

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 24, 2007**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2007. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2007. Unanimous.

### **Paxton Public Safety Complex- Update- (Charlie Blanchard)**

- A further test pit for water showed water at 18inches.
- 580 Pleasant Street now owned by the Town. Police are to use the garage for their vehicles. (CB) issued a memo stating that nothing is to be done with this property without the prior approval of the BOS, PSC and Conservation.
- Owners Project Managers /Clerk of Works (CB) meeting with the third company this week.
- 70% plans expected by the end of September.
- (CB) asked whether the BOS wish to make the sheds on the property surplus equipment? (JM) requested that (CB) ask departments whether anyone can use them.

### **Tax Levy Public Hearing**

#### **Factor 1 v/s Chapter 797 Tax Formula**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept Factor 1. Unanimous.

#### **Open Space Discount**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to give no Open Space Discount. Unanimous.

#### **Residential Exemption**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to give no Residential Exemption Discount. Unanimous.

### **Commercial Exemption**

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to give no Commercial Exemption Discount. Unanimous.

### **Nashua River Watershed Association Presentation – Rick Muehike**

- NRWA have completed there study on the nine towns under the \$25,000 matching grant and have produced a GIS model to identify those highest priority parcels.
- Rick Muehike provided the results for Paxton. The local critical surface water resources have been identified and with the help of Regional Planning and the Assessors information, they will plan to send out letters and invite the owners of those parcels to a meeting to offer advice as to how this water resource can be protected.
- (JB) asked whether the town streets and the hydraulic study could be overlaid on these maps. Rick Muehike stated that the streets are on the maps and if the software is compatible it can be done.

### **Deterioration of Asnebumskit Road – Margaret Pennace**

- Ms. Pennace provide the BOS with photographs of Asnebumskit Road showing the patching and deterioration of the road.
- Ms. Pennace is concerned with the access road for the proposed monastery and cell towers; she states that the road will not take a 50,000lbs load and that the road is subject to ice from an overflowing stream at the base of the hill.
- Ms. Pennace suggested instituting a \$10.00 per month Impact Infrastructure fee for all development built after the year 2000. This money could be placed in a fund to repair roads.
- (JM) responded that Ms. Pennace may wish to present her information to the ZBA and Planning Board.
- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent stated that he is familiar with the problems on Asnebumskit Road and that he believes that drainage is a big issue and that adding catch basins and drainage lines would help.
- He plans to use Chapter 90 money to resurface, reclaim and add berms to the road.
- (JM) asked (CB) to address a letter to the Zoning Board and cc the Planning Board with their concerns of the state of Asnebumskit Road, with the possibility of asking Verizon, the propective owners of the new cell tower to provide us with some compensation for the expected over use of the road.

### **DPW Superintendent**

- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent provided a Chapter 90 form for the BOS to sign for the resurfacing of Marshall Street. **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve Chapter 90 request. Unanimous.
- Superintendent stated that he had received a call from a resident on Laurel Street

- concerned with safety issues on that street.
- Both (CB) and (MP) had taken a look at the street and agreed that speed signs should be placed on the street along with a hazardous corner sign and slow children sign.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept (MP) recommendations to put up the appropriate signage.
- (FG) also asked that we ask the Police Chief to increase radar patrol.
- (MP) stated that he also planned to deal with a drainage issue behind Meadowbrook Drive.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve this work. Unanimous.

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **CommPASS**

- (CB) attended training in Boston to be certified as an administrator and user in the State's CommPASS . This will allow better exposure for future RFP's and access to State wide contracts.

#### **Part-time Dispatcher**

- Chief Desrosiers recommended the appointment of Andrew Eisch as part-time Dispatcher.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept recommendation of Andre Eisch. Unanimous.

#### **Trash Billing Agreement**

- Diane Dillman has provided a marked-up copy of the contract with the Light Department for their trash billing services for the BOS review. (CB) also suggested a review of the trash fee amount but the BOS stated that would be done at budget time.

#### **WRSC Agreement**

- Meeting on September 27, 2007 to conduct a five-year review of the Regional Agreement.

### **Correspondence**

- Monthly department reports from the DPW and Fire Department.
- Letter from Town of Holden giving their comments on the WRSD Regional Agreement.
- Thank you note from resident in respect of Officers Savasta and Newsham.
- Thank you letter from Holden Town Manager in respect of the Fire Department.
- Information from STAR.
- Complaint by the Recreation Director to the Recreation Commission regarding parking and dogs at the Town's playing fields. (JM) asked that the Police Chief review situation and enforce any parking restrictions.

### **Other Business**

#### **Five-Year Review of Regional School Agreement**

- (FG) provided his recommendations for change:
  - Review population of towns every five years to determine any increase in committee membership.
  - Admission of other towns should include that acceptance by member towns by majority vote.
  - An annual maintenance report of schools should be provided.
  - An annual budget should be prepared by WRSD Committee and presented to each town in January.
  - Students needing specific educational needs should be accommodated by the administration and committee and transportation provided.
  - The school committee should be reduced in size.
  - The towns should be allowed to make changes to the Wachusett Regional School Agreement as well as the School Committee.
  - Repairs to schools should be presents to town officials.
  - School budget should have a Maintenance Account.
- (MQ) to convey these suggestions at the meeting on September 27, 2007.

#### **Cable Television**

- (JM) would like to see televised committee/board meetings and to know what the committee intend to do with the new equipment.

#### **Regional Meeting**

- (JM) would like to know when the next Regional Meeting is?

### **Public Session**

- Chris de Marcken stated that he has received no encouraging response from the Legion to become more involved with the Memorial Day Ceremony and other patriotic events.
- (FG) to speak with the Legion and see what is needed.

**Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular meeting at 9:08pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant