

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2007

Members Present: Michael Quinlivan, Chair
John F. Malone, Vice Chair
Fred Goodrich, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2007. Unanimous.

Recreation Signage

- (FG) proposal is to place signage at Town Fields with "No Trespassing" so that Police can enforce.
- Sgt Reilly stated by placing these signs stating, "no loitering" at the basketball courts and other areas it would provide a tool to take action.
- Andy Serrato (Recreation) agreed that this could help and suggested contacting Town Counsel for wording of these signs.
- Sgt Reilly stated that the Police Department has begun to involve parents of youths in Town that have been caught destroying property.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to give Police authority to put whatever signs up in Town to accomplish what is needed. (FG) add Rider to contact Town Counsel for specific wording of these signs and for letter that are sent to parents. Unanimous.
- On another note, Andy Serrato asked who would take responsibly for emptying the trash at the playground, as this appears not to be taking place. Recreation can take care of April to October, as Director does work during these months.
- (CB) to look into for remainder of year.

Town Administrators Update

Mass Motorcycle Association

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept recommendation to issue a proclamation declaring March 25th through April 30th a Motor cycle Safety and Awareness period and authorize the placement of a 2' x8' sign at the Fire Department. Unanimous.

IRS Mileage

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to keep the current mileage allowance at 40.5c per mile. Unanimous.

Building Permits

(CB) provided activity FY05, FY06 and FY07.

Rural Development

- (CB) met with Rural Development to go over the application process for a low interest 40-year loan that the BOS is considering financing of the Safety Complex.
- (FG) asked whether the Town Hall renovation could be included with this loan.
- (CB) don't have an unlimited amount of funds, project needs pre-application, looking to have 8.8 million to cover duration of loan. Would need to develop a plan.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to do a pre-application. Unanimous.

DOR 2006 Equalized Valuations

- DOR issued Equalized Valuations, which are used as a variable in the allocation of certain state aid distributions. (CB) prepared a comparison of the Wachusett towns.

Earthday Site Study

- Mission statement developed by Wachusett Earthday Site Study Committee, looking for input by February 15.
- BOS asked whether the BOH had got involved in this. (CB) have not looked for them to participate.
- (JM) contact BOH to see if they wish to have any input.

Town Service Coordinator

- Workload for period January 2, 2007 to January 9, 2007. (CB) each permit request has different time allotment, looking into what factors involved.

Annual Town Warrant

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to open the Annual Town Warrant and close on April 2, 2007. Unanimous.

- (CB) Planning Board meeting this evening and arrange date for Public Hearings for adoption of Open Space Residential Bylaw and Stormwater Bylaw.
- May be too late to prepare articles that DOR Government Study Report indicated areas of change needed.

FY08 Budget

- FY07 Free Cash - \$150,000, would have been \$360,000 if Borrowing in Anticipation Notes (BANs) had been done for borrowing articles.
- Changes in FY08 budgets: Ambulance Service, Communication under Police Department, Electricity to become part of Central Purchasing, and new line item for Social Security.

WRSD FY08 Budget

- (CB) no modular reimbursement FY08.
- (JM) RASA number needs to be lower.
- (FG) need to inform WRSD what we can pay FY08, no more than 3% increase.
- **Motion** (JM) to inform WRSD that Paxton was able to pay \$265,424 RASA FY08 with a total assessment of \$4,434,000. Rider (FG) make sure Finance Committee is in agreement with this figure. Unanimous.

Other Business

- (FG) need to explore joining M.O.R.E. to take advantage of purchasing municipal services.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to add a subscription in budget for M.O.R.E. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Evaluation

- Due for review in February. (JM) and (FG) to forward their reviews into the Chairman, who will then review with (CB) and bring to a BOS meeting.

Town Hall Renovation

- (JM) don't want to lose sight of this, look for an article to go forward with an architectural design.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 10:00pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Administrative Assistant