



Town of Paxton
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2014

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

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

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

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

Update from School Committee

- Barbara Renzoni and Harriet Fradellos, school committee reps for Paxton, were present to provide the Board with an update of recent occurrences with the school district.
- Barbara Renzoni stated that if the 9C cuts are put into place it would mean a \$1,438.263 reduction, most of which will fall under the transportation funds.
 1. We are just starting to gather information for the FY16 budget.
 2. Capital items being looked at for PCS are the library, boiler room, gym, Computer room and cafeteria, and a leaking dishwasher in the kitchen.
 3. Enrollment for PCS is down 25 students from last year.
- **(JM)** Does that include school choice?
- Barbara replied that she was not sure, because there were two concerns about taking school choice students. One they would like the money from it, but secondly 66% of the classes are over the recommended capacity level and you don't want to add to that.
- **(CR)** Did the other towns go down in enrollment as well?
- Barbara replied that she was not sure about the other towns. The report just came out and she had not gone through the entire report yet.
- **(JP)** Where are they on doing repairs on the school?
- Barbara stated that some general maintenance items have been taken care of. They have fallen behind in some areas of upkeep due to last year's budget, and PCS is one of the older buildings in the district. They did reduce the staff by one do to the lower enrollment. Joe Scanlan says he is fully aware of the needs at PCS and they will be addressed.

- **(JP)** I would like to see a document on what has been asked for as far as maintenance projects at PCS and where we stand with them?
- **(PB)** We don't want to bundle projects and we need to renew the \$25,000 amount that is in the current lease. I have spoken to Dr. McCall in regards to this and he understands. We need to get the lease figured out.
- Barbara stated that in my opinion it is our school and our students and I would like to see some collaboration with the town and the school to get these items fixed.
- **(PB)** I think we need to wait and see what happens with the 9C cuts.
- **(JM)** We need to follow up on a date to get going on the lease.
- **(CR)** Asked Barbara if she could get copies of all the leases for all the towns?

License Renewals

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for FY15. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Liquor

- Paxton Market Place – All Liquor
- Paxton Sports Center - Club
- Paxton Liquor Store – All Liquor
- Anna Maria College - Club
- Kettlebrook Golf Course – Club
- American Legion – Veterans Club

Auto Body Shops

- Paxton Auto

Class II Car Sales

- Paxton Auto
 - Paxton Garage
 - Middle River Corp. (Selectmen Bogren recused himself from this vote)
- Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the renewal of the license for FY15 for Middle River Corp. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Common Victuallers

- JLC Donuts Inc.
- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Paxton American Legion
- Paxton Marketplace
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Sage Dining Service
- Land & Sea Market
- Theo's

Packaged Goods

- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton Liquor Store
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Anna Maria College

Above Ground Tanks

- Urbanovitch Farm

- Paxton Town Garage
- Worcester County Memorial
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- Industrial Tower & Wireless

Capital Request

- (CR) I would like to see a capital request put in to paint the Town Hall. I have been getting quotes and it looks to be about \$40,000 because we have lead.
- (JM) Should we look at covering the Town Hall in vinyl?
- (CR) I doubt the Historical District Committee would approve of that.
- (JM) Let's just find out what the numbers are.
- (PB) What about the Senior Center.
- (CR) There was a study done on the COA
- (PB) Could Julia and I get a copy of that? We need to look and see what needs to be done with the COA building in the next five to ten years.
- (JM) We should review the Town Hall study as well and look at those recommendations again.

Resignation of Charles Innis

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to regretfully accept the resignation of Charles Innis from the Richards Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- (CR) We will look to appoint someone to this position in January.

Solar Champagne

- (JP) Due to the lack of feedback and information provided I have no intention to sign this.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to take no action on this request. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014 . Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Executive Session of November 17, 2014 . Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

FY15 Budget

With the exception of the Legal account most accounts are looking okay. A semi-annual report will be provided in January.

ACO

You may remember that one of the requirements under the new dog laws was the purchase of microchip scanner that we objected to funding. Last July I applied for a grant for this and we actually received a new scanner last week. This will allow the ACO to scan any dog that he picks up for microchips containing owner information.

Police Department

Our police dog is currently undergoing training for drug discovery. I was invited to watch during this training and was thoroughly impressed. The dog is in her second week and she is due to complete this on December 23rd.

WRSD

You recently received “An Independent Review of Cash Flow Activity and Trends for the WRSD” by the State Auditor. The sum up the report the following was noted:

- RANS (Revenue Anticipation Notes) could have been avoided for the period of 2011 through 2013 as reviewed if the district received community member’s assessments - monthly, every other month, quarterly or a change in the dates from the current November and May to an early month in the year.
- The analysis showed that without RANS 58% of the General Fund balances would have been in deficit.
- Seven scenarios were tested and five would have avoided the district taking out RANS
- Paxton is one of only two towns in the district that collects taxes semi-annually the other three towns collect quarterly

If RANS had not been taken out by the district \$476,722 would have been saved in interest payments.

If the district wishes to change the method of payments by the town it would be required to request a change to the Regional Agreement.

Other Items

- **(JP)** Paxton Center School is hosting its 7th annual Holiday Marketplace on December 6th from 10am to 2pm. They have also requested to place signs for this event in town as well.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to allow the placement of sign in town for the Holiday Market Place. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:45pm 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, December 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 9:26 pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators Update

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons
Administrative Assistant