



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2013

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

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

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

Update on Ambulance

- Chief Conte was present to provide an update and stated that as of last week both ambulances are licensed at a BLS level and new Life Pack 15 monitors. EMS Billing Systems is now our billing provider. We have established an ALS agreement with MedStar Ambulance, Town of Leicester and Leicester EMS, Town of Holden Fire Department, UMASS Memorial Center Emergency Medical Services, Town of Rutland Fire Department. The agreement with MedStar Ambulance provides additional coverage for the Town of Paxton. When Paxton's ambulance is dispatched to a medical call. MedStar will provide an ALS staffed Ambulance to Paxton until the Paxton Ambulance is back in Town. Additionally for all fires in Town, MedStar provides an ALS ambulance for Fire Rehab for Fire Personnel and an ALS ambulance to cover the Town until all Firefighters have cleared the fire scene and Paxton's ambulance crew is back in service.
 - From 7/23/13 to 9/30/13 10pm to 6am calls & no SRS Medic
 - 6BLS and 2ALS with intercepts from Holden Fire
 - 10/4/13 to 10/19/13 24/7/365 staffed with Paxton EMT's and Medics
 - 13 BLS and 6 ALS with 5 Leicester and 1 MedStar intercept.

Chief Conte commented that everything has been positive so far. We are running an informational session at the COA on the 23rd at 10am. We have a good staff in place and we are working well.

- **(PB)** What is our time frame for this?
- Chief Conte replied that I feel this should go to a town vote at the Annual Town Meeting.
- **(JM)** What is an intercept?
- Chief Conte explained that an ALS intercept is when we go to a call that requires ALS service dispatch would call MedStar immediately and they will meet us at the call. The MedStar medic will get in our truck and both trucks will go to the hospital.
- **(JM)** What is the difference from having SRS and intercept, and our time to respond?
- Chief Conte stated that you will see less ALS calls and more BLS calls. It's all about patient care. Time to respond will not be any different, and I think we are quicker to the actual house.
- **(JM)** What is Fire Rehab?
- Chief Conte explained that at a fire when a crew comes out there blood pressure is checked and they drink a bottle of water before returning. Fire Rehab makes sure all fire fighters are safe. We did not have this SRS.
- **(JM)** What does running 16 hours mean?
- Chief Conte explained that from 6am to 10pm you are fully staffed and from 10pm to 6am you are on call with people that live in town.
- **(JM)** Thanked Chief Conte for his professionalism during this period of transition with SRS, and helping the town get to where it needs to be. Thanks to you and your staff. You are extremely professional.
- **(PB)** I fully agree with that statement.
- **(JP)** Good job in coming up with a solution to this situation.
- **(JM)** Where are we with the receipts from SRS?
- **(CR)** We are working on closing the books.

Appointment of Kateri Clute

- **Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to appoint Kateri Clute to the Capital Improvement Committee. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Appointment of Brian Ryder

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to appoint Brian Ryder as a new Part Time Dispatcher. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Update on Assistant Town Clerks position

- Sue Stone will be advertising the position this weekend, and hopes to start interview in mid-November and have someone in place by mid-December. The position will be 12 to 15 hour a week
- **(JP)** Carol, will you be doing the interviews with Sue?
- **(CR)** I have asked that questions, but have not had a response back yet.
- **(JM)** I would like you and Sue to go through the selection process and then present the person before the Board of Selectmen.

Boy Scout request to put up signs

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to allow the Boy Scouts to put signs up in town for their Thanksgiving Apple Pie fund Raiser. Unanimous, all in favor.**

PCS Building Repair Committee

- **(PB)** Tony Gasbaro has contacted Peter and he would like to participate, so a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday at 3:30pm.

Status of electric sign

- **(PB)** Every town around us is using this sign for town events and we don't even use it for our Town Meeting.
- **(JP)** Wasn't this with a grant? There may be restrictions because it was grant funded and we need to check on that.
- **(CR)** We have been told that they are restrictions on its use
- **(PB)** Who told us that?
- **(CR)** The police
- **(CR)** There may be something wrong with it as well. Holden borrowed it and said it wasn't working properly.
- **(JM)** Carol will check with Mike on its status. Find a home for it and use it. We need a definition of what we can use it for.

WRTA

- **(CR)** We are still scheduled to start on December 1st. With runs on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are still looking for a van driver.
- **(JP)** Are there any special requirements?
- **(CR)** The job specifications are on the website. WRTA will do some trail runs for us to get the timing down, and I have called CMRPC for assistance as well.
- **(JM)** Maybe someone from AMC would be interested.

ACO vehicle

- **(CR)** Checked with local auto shops and they don't have anything. The Light Department is getting rid of a vehicle, so they said they would see what the value is. They know what we have to spend and they will let us know what the price would be.
- **(JP)** What is the status on the two cruisers?
- **(CR)** We did get a bid on them initially but they did not follow through, so it has gone back out to bid again.

250th Anniversary

- The 250th Committee has some items for sale in order to raise funds. There is a throw available for \$40.00. A ceramic mug for \$7.50 and a glass for \$10.00 ea. or a set of 4 for \$30.00. Please contact Anita Fenton if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2013, with changes as noted. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2013. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

FY14 Budgets

- No problems at this time.

SRD

- Ribbon Cutting ceremony took place last Thursday. Informational presentation took place at the COA in the evening.
- **(JM)** Thanked Julia for representing the Board of Selectmen and speaking on their behalf. Also thank you to Martha Akstin for all the work she has done with the PHP.
- **(PB)** Concerns over the use of Holden Rd entrance.
- **(CR)** They have a special permit to use Holden Rd for a right turn only. I know at one point at a meeting we were told that it would not be used, but the Special Permit does say right turn only. I spoke to Dana and that is there intension, but if it is a problem then they will revisit it.
- **(PB)** A speed limit sign should be put up on Grove Street.
- **(JM)** The police should monitor the traffic.
- **(CR)** Where do you want the signs?
- **(PB)** Just after Holden Rd right before the Senior Residential Development.
- **(JM)** There should also be one coming up the other way from AMC. Also the traffic out of the college up Streeter Rd tends to go fast, so please look at this as well.

Harassment Training

- Harassment training took place for all employees who were able to attend on October 8, 2013 through the Employee Assistance Program; we had twenty-two attendees.

Thanksgiving

- As in the past I am requesting that the Town Hall be closed the day following Thanksgiving. The employees that generally work will take the day as a vacation day.

Government Act

- The Government Act is now in the Senate awaiting a third reading. I just received an update today that it is moving on.

Local Businesses

- The Paxton Marketplace has been approved by the ABCC for a full off-premises liquor license.
- Land & Sea has now opened for business at their new location.

Other Business

- **(JM)** I would like to thank Cable for the new screen and table cloth for the Select Board meetings. Our next meeting on November 4th will be attended by Senator Brewer and Representative Ferguson.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) approved a one day liquor license for the Congregational Church for their annual twilight auction. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Signed Chapter 90 forms for phase 2 of Holden Rd.
- Reviewed meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.
- Town Resident, Jeff Richards inquired as to what is the current status of the DPW employees.
- **(CR)** They are all back as of today.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013, at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:02pm, 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:

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Chairman

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