

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2008

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.

Minutes

- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2007 with two amendments 1. Free Cash correct to (FG) would like to open a discussion on Free Cash utilization. 2. Senior Center received a quote for storm windows for right side of lower floor. Unanimous.

Paxton Public Safety Complex- Update- (Charlie Blanchard)

- Out to bid, over 80 sets of plans have been requested from the Architect.
- Order of Conditions received from Conservation Commission, sent on to Architect to add an addendum.
- Bidders conference 9am January 11th at Fire Department.
- Next Public Safety Committee Meeting January 29th.

Town Administrators Update

Juniper Mist Estate

- Paxton Land Trust contacted about their possible interest in the open space parcel associated with the Juniper Mist Estates Subdivision.

Wachusett Collaborative

- BOS received a letter from the Sterling BOS regarding possibly expanding the Regional BOS meetings into a collaborative. Rosemary Scrivens, CMRPC also wanted to point out that there is collaborative effort as members of MORE.
- (FG) sees this as a chance to work co-operatively and gain economic and regional effort. If 21 towns involved would also be a political force.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to send letter of response to Sterling. Unanimous.

Budget Review Meeting

- Meeting rescheduled from January 19th to January 26th.

Public Safety Complex

- Not economically practical to relocate the steel building from the Fire Dept. to the DPW site. Ambulance will be housed at Paxton Garage during construction and any Fire trucks that need to be inside will be housed at the DPW.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to declare the steel building as surplus property and authorize the Town Administrator to dispose of it in the most cost effective manner.

DLS

- DLS has released the FY07 Average Single-Family Tax Bills and Assessed values. (CB) provided a spreadsheet of the towns in the Wachusett Regional School District.

Other Post Employment Benefits

- The Other Post Employment Benefits determined by the ACOPEB software have been calculated; Auditor and Town Accountant are reviewing for GASB45 compliance. If satisfactory Town will not have to bear the cost of an actuarial study.

State Minimum Wage and Mileage Changes

- New state minimum wage increased to \$8.00 per hour and the IRS standard business mileage rate has increase to 50.5 cents per mile.
- (JM) asked that discussion be deferred until budget discussion.

Bay Path Vocational School

- Informational activities to explain the opportunity to students at PCS to attend Bay Path Vocational School should now be available (CB) asked whether the BOS would like him to enquire as to what is scheduled and if it meets Bay Path expectations.
- The BOS agreed that they would like this enquiry to be made.

Other Business

- (FG) made mention of an event that took place last Thursday whereby the DPW Mechanic helped save the life of an employee at Ahearn's Equipment. He gave CPR until help arrived.
- (JM) asked for time frame completing the Recreation Investigation from (FG) (FG) hoped to complete in the next 2-3 weeks. (JM) provided recommendations received from Town Counsel regarding investigation.
- (JM) asked Finance Committee member whether Finance reviewed the monthly account spreadsheets. Response was not on a regular basis.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 8:00pm Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant