



Town of Paxton  
Board of Selectmen  
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## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, November 7, 2011**

**Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612**

Members Present: William A. Trotta, Chairman  
Peter Bogren, Jr., Vice Chairman  
John F. Malone, Clerk  
  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

### **Insurance Advisory Committee**

- **The Insurance Advisory Committee came** before the Board of Selectmen to discuss what they have put together for health insurance starting January 1, 2012. Harold Smith presented each member with a packet of information, and Deirdre Malone spoke on behalf of the Committee.
- Deirdre Malone stated that the committee had two meetings. The first meeting was with Lively where they presented the renewal rates for 2012. We did not have to look at the GIC because our increase was less than the 5% that is set by the state. A vote of the committee was to stay with what we have. We would like to stay with both plans, and we would ask that the town pick up the in/out patient deductible.
- Harold Smith stated that he had spoken to some of the senior and that they were also satisfied with the new proposed rates.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Advisory Committee and continue with our current health insurance coverage. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Appointments**

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to appoint Samuel Knipe and Yvette Orell to the Insurance Advisory Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Appointment to Bay Path Regional Vocational School**

- Bob Wilby was present to bring forth Peter Schur and show his support to have him appointed as a new member of the Bay Path Regional Vocational School.

**Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to present Peter Schur for appointment tot eh Bay Path Regional Vocational School. Unanimous, all in favor. Vote taken as follows: (JM) voted, yes; (WT) voted, yes; (PB) voted, yes; Bob Wilby voted, yes.**

- Bob Wilby commented further that the number for students attending Bay Path are between 18-20 when the town is allotted up to 28 seats. We as a town need to do what we can to fill these seats.

#### **Appoint Sean Morganti**

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to appoint Sean Morganti as a part time dispatcher for the Paxton Police Department. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Boy Scouts**

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to allow the Boy Scouts to post signs for the sale of Thanksgiving Apple Pies. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Open Warrant**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to open the warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, December 12, 2011. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Great Worcester Land Trust**

- Do not need to sign letter of support since we are bringing this matter forward at a Special Town Meeting.

#### **66 Maple Street**

- **Motion (WT) seconded (JM) to approve the trash opt out for 66 Maple Street. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Trash Liens**

- Both the Light and Water Departments have agreed that if a resident sets up a payment plan that they will not put a lien on the property, and want to know if the Board of Selectmen would lie to do the same for trash liens. **Motion (JM) seconded (WT) to not place a trash lien on a property where a payment plan has been established. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Town Administrators Update**

- We received the attached memo from the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism requesting:
  - Whether the Town is interested in film industry activity
  - Whether the Town's departments share this interest
  - Whether you would like to designate an individual to the MA Film Liaison Network.

- Please advise how you wish to proceed with this request for information. **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to designate Donna Parsons as the liaison to the MA Film Network. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- As has been the practice in the past, I request that the Town Hall be closed on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving. (Those employees scheduled to work who do not wish to come in would use a vacation day.) **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to close the Town Hall on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Jack Malone recused himself from the vote.**
- I attended the kick off meeting for the PCS project on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The chosen contractor indicated that he would start work on November 7<sup>th</sup> and is working towards completing the roof by the end of December. Following the recent weather, this date may get put back.
- As part of the \$65Million supplementary budget for cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Paxton received an additional \$33,094 that can be appropriated as available funds for FY12.

#### **Spaulding Woods**

- Updated plans have been presented to the town for review. (WT) feels that they should go forward with the plans and is in favor of the project.

#### **Wachusett Regional High School**

- Is looking to each town in the district to support a program that would allow the school to purchase I pads for the students. Superintendent Pandiscio will be coming to our next meeting to discuss this project. (JM) stated that they are looking to take a million dollars that was not spent for the oil remediation and earmark it for this project.

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00pm**

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:25pm, Unanimous all in favor**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant

#### **Documents filed with Meeting Minutes:**

Agenda

Attendance list

#### **Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:**

Town Administrators Update

Appointment letter Sean Morganti

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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John F. Malone  
Clerk