

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 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 7:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

Building Inspector

- (FG) stated that he had continued to meet with the Building Inspector and that the Inspector had now closed several outstanding permits and was current with everything new.
- (FG) stated that the Building Inspector is working with the new TSC, who is doing an excellent job and has modified all the building permits and is currently updating the forms to Revision 8. All forms will eventually replace the current forms on the Town's web site.
- (FG) with the progress the Building Inspector has made, recommend appointment until the end of the year.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to appoint Rick Trifero as Building Inspector until June 30, 2011. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (FG) stated that the BOS would go into Executive Session at the end of the Regular Meeting to discuss an employee contract and would only return to Regular Session for the purpose of adjourning.

Traffic Study – Common

- (WT) asked for more clarification on Mass Highways comments that if any improvements were to be made to the Common, it would cost money.
- (CB) explained that both engineering studies were looked at and that any improvements to the configuration of the Common would involve easements, land taking and a further study.
- (WT) stated that a simple fix would be to extend the Common into a point to end at Maple

Street and make a 4way intersection.

- (CB) Current standards are 90degree angles, Arthur Frost, Mass Highway stated that there was not easy fix.
- (WT) will provide a sketch of what he proposes and (CB) will forward to Mass Highway for their comments.

Government Organization - Town Administrators Position and Town Hall Elected Officials

- (FG) stated that he would like to recommend a formal article that formalizes Town Government and Town Administrator's position and changing the Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector to appointed positions
- (PB) asked that the Government Act that was created by the Town Government Committee in 2008 be presented at Town Meeting as originally written and defend the Committee that put it together.
- BOS agreed that the Town Administrator should appoint administrative personnel of the Town Hall and major operating staff with the approval of the BOS. Act gives the BOS 15 days to object to the Town Administrator recommendation for appointment.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to recommend to the Town Meeting that we propose formal organization including the Town Administrator and move forward with the Government Study Act of 2008. Unanimous all in favor.**
- John Malone, resident asked whether the Town Clerk's position was going to be included in this Act.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to modify the original Act to include the Town Clerk's position. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (WT) stated under the law all officials in the current positions are protected until they leave.
- (FG) The article will be put on the next Town Meeting warrant.

Town Administrators Update

Paxton Liquors

- The ABCC has approved the Liquor License transfer for the Paxton Liquors from Ronald Perkins to Neil & Yash Corporation
- (CB) stated that the previous licensee has asked whether he would receive a refund on the fee paid for the year to the Town for his Liquor license for the 3 months to December 2010 when he would no longer be the owner of the store.
- BOS agreed that this should have been taken care of in the closing and the Town had transferred the license and the fee to the new owner.

Book Fair

- The Friends of the Richards Memorial Library would like to place their annual Book Fair signs on the Town Common and at the entrances into Town 2 weeks before the October

1st, fair.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to allow the Friends of the Richards Memorial Library to place signs. Unanimous all in favor.**

Master Plan Implementation Committee

- The Master Plan Implementation Committee is sponsoring a public workshop on Thursday, October 14th at 6:30pm at the Paxton Center School to discuss the vision residents may have for Paxton's Village Center.

250th Anniversary Committee

- Anita Fenton has requested to be appointed to the 250th Anniversary Committee.
- (FG) stated that he would like to delay at this time, Anita should be one of the candidates but would like to appoint 12 members.

Report from Dr. Pandiscio

- (CB) Mention of the additional revenue from the Jobs Bill was included in the Superintendents report. These additional funds will be spent by the middle of FY12 on additional personnel.
- (FG) requested that (CB) write a letter to WRSD letting them know that this is an affront to the Town.

Correspondence

- Request from Paxton Center School for two members of the community to serve on the School Improvement Council. (WT) will serve on this council.

Public Session

- Robert Hall, resident stated that in the past he has contacted the Building Inspector complaining about the signs that are lit up at night on businesses in Town and has never received a response.
- (CB) the businesses were sent letter, but some kept security lights on.
- Town Collector asked if there is any bylaw in Town for the time that construction can start in a morning and finish at night: as she had received a call concerning this.
- (CB) will look into.

Roll call taken (FG) Yes (WT) Yes (PB) Yes to go into Executive Session under MGL c30A Sec 21 #2 to discuss non-union contracts, all in favor.

Motion (PB) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant

Documents Filed with Minutes:

None

Other Documents Filed in BOS Office:

Town Administrators Update

Building Inspector's Report