



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

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.

Dispatch Appointment

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the appointment of Brian Gonzales as a Part Time Dispatcher for the Paxton Police Department. Unanimous, all in favor.**

The Panther 5K

- Diane Rocha with the PTO for Paxton Center School was present to discuss the Panther 5K Run. Diane expressed that last year they had about 300 participants and this year they are hoping to have about 450. This event raised \$9,000 for the school last year. We will be taking the same route as we did last year unless the weather does not permit the runners to go through Moore State Park.
- **(JP)** Will Med Star be working with you again this year?
- Diane Rocha replied that yes they should be. Heather Larson is currently working on this for us.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve The Panther 5K run. Unanimous, all in favor.**

AMC 5K run for Molly Bish

- Cody Given from AMC was present to discuss having a 5K for the Molly Bish Foundation. We are looking at about 50 to 100 runners.
- **(JM)** Have you spoken to the Police Department?
- Cody Given replied that he had spoken to Lieutenant Savasta and he was looking into how many additional officers would be needed.

- **(JP)** You should also touch base with the Emergency Manager to ensure that all safety measures are met.
- Cody was provided with an example of what to present to the Emergency Manager and to get with Lieutenant Savasta to select the best date in April for the run. If everything has been completed then the Board can approve the race at their next meeting.

Medical Marijuana By-law

- Planning Board member Warren Bock was present to discuss the medical marijuana bylaw. For the last six months the Planning Board has been working on a bylaw for a moratorium on medical marijuana. The bylaw would restrict this to the business district only. Needs to be at least 300 feet away from any area that children would congregate, and 150 feet away from a residential home.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to support that this bylaw be brought to the Annual Town Meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Trash abatement for 40 Lancelot Drive

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the abatement of the trash charge for 40 Lancelot Drive until such time that the current standing of the property changes, or is sold. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Update on hours for Richards Memorial Library

- The temporary hours for the Library are Saturday 12pm to 2pm, Tuesday 5pm to 7pm and Wednesday 10am to 12pm.

Budget updates

- **(CR)** Preliminary numbers have come from the state. The Finance Committee will be meeting for the first time tomorrow night. For the current year's budget I do need to request that we deficit spend for the snow and ice account. There will be two bills coming in which will deplete the account.
- **(PB)** We need to look at upping the snow and ice account.
- **(CR)** Mike Putnam is going to rebudget that item. He is looking to add about 25,000 to 30,000 on the budget for next year.
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to allow the Department of Public Works to deficit spend from the snow and ice account for this year. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Vehicle for the Animal Control Officer

- **(CR)** We should have it by next week. We are just waiting for the Light Department to get everything done with their new vehicle.

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- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2014. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

- **WRTA Paxton Shuttle**

As an operator of a WRTA vehicle the board is asked to accept the WRTA policy on Drug and Alcohol. The majority of this policy is WRTA or FTA mandated. Page 10 outlines Paxton's policy for drivers of WRTA vehicles. I am requesting that the Board accepts this policy to be compliant with WRTA requirements.

- **Peer to Peer**

I applied for a Peer to Peer grant on behalf of the Master Plan Implementation Committee to assist with the Village Overlay Bylaw that the committee has been working on for some time. The grant of \$1,000 has been approved and will enable the committee to use a qualified consultant to assist with this bylaw.

- **MIIA**

The Police Department through Lt. Savasta has successfully acquired a MIIA Loss Control Grant of \$4,980 to replace 2 DVR's at the Public Safety Complex. Lt. Savasta should be congratulated for taking the initiative to apply for this grant and in doing so saving the Town the expense of replacing these two cameras

- **Water Department**

The Water Commissioners have been informed that they have successfully made the draft Intended Use Program for the replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank. We should find out shortly whether a State Low Interest Loan is available to Town to complete this project. If successful this will go before the May 6th Town Meeting to appropriate the loan.

Other Business

- **(JM)** I see that the sign for the Senior Residential Development has been moved back.
- **(CR)** I spoke to Dana Angelo about the sign and they would like to leave it up until March if they could.
- **(PB)** The sign needs to meet our bylaw regulations.
- **(JM)** They need to move it to a flatter area in the road and the size needs to be adjusted.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 7:43pm, 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

John F. Malone
Vice Chairman

Julia N. Pingitore
Clerk