



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2013

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 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

Attendees: Attendee List

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

At the opening of the meeting Chairman, Peter Bogren started that he would like to commend Mike Putnam and the DPW staff as well as the Emergency staff that was on hand during the snow storm, for doing an exemplary job.

Paxton Center School Panther 5K

- Diane Rocha with the PCS, PTO was present to ask permission to run a 5K road race in town. She presented the route that is planned, and will contact Chief Desrosiers for detail personnel and Chief Conte for medical personnel.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Panther Run 5K scheduled for April 27, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Change Annual Election to coincide with State Election

- Motion (PB) seconded (JM) to open for discussion.
- (PB) In the past we have wanted the Town Election to come after town meeting so that the current elected officials are there to explain the budget that they have prepared.
- (JM) I am in agreement with that, and I am also concerned about changing the date of the nomination papers for the election as well.
- (FG) If we do make a change we need to communicate when papers can be taken out. It is also a disadvantage for the new person coming in if that happens.
- (PB) However we would save \$700.00. It is my turn that is up this year, and should I not be elected back into the position I will be at the Town Meeting for any questions.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) move that the Board vote, pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013, and after consultation with the Town Clerk, to change the date of the Annual Town Election to coincide with the date of the Special State Primary on April 30, and further, pursuant to the authority of said Chapter 2, the last day for filing nomination papers with the Board of Registrars for said local election will be March 19, 2013, notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c.53, §7, and that the remainder of the election calendar for said Annual Town Election shall be set as required by statute and shown on a calendar prepared by the Town Clerk, posted in her office, in the office of the Board of Selectmen, and on the Town's official website; and further, to direct that the Town Clerk and Town Administrator work to ensure that information about the rescheduled election be widely publicized in a manner calculated to best inform the public of the change in date of the Annual Town election and related election calendar. Further move that the hours of the Town Election be changed to coincide with the Special State Primary hours of 7am until 8pm. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Bay Path Regional to discuss the upcoming Debt Exclusion vote.

- John LaFleche, Robert Wilby and Dean Iacobucci from Bay Path Regional Vocational High School were present to discuss the current status of the renovations project and to express the need for the town to pass the debt exclusion vote that will be coming up on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.
- John LaFleche started by expressing his gratitude to the Town Clerk for her support in the past during elections. At this time Bay Path has just issued the first of three bonds. This was a 9.1 million dollar bond for 30 years. The cost came in lower so the savings to Paxton is about \$4,000. The debt for Paxton for FY14 will be \$19,493.00. The second bond will be taken out in January of 2014 and the third in January 2015. If the ballot question does not pass Paxton will be looking at over \$60,000 that will have to come out of the operating budget. This debt exclusion is an appropriate way to go about paying for this project. We will remain as promised on budget with this project. We plan to be shovel ready by May.
- (FG) When do you expect to have the project completed by?
- Mr. LaFleche stated September 15, 2015. With our new business manager on board Mr. Dean Iacobucci we feel confident that the financial side of this will run smoothly.

Government Act

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Government Act as revised on February 4, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Annual Town Warrant

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to open the Annual Town Warrant. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to close the Annual Town Warrant on March 11, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Regional Dispatch

- (PB) We mentioned prior that a feasibility study was done with the building of the Public Safety Complex, but if we have an opportunity to go into a feasibility study at no cost I think it would be good. I know there are concerns about going into this, but how does it hurt to at least look into it.
- (FG) Neither Chief is against regionalization, but we need to look at who we do this with.
- (PB) Yes, and a cost saving would need to be there also.
- (FG) Just because we do a feasibility study with Rutland does not mean that we have to do this with Rutland.
- (PB) Is the Police Chief in negotiations with Leicester and how is that going?
- (FG) The Chief has been unavailable, so I am still looking for an update.
- (JM) There are some problems with Rutland right now. We are a lot more up to date than some other communities. Not opposed to doing regionalization with some communities. I do not want to see our dispatch moved.
- (PB) So are we looking at not going forward with this at this time?
- (FG) I do not think that we should go forward with Rutland at this time.

Trash Fee 9 Elm Street

- (FG) The balances seem to fluctuate.
- (JM) I don't think we should consider taking off the trash or water fee until the bill is paid in full.
- (PB) Once it has been paid off and it has been a full year in March then we can reconsider taking off the trash fee. We will inform the owner of this decision.

Request for Slow Deaf Person Sign near 4 Black Hill Rd

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to open for discussion.**
- (FG) Posting a sign is the correct thing to do. Mike Putnam should be contacted as to the proper location of the sign.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JM) approve the placing of a Slow/Deaf Person Sign near the location of 4 Black Hill Rd.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

1. We had another estimate done on the roof at the White Building. They provided some pictures and as you can see there are holes in the roof.
2. (JM) This is a historical building, so would it be possible for our Historic Commission to look into getting a grant to do the repairs.

3. (PB) I would be concerned about a grant that would take over control of the building from the town.
4. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve that \$1,375 be spent to repair the leak in the roof at the White Building. Unanimous, all in favor.**
5. (FG) Recommended that the repairs be paid for out of the Public Building Account.
6. (CR) I would like to look first and see if we could use some of the funds that are still left in the account that was for the painting of the White Building.

Additional Follow up

- (FG) You received the Capital Improvement Committee Manual today. Please provide any comments you have and return them soon.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:01pm, 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

Revised Government Act

Peter Bogren, Jr.
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Clerk