

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 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 7:06.p.m.

Public Hearing- Wildewood Drive

- Public Hearing opened for the laying out of Wildewood Drive to go before the February 28, 2006 STM for acceptance as a Town Road.
- Mark Wilde (Developer) stated that he had to make notations on the plan to include streetlights in the key and detention pond elevations.
- Planning Board and DPW had signed off that the road was complete.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to recommend article for acceptance to go forward to the STM. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to close the Public Hearing

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2006. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2006 with two amendments. Unanimous.

Special Town Meeting

- New article discussed for curtains for the COA hallway to prevent heat escaping upstairs.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept article for COA curtains. Unanimous.
- New article to use \$25,000 from the Cemetery Grave Sales Account to conduct a study of the two cemeteries.
- Chris Stone, Cemetery Commissioner stated that the Commission were looking to get the cemetery on the National Registry not to expand.
- (JM) showed concern of how the money was split in the two cemetery accounts.
- (CB) Only the interest of the Perpetual Care account can be spent not the principle. Receipt Reserve for Appropriation account is for the money derived from the sale of graves and can be used for maintenance and needs appropriation at Town Meeting to use.

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to include article on the warrant for the STM. Unanimous.
- New article brought forward by a citizen petition from the Goldberg's for a paper street to be turned over to the abutters.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept article for STM. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to investigate whom owns the third parcel of land and make recommendations at the Town Meeting.
- BOS reviewed the revised wording on certain articles and noted changes made to Article 8 and (FG) requested that (CB) contact Town Counsel to see if we can suggest some qualifications for the Registrars to accept alien residents being added to the list to vote at Town Meetings.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the articles as worded for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to close the warrant for the STM. Unanimous.

Town Administrator Update

Dispatch Appointment

- Chris Brunelle, Chief Dispatcher requesting the appointment of a new dispatcher.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to appoint Richard Fairbanks as a Part time Dispatcher. Unanimous.

Regional Meeting

- Regional Meeting hosted by Holden, February 23, 2006. (FG) requesting that agenda items other than the School Budget be included.

PCS Windows

- Proceeding on schedule

Rural Development Survey

- Meeting with Barry Woods of RCAP Solution tomorrow to tour the proposed sewer area for the census survey application.

Invitation

- Invitation from Martha Akstin for the BOS to attend a seminar on Slow Growth presented by the Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

COA

- Appointment for the opening on the Council to be posted and acted on at the next regular meeting.

Police Department FY07 Budget

- Chief Desrosiers presented his FY07 budget and stated that due the McNamara bill an increase in insurance would be required to protect part-time officers, would like to exclude part-time officers and move to a full police department. Other savings would result from uniforms and equipment as well as training.
- Vehicle Fuel - (JM) suggested an increase of 20% to cover increase new amount \$16,800.
- (JM) questioned status of Communication Center moving to Police Department
- Chief Desrosiers explained that this could be two years away due to 911 software problems, during transition period can function as two entities under one management.
- Budget accepted.

Communication Budget

- Accepted.

Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
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