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Board of Selectmen  
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## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, July 21, 2014**

**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.

**(PB)** We will enter into Executive Session and will only be returning to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning.

### **Michael Valanzola – State Senate**

- Michael Valanzola is running for State Senate to fill the seat that will be vacated by Senator Brewer. Mr. Valanzola spent a few moments introducing himself and explaining what his campaign focus was. There are three areas I will look at. First being the economy and jobs, secondly education and thirdly community.
- **(JM)** Do you see anything that you could do to assist the town in getting budget numbers quicker?
- Mr. Valanzola replied that the state should adopt a model of forecasting numbers out further than they currently do.
- **(JM)** The schools are always looking for more money, and we question how the numbers are calculated?
- Mr. Valanzola replied that the calculation works for some but hurts others and does need to be looked at. The schools are looking for more money because of the unfunded mandates that are put on them.
- **(PB)** Commitments that are made by the state and then are not funded are difficult to work with.

### **Appointment of Election Officials**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to appoint the following Election Officials. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- Janice Carlson, Janet Chapman, Patricia Cole, Nancy Delle, Gino Gangai, Paula Gangai, Melinda Johnson, Kathryn Kingsbury, Jackie LaFlash, John Lucey, Annette McKiernan, Jane McTigue, Michelle Nelsen, Marguerite Ryan, Natalie Siemen, Sandra Vaudo.

### **State Primary Warrant**

- Town Clerk, Susan Stone presented the Board with the State Primary Warrant to which they signed.

### **School budget update**

- (PB) The extra money from the state was a nice surprise, but it was made very clear that next year will not see the same numbers. Joe Scanlon expressed that next year will be a challenge. We need to get started on the numbers earlier.
- (JM) E & D was used early this year but it won't be there next year to the same extent.

### **Sign request from The Hills at Paxton Village**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve signage for the Hills at Paxton Village to be place on Grove Street and Holden Rd. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Charter transfer to Comcast**

- (CR) Each town is being notified that Comcast is taking over for Charter. The agreement that we just signed will not change. I've been told this is just a formality and it doesn't matter if we hold a public hearing or not but I think we should do so just as a curtesy. We would need to do so by August 11<sup>th</sup>, and it could be held in conjunction with a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting.
- (PB) It would be good to have a rep from Comcast at the hearing to answer any questions that may come up.

### **Resignation of James Robert**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to regretfully accept the resignation of James Robert from the Conservation Commission. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators Contract**

- (JM) There are notification sections that we need to make sure we address by October 1<sup>st</sup>
- (PB) Place this on the agenda for the first meeting scheduled in September.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 30, 2014. The Executive Session Meeting of June 30, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2014. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators update**

- **Accounting**

The Town Accountant has now processed all FY14 warrants; all known outstanding invoices not paid to the last warrant will be encumbered. Donna Couture will now be working on closing FY14 to submit to the DOR Free Cash certification.

- **Fire Department**

The Fire Department was unsuccessful with their request for funding under the FY13 FEMA Grant Program. This is a competitive grant that received 11,000 applications, requesting a total of \$2.15 billion.

## **Other Items**

- **Paxton Shuttle**

An update on the Paxton Shuttle WRTA for the seven months ending June 30, 2014 is as follows:

- **Breakdown of Costs (Spreadsheet Attached):**

Wages & Fringe	\$5,766.03
Gasoline (& other)	\$2,777.27
Other	<u>\$453.00</u>
Total	\$8,996.29

Passengers: 185

Total Revenue: \$272.25

The bus is providing a regular service for a certain passenger, as well as college students and AMC staff. WRTA has recently replaced the original 12 passenger vehicle with a newer 8 passenger van.

(PB) I have a concern on the cost for running this shuttle. The state is falling down on this one. This is where we should consider talking to our state reps

### **Recreation**

Skid Marks will be performing this Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the bandstand. Concessions will be available.

## **Other Business**

- (JM) Mentioned that the water tower project on Maple Street is still on going.

**Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:58pm and we will only return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00pm.**

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:41 pm, 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