



Town of Paxton  
Board of Selectmen  
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## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018

Meeting Location: Paxton Town Hall, 697 Pleasant St, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: Julia N. Pingitore, Chairman  
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman  
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk  
  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### 10 West Market

- Bethann and Jeff Cormier were present to inform the Board that they have found someone to buy the business at 10 West Street and wanted to introduce Darleen and Tom Walsh to the Board and discuss the transferring of the lease to them as the new business owners of 10 West Market. The Cormier's would also like to formally donate to the Town the AC unit and duct work that they had installed in the building.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the transfer of the lease for the building at 10 West Street from Bethann and Jeff Cormier over to Darleen and Tom Walsh for the remainder of the current lease. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### Reorganization of the Board members

- (PB) Motion that Mr. Malone take over Chairmanship.
- (CR) The Chairmanship usually follows the member that would be up for re-election which would be Peter.
- (PB) I will withdraw that motion.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the reorganization of the Board to now have Peter Bogren in the position of Chairman, John Malone as Vice Chair and Julia Pingitore as Clerk. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### Road Stabilization fund

- The Town of Paxton through an article voted at the May 1, 2016 Annual Town Meeting

followed by an override vote at the May 8, 2016 Town Election created a Road Stabilization fund in the amount of \$100,000. The Board of Selectmen at a regular meeting of May 21, 2018 hereby vote to appropriate an additional levy of \$105,062 for the Road Stabilization Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018 and to inform the Paxton Assessor.

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Road Stabilization Fund as voted at Town Meeting. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Contract for the Police Chief**

- The Select Board signed the new contract for Chief Desrosiers.

#### **Marijuana Moratorium**

- (CR) We will need a Special Town Meeting in the fall in order to change the date from December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 to give the State and the Town more time to develop a new bylaw regulating recreational marijuana.

#### **Site Plans for 607 Pleasant St**

- (JP) Initial concern about backup of traffic but in looking at the plan about 15 cars can be contained within the parking lot.
- (PB) This is a good business move so I hope every consideration is given.

#### **Sign request for First Congregational Church**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the sign request from the First Congregational Church. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Request for One day liquor license for Turn Back Time**

- The Board would like to have some further clarification on what will be served at the event. Ask the applicant to please attend next meeting to discuss.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2018 and May 7, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

#### **Town Administrators Update**

- **Standard Mileage Rates**

The IRS Standard Mileage Rates for 2018 have increased from \$0.53.5 to \$0.54.5 as of January 1, 2018.

Does the Board wish to adopt this new rate as of today's date?

**Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the new mileage rate of \$0.54.5 as of January 1, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

- **Fire Grant**

The Fire Department has been notified that they have received a matching DCR grant for \$1,875 to purchase protective forest gear. I appreciated the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief applying for grants regardless of the amount.

- **Water Department**

The Water Department has received a MassDEP grant of \$22,814 to improve the energy efficiency at the Pump Station. Once again, I applaud Travis Thibault for applying for this grant.

**Other Business**

- **(JM)** Questioning the hut that has been put up on the corner of Alrene and Pleasant St. Does anyone know what they are doing, and do they need a permit for it?
- **(CR)** I am not sure but will check on it.
  
- **(JM)** The Light Department Manager has resigned. Are we all set with the OSHA procedures for this department?
- **(CR)** Our insurance company does offer training for this and I sent that over to the Light Department Commissioners.
- **(PB)** There was some concern from the Paxton Light Department about information that was printed in the Landmark. I have had no recent discussion with anyone from the Landmark. The information was pulled from a meet and greet that was done six months ago.

**Adjourned Meeting at 7:40pm, Unanimous all in favor.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:**

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Town Administrators update

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons  
Executive Assistant