

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2009

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See Attendee List

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2008. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update

- Finished rear framing and end wall apparatus room.
- Started on siding, snow and ice shield in place.
- Masonry in detention area.
- Roughing HVAC.
- Waiting on certification on insulation.
- Windows to be installed by the end of the month.

- (JM) would like to tour the area at a suitable time, (CB) said that he could do this at any time.

Town Administrators Update

CMRPC High Crash Corridors & Locations

- Three Paxton sites shown on this list. The Police Chief would like to add Lower Pleasant Street, near Ledyard Rd.

New Ambulance

- New ambulance received December 28, 2008 and will go into service shortly.

Executive Office of Public Safety

- EOPS has issued guidelines for enforcement of the new non-criminal fines for possession of one ounce or less of marihuana. Chief Derosiers is reviewing these guidelines to determine any actions the Board may need to take in order to enforce this new law.

Burning Permits

- The Town has been granted the ability to issue permits to residents for the burning of debris from the December 11th storm.

Ice Storm

- The Town's request to spend up to \$1.3 million for the cost of repairs, debris removal and other related costs resulting from the December ice storm has been approved by the DOR. This amount does not include the Light Dept.
- (CB) Richard Bedard had mentioned a meeting on January 14th to with MEMA/FEMA to go over the guidelines for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the ice storm. Still trying to get an idea of the amount of debris in the Town from this storm. MEMA has confirmed that procurement laws have to be followed.
- (FG) stated that dumping of debris by private contractors has begun on Franklin Street and Hill Street.
- (MQ) was concerned with the existing piles and whether they were going to be an attractive nuisance to children.
- (JM) asked that we extend an invitation to Rep. Spellane and Sen. Chandler to bring them up to date on FEMA & MEMA.
- (CB) if \$1.3 million is not reimbursed by the state, this will have to be taken care of by the Town.
- (FG) stated that they would be reviewing finances on January 15th and particularly looking at Revenues.

Other Business

Personnel Issues

- (FG) provided the BOS with a policy he had written up for people working at home. BOS will review and provide their comments, this can then be sent over to PAB for inclusion in the Personnel Manual.
- (FG) asked (CB) whether the job descriptions for the TSC office had been sent over to PAB. (CB) stated that they would be sent over this week.
- (FG) need to establish by budget time.

Trash Contract

- Central Mass Disposal has spoken with the BOH and has written that they are willing to make an addendum to the contract pertaining to Single-Stream that they will entertain picking up Single-

Stream recycling with a minimum of six month written notification to CMD but agreed by both parties by December 2011.

- (FG) stated that the contract negotiations were not done effectively and they as a board still need to guide and cooperate with the BOH.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to approve. Unanimous all in favor.**

Ice Storm

- (FG) stated that they had received many thanks for the work during the storm. Communication was commented as being a problem, despite circulating information via the radio station.
- (FG) we now know that the Emergency Plan does work, all departments did a terrific job and Jeff Wentzell, Emergency Manager was tremendous.
- BOS discussed the costs relating to the storm and the need for a RFP to clean up the debris. Deficit spending allowed for Snow & Ice only. Approval for \$1.3 million deficit spending, anything not reimbursed by FEMA/MEMA will be put on the tax rate next year.

Wiring Inspector

- (FG) has provided (CB) with memo regarding events of the storm. (CB) has spoken with the individual and will provide information to the BOS.
- (JM) Water Board has signed the paperwork for a new leased Water Van.
- (JM) Water Board will be conducting a study for a Water Treatment Plant.

WRSD Budget

- Need a recommendation for a member of the BOS to be part of the task force.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Unanimous all in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant