

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 26, 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 7:05pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2007, with one amendment. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2007. Unanimous.

WRTA – Richard Glavin, Interim Administrator & Tim O'Day, Elderbus Executive Director

- Richard Glavin stated that any Town/Municipality could joint RTA by process of the BOS.
- Legislation did not give the WRTA any additional money last year. WRTA communities pay according to the services they receive and an apportionment of the administrative costs.
- Tim O'Day provided a brief outline of the Elderbus Service and stated that he had estimated Paxton's Assessment for FY08 to be \$6900 based on estimated trips of 500.
- Services provided for residents 60+ or disabled (substantiated by a doctors note), cost of each trip is \$1 each way plus .25c for every additional town traveled through. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible.
- Drivers are CORI checked, have training in sensitivity, defense, wheelchair security and are subject to random drug test. CPR is not mandatory, all vehicles are radio equipped.
- BOS agreed to take under advisement until FY08 budget clearer, but consider for the following years budget.

CMRPC Traffic Count

- After much discussion **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to request the following additional traffic counts be conducted by CMRPC. Unanimous.

- Rt122/ Worcester Line
- Marshall Street/East of Laurel Street
- Marshall Street/Leicester Line

License Renewals

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to renew the following License for one year. Unanimous.
- Paxton Marketplace Inc. - Weekday Soft Drinks
- Paxton Marketplace Inc. - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
- Paxton Sports Center Inc. - Weekday Soft Drinks
- Paxton Sports Center Inc. - Ice Cream on Lord's Day
- Paxton House of Pizza - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
- Howe's Nursery Stand - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
- Howe's Nursery Stand - Fruit and Vegetable
- Howe's Nursery Stand - Jam/Syrup/Bread/Candy/Seeds/Honey
- Howe's Nursery Stand - Nursery Stock & Florist
- Pleasant View Nursery - Nursery Stock & Florist
- Paxton Petals and More - Nursery Stock & Florist
- Robinson's Greenhouses - Nursery Stock & Florist
- Coffee on the Common - Sale of Ice Cream on Lord's Day
- JLC Donuts Inc. – Weekday Soft Drinks

Town Administrators Update

M.O.R.E

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to include subscription of \$1362 to M.O.R.E in BOS Budget. Unanimous.

Common Cause Award

- The Town received an award from Common Cause for the website being one of 72 communities for meeting their established standards for providing citizens with information.

OSRD Bylaw

- Planning Board has held a public hearing on the proposed Open Space Residential Design Bylaw and has requested the BOS place on ATM warrant.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to place and support OSRD Bylaw on ATM warrant. Unanimous.

Abandoned Car Article

- Chief Desrosiers requesting an article to be placed on ATM warrant to accept the provisions of Chapter 213 of the Acts of 1989 which would allow non-criminal fines for those who abandon motor vehicles.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept and place article on the ATM warrant. Unanimous.

Department Transfers

- Articles required on STM warrant to transfer Monies between the Communication Center and Police Department to accommodate the consolidation between the two departments.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to place and support articles for STM warrant. Unanimous.

WRSD

- Letter received from WRSD Business Manager states that the \$4.5 million additional bond is included in the approved \$70.5 million borrowing and 132% increase in the E&D money came from investment accounts and a small amount from surplus from FY06 undelivered services or supplies.

New Employees

- (CB) advertised and interviewed applicants for the Town Hall Custodian position and Planning Board Secretary. Stephen Wilder and Sarah Cole were hired for these respective positions.

Other Business

WRSD

- (CB) did contact DOE to question whether schools could show an increased appropriation other than what was voted. DOE said that some school districts have been doing this and that they intend to clarify the wording and tighten up on this.
- WRSD Budget School Committee will discuss a request to increased FY08 WRSD Budget tonight of 70,243,312, an increase of \$75,000. Paxton's Assessment would be \$4,881,631.

Quote for Stones on Monument

- John Sansoucy has provided a quote for \$350.00 to provide stones on top of the monuments at the entrance to the Country Bank.
- (JM) asked that it be passed on to Historical Commission.
- (FG) Country Bank should have these, they removed them.

Regional Meeting

- Meeting to include a discussion on the May Election question to reduce the size of the WRSDC. (CB) to ascertain from the Town Clerk the date that the wording is needed in order to get placed on the ballot.

FY08 Budget

- 1122 Selectboard **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$74,941. Unanimous.
- 1123 Town Administration **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept budget of \$83,384. Unanimous.
- 1129 TSC after a lengthy discussion on how the merit/salary should be shown, **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$40,142. Unanimous.

- 1141 Assessors **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$42,800. Unanimous.
- 1145 Treasurer **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept budget of \$35,561. (JM) recused.
- 1146 Town Collector **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept budget of \$38,563. (JM) recused.
- 1151 Legal **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept budget of \$40,000. Unanimous.
- 1155 MIS Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$20,886. Unanimous.
- 1161 Town Clerk **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept budget of \$18,805. (JM) recused.
- 1162 Elections **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept budget of \$9,750. (JM) recused.
- 1163 Registrars **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept budget of \$3,650. (JM) recused.
- 1175 Planning Board **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$2,200. Unanimous.
- 1177 Regional Planning **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$1,006. Unanimous.
- 1192 Public Building **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept budget of \$22,587. Unanimous.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 9:55pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Administrative Assistant