

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 22, 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** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2007 with two amendments. Unanimous.

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

- Public Safety Complex Building Committee voted to award contract to NETCO for OPM.
- HVAC plans received.
- 95% plans expected November 7th.
- Committee discussed choices of materials.
- 100% expected December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wachusett Regional High School Building Committee**

- Duncan Leith brought the BOS update with the progress of the High School:
- Football Turf down, and being played on.
- Baseball field should be finished by spring – needs safety fence.
- Auditorium complete – first production this week. Corridor open from Auditorium to Cafeteria.
- Tennis courts will be graded by winter. Old gym made into three rooms.
- Second floor classrooms buildings D&Er now open, first floor will be ready by Thanksgiving.
- Arbitration of contractors will take place when project is complete at the end of November.
- DCR have now cut down on site visits.

### **Suomi Street – George Barkat**

- George Barkat and Marni White; two Suomi Street resident requested that the BOS take action to control the speed and types of vehicles using Suomi Street.
- George Barkat stated that vehicles including tractor trailers and car carriers use excessive speed whilst traveling on Suomi Street and sees a potential danger for the many young children who live on the street.

- Marni White agreed that the speed was excessive and would like to see signs similar to “drive slow we love our children” throughout the street to get the message across to motorists and have also to have police cruisers visible.
- Mr. Barkat felt that signs would be ignored and was looking to have the speed reduced to 20 mph, commercial vehicles banned from using the street and MassHighway to do a study on the street.
- (CB) informed Mr. Barkat, that once MassHighway conclude road studies, they tend to accommodate the majority of the vehicles using a street and increase the speed limit on the street.
- (JM) would like to have the Police Chief and the DPW Superintendent to attend the next meeting to discuss Suomi Street.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) request that the Police Chief step up patrols on Suomi Street until the next meeting when the situation can be discussed in their presence. Unanimous.

#### **General Bylaw Reorganization**

- (CB) provided proposed outline of bylaws.
- Once completed any un-adopted bylaws can be adopted at a Town Meeting.
- (CB) will provide a more completed copy in a month or two.

#### **Town Administrators Update**

##### **Worcester Regional Retirement System**

- (CB) attended a Worcester Regional Retirement System meeting and was informed that the funding goals have not been met and full funding has been moved from 2026 to 2028. There will be an increase to Paxton’s assessment for FY09 from \$178,196 to \$200,400 and the FY10 assessment will increase by another 9.3% to \$219,060.

##### **Massachusetts Municipal Manager’s Meeting**

- (CB) and Veteran’s Agent attended an informative meeting on the role of communities when a local resident is Killed-in-Action.

##### **MIIA**

- MIIA has offered us a 2-year guaranteed 5% rate decrease on our property, liability and Workers Compensation insurance, by signing to stay with MIIA for these years.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept this offer from MIIA. Unanimous.

##### **Gasoline and Diesel Bids**

- Bill’s Garage of Rutland was the only bidder for the contract to supply gas and diesel to the Town for FY08 at a discount of \$0.05 per gallon.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to accept the bid. Unanimous.

## **Town Elections**

- Chief Desrosiers is concerned with the safety of holding elections at Paxton Center School. (CB) stated that he would look into a new location for the elections if the BOS wished. BOS indicated that they did not know of an alternate place at this time, but gave (CB) permission to look into.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to have (CB) look into an alternative location for voting. Unanimous.

## **Council on Aging Windows**

- Estimates of approximately \$500 and \$800 for each of the 7 windows have been received. No funds at this time (FG) could be completed over a period of years.

## **Casella Waste Services**

- Casella Waste Services representatives visited with (CB) to discuss the benefits of Single Stream Waste Recycling and their optional Recyclebank. They have previously met with the BOH.
- (FG) ask that the BOH give an opinion on this.

## **Vadar**

- (CB) Town Accountant and Town Treasurer attended the annual Vadar Clients seminar. Vadar provided a proposal for adding Collector Receipts Turnover and Purchase Order software and support.
- Town Accountant is concerned that the Purchase Order software is expensive.
- BOS would like to be sure that this software would be capable of being used as part of the present Vadar system.

## **Other Items**

### **580 Pleasant Street**

- Light Dept. only department who have showed any interest in the sheds at 580 Pleasant Street.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded to allow the Light Dept to take these sheds. Unanimous.

## **Department Managers Meeting**

- Meeting of the Dept. Managers October 17, 2007. Minutes will be available to the BOS next week.

## **MGL C40 S20 Proposed Bylaw**

- (MQ) provided the BOS with a proposal for a bylaw to address the obstruction of fire lanes. (JM) that they put on next weeks agenda.

## **Fortin Property**

- DCR declared an interest in Fortin parcel, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 2.

- (JM) read aloud the declaration of interest for the 25.4 acres of land located on Route 122 in Paxton and (MQ) signed the Certificate of Announcement.

**Recreation Commission**

- All 5 members have officially resigned from the Recreation Commission.

**Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the resignations with regret. Unanimous.

- (FG) commented that the Recreation budget has depleted 75% of its budget at this time/
- Appoint at next meeting and then hold a meeting with all new members, sports groups and the Fire and Police Chiefs.
- (CB) reported that there have been no problems with parking in the 2 weeks that the access road has been open.
- (FG) need a permanent solution otherwise we will have the same thing happen next year.
- (MQ) that's where the bylaw will help.
- (FG) need classification of the road first.

**Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:40pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant