



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Vice Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

Motioned (JM), Seconded (PB), to appoint Joseph Roche to the Board of Appeals to fill the position vacated by Susan Serrato. Unanimous, all in favor.

Motioned (JM), Seconded (PB), to appoint James Putnam to the Council on Aging to fill the position vacated by George Howatt. Unanimous, all in favor.

Motioned (JM), Seconded (PB), to appoint Paul Bergin as an Associate member to the Council on Aging. Unanimous, all in favor.

Presidential Primary Warrant

- Board members signed the Presidential Primary Warrant presented by the Town Clerk. The Primary is March 6, 2012 from 7am to 8pm, and today is the last day to register to vote.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**
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- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February**

4, 2012. Unanimous, all in favor.
Trash and Recycling Contract Assignment

- Our present company Central Mass Disposal joined with BFI and formed Allied Waste Services. The Board resigned the contract with the new company assignment.

Town Administrators Update

1. The date for the Paxton Days is set for Saturday June 23rd with a rain date of Sunday June 24th. The following is currently in place:
 - ❖ Music provided through a Cultural Council Grant.
 - ❖ Participation from the Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Forest Smith (Car show), Friends of RML, Historical Commission, Council on Aging, Recreation Commission.
 - ❖ Donna has sent out a letter to all businesses in Town looking for any interest that they may have in running a booth.
2. Aubrey Strauss from Tata & Howard Engineering has agreed to meet with the Board of Selectmen and Finance on Monday, February 27th at 7pm to discuss the Stormwater requirements under the new permit that is expected out this year.
3. I attended the Finance Committee meeting last Wednesday and the committee voted to keep the Legal Budget level funded FY13 at \$25,000. Based on the last four years of activity on this account we had increased the amount by \$5,000. In view of the fact that we have under \$4,000 remaining in this account for FY12, you may want to reissue the memo that went out several years ago reminding Department Managers and Board members to go through the Town Administrator before contacting Town Counsel.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to send out a letter to all department heads, boards and committees that anyone needing legal counsel has to go through the Town Administrator first. Unanimous, all in favor.**
4. For your information the Treasurer provided a list of Tax Possessions that include the most recent acquisitions in January 2012 of two properties.
5. We have an intern from Anna Maria College that will be coming in starting next week to complete a 150 hour program in which he will assist various departments in the Town Hall. He is a Political Science major and would like to learn about the election process.

DPW – Chris Ross

- Michael Putnam came in to speak on the behalf of Chris Ross and said that he has proven to be an asset to the department in the short time he has been here, and that he would recommend that Chris be taken off of probation and be put on as a permanent position. **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to take Chris Ross off of probation and place him on as a permanent position for the Department of**

Public Works. Unanimous, all in favor.
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00pm

Adjourned Meeting at 7:17pm, 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

William A. Trotta
Chairman

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Vice Chairman

John F. Malone
Clerk