant
- Treasurer
- Collector
- Legal Services
- PAB
- Elections
- Registrars
- Insurance Premiums
- Employee Insurance
- Town Reports
- Town Clock
- Animal Inspector
- Worcester County Retirement
- Building Commissioner
- Plumbing Inspector
- Inspector of Wires
- Emergency Management
- Forestry
- Street Lights
- Sanitation Engineer
- Board of Health
- Veterans Aid
- Memorial Health Care

Next Budget meeting February 13, 2006.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen