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## Regular Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

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

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

Attendees: see Attendee List

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

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

### **Insurance Advisory Committee**

- Travis Thibault, Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, presented a letter that outlined the process and decision that was made by the Insurance Advisory Committee for the new 2019 Health Insurance Plan. The Committee agreed to stay with the existing Harvard Pilgrim Health Insurance Plan for the current employees and eliminate the Harvard Pilgrim Plan for the retirees and just keep the two plans under Tufts Medical. The Committee will look at some different dental option for open enrollment this coming July 1, 2018. The new Vision plan is going well and the new Wellness card that was supplied by Colonial Insurance was well received also.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the recommendations of the Insurance Advisory Committee for the 2019 Health Insurance Plans. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Resignation of John Ahern**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the resignation of John Ahearn with regret. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Resignation of Dave Parent**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the resignation of Dave Parent with regret. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Congregational Church**

- **(PB)** I met with Mr. Howard and looked at the bell. The Reverend had mentioned previously that she was concerned that the bell might fall through the church. In looking at it I feel confident that the bell is strong and well supported and is not going anywhere.
- **(CR)** I received two quotes with different options depending on what we want to do.
- **(PB)** We also have the option of removing the bell and preserving it in a public place. Mr. Howard said that the church had already discussed that possibility as well. Mr. Richard Fenton is doing some further research to determine if the bell is truly owned by the Town.
- **(JP)** I would be in support of preserving it and putting it in a place where everyone can enjoy it.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2018. Executive Minutes from October 15, 2018 and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 30, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators update**

- **The FY2019 Budgets**  
At this point in time all for the FY2019 budgets are doing fine.
- **Salt Bid**  
The salt bid for the 2018/19 season has been awarded again to Leed in the amount of \$61.47 per ton. This compares with \$71.70 last season.  
  
A potential saving of between \$12,000 and \$20,000. (1,200 – 2,000 ton)
- **Police Department**  
The Paxton Police have been awarded a grant of \$17,622 to procure mobile data equipment. Great job by Chief Savasta, Sergeant Thorpe and Detective Keller.
- **Recreation**  
The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place November 30<sup>th</sup> on the Common at 5:30pm; following which there will be a chance to have supper and a movie at the John Bauer Senior Center.
- **Holiday Bazaar**  
The COA Holiday Bazaar was a success last Saturday, Cindy Love, COA Director and all involved did a wonderful job organizing the event.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday hours**  
The Town Hall and COA will both be closed the Friday after Thanksgiving.

### **Update on Regional Roundtable Meeting with Wachusett**

- **(PB)** Wachusett discussed some items for the upcoming FY2020 budget.
  - The turf field for the High School will be built into the budget this year. The track and tennis courts are not far behind as well.
  - Tuition free full day Kindergarten.

- Chromebook initiative to continue at the High School.
- OPEB – we need to step up our plan.
- Went through the budget timeline.
- **(JM)** Harriette Chandler, Anne Gobi and Kim Ferguson were all very supportive and we should be getting around 80% back on the transportation reimbursement.

**Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to leave the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:38pm and we will return to the regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous, all in favor.**

**Returned to Regular Session at 8:13pm**

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:13pm, Unanimous all in favor.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

Meeting minutes

Town Administrators report

Agenda

Attendance list

Letter from Insurance Advisory Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons  
Executive Assistant