



Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
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Meeting prior to Special Town Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2012

Meeting Location: Paxton Center School Cafeteria, 19 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

- **Motion (PB) seconded (FG) Article #1 open for discussion. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (FG) In a time when all other budgets are being cut why are we supporting a full budget for the Tree Warden?
- (CR) It can be an issue of public safety.
- (PB) Have the trees on Asnebumskit been taken care of?
- (CR) Not that I know of.
- (FG) I thought those would not be done until the road is fixed?
- (CR) If we take the budget and trees need to be removed then it comes out of the Reserve Fund.
- (FG) I think the plan is important when times are good, but we can't afford it this year.
- (PB) Do you want to reappropriate this budget?
- (FG) It is ok if it stays there, but defers the plan for a couple of years.
- Richard Fenton responded that he does see this as public safety, and money will not come out of Reserve easily this year.
- (PB) We will freeze the budget and ask him to come before the board with his tree cutting plan, and to let us know if he needs to spend any money.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to freeze the account for the Tree Warden. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (FG) to approve Article #1. Peter Bogren in favor, Frederick Goodrich in favor, John Malone opposed.**
- (JM) I still feel that the Finance Committee has done a great job, but the school is an issue with me, and I don't support the budget as it stands.
- (JM) Requested a revote on the budget.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (FG) to approve Article #1. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:53pm to attend the Special Town Meeting, Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant

Documents filed with Meeting Minutes:

Agenda

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich
Clerk