

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.

Special Meeting Minutes

- Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the December 4, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes, with correction noted on the time the meeting was called to order.

Meeting Minutes

- Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the December 6, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes. Unanimous all in favor.

Appointment of new Administrative Assistant

- Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to appoint Donna Graf-Parsons as the new Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectman/ Town Administrator. Unanimous all in favor.

Update from the Public Safety Building Committee

- Dick Bedard, Chief Desrosiers and Chief Conte present for discuss the final items that need to be addressed by the committee.
- 1. Generator Exhaust Piping will cost out at \$20,375.00
- 2. New frequency is needed in order to correct the interference that is occurring with Boston, and the cost to put in the equipment is \$21,765.14, with the project management cost at about \$2,000.
- 3. Radios UPS problems when there is any type of power shortage the radio service does not come back up automatically. This has been fixed, but waiting to see over time if it remains corrected.
- 4. The radio link to the water tower needs to be replace at an estimated cost of \$27,851.70. Also with the new system the month fee will no longer exists.
- 5. Seal and line the parking lot estimated at \$3,750.00

- 6. Holding tank has ground water infiltration and there are still HVAC problems, but both of these items are under warranty, so there is no cost at this time.
- There is the potential for an additional \$10,000 needed for strobic equipment, with an additional cost for installation which is undetermined at this time.
- The committee is no longer meeting on a monthly basis, and they are looking to disband at the end of the fiscal year. (FG) inquired about the committee disbanding prior to the Annual Town Meeting.
- In closing Dick Bedard reemphasized the importance of taking care of items 2,3 and four because they are critical for general safety.
- (FG) asked to have the amount of money which is left on the grant for the safety complex be verified.

Adrian & Rita Zeffert, 6 Pond Street- Leased Pole

- (FG) motioned (WT) seconded to have the light turned to the street and not the driveway, and to pick up the cost of the light bill from this point forward.
- (FG) motioned (WT) seconded that the town would not reimburse the Zefferts for past expenses. Unanimous all in favor.

Special Town Meeting Articles

- Article #5 being withdrawn until the Annual Town Meeting.
- Article #4 will remain with an increase in dollar amount from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to ensure there are enough funds.
- Article #6 being withdrawn, because the Planning Board will not be able to meet and hold a public hearing prior to the Special Town Meeting.
- (FG) explained that due to the fact that the town has no regulations established for solar ground panels this needs to be addressed. There is the potential of working with Anna Maria College on a solar project, and the potential for town property being used to benefit rate payers is also a viable prospect.

Town Administrators Update

- Appointed Vincent Maggio as full time dispatcher.
- Adam Smith has resigned as Tree Warden and James Robert to be appointed until the next town election. (FG) requested that he would want Mr. Robert's be at a meeting in order to be appointed.

- Town clerk has been working on the census, both mailing out updates and cleaning up the voters list.
- (FG) motioned (WT) seconded to accept the proposal submitted by Charles Blanchard to work as a consultant to the Town Administrator at an hourly rate of \$35.00. Unanimous all in favor.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (PB) to appoint Andrew Doughty as a part time Dispatcher at a starting rate of \$12.80 per hour effective December 7, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

DHCD Downtown Technical Assistant Grant

Other Business

- (CB) stated that the Superintendent had two more years to go replace street signs at \$35,000 per year, he had also stated that he is putting \$400 aside for priority no parking signs around the Common.
- (WT) asked that Mike Putnam be thanked for this.
- (CB) reported that Mike Putnam had performed the 3-month evaluation on Travis Thibault and reported that he had done an outstanding job and that he has complete knowledge of the water system. (FG) agreed with this comment.
- (CB) reported that he visited the site where Muir Meadows had received site plan approval for 87 units and found that they are preparing for the traffic study that is required by Mass Housing. He contacted Ed Blanchard and he will attend a the December 13, 2010 meeting to bring them update, ZBA and Planning Board should be invited to this meeting.

Dog Complaint

- A further complaint has been received regarding the dogs owned by Dwormans, 1 Wildewood Drive, Peter Warren, Animal Control Officer is requesting an hearing to hear a complaint of nuisance dog and failure to pay fines.
- Hearing will be scheduled for January 11 at 7pm.

Meeting Change of Day

- (FG) announced that meeting in January will be moved to Tuesday nights at 7pm.

Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining and a Non Union Contract. Unanimous all in favor.

Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 10:20pm Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant

Documents from the Meeting:

Town Administrator's Update – Filed in Town Administrator's Update Folder

Capital Improvement Appointment Request – Capital Committee File

Travis Thibault – Water Board Folder