

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 31, 2008

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor**

Mass State Lottery Commission – Proposal – Keno to Go

- BOS had no objection to States proposal to see Keno tickets to go. Purchaser would be expected to go online to find the results of each game.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to raise no objection to this. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard

- Preconstruction meeting took place today. Project to start tomorrow with a completion date of May 26, 2009.
- Groundbreaking will take place April 12, 2008 at 10am.

Town Government Study Committee – Meeting April 3, 2008

- (MQ) referenced the Committee Handbook and stated that the final report of the Government Study Committee had not come before the BOS for acceptance.
- (CB) responded that the committee consisted of all three BOS and that the legislation was the result of the committee's work.
- (MQ) stated that he would like to refer back to the December minutes for the "charge" of the committee and the appointments in February 2007. Also there was a need for the Finance Committee and Moderator to have a say in the legislation and for elected boards to be consulted to see if they agree with how they will fall in with the new Government structure.
- Robert Hall, Chairman of the Town Govt. Committee stated that he had provided Richard Fenton Fincom Chairman with the final report.

- Discussion continued for a while.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to ask (CR) to provide the information (MQ) requested of the charge and the appointments of the Town Govt. Study Committee. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- **Motion and withdrawn by (JM) to place legislation article on ATM warrant.**
- (JM) asked (MQ) whether he saw any reason why the report of the committee would not be accepted, for as he saw it the BOS had been present at these committee meetings and knew of the intentions to have a public hearing and then place article on warrant.
- (MQ) saw no reason why the report would not be accepted by the BOS.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to have a BOS meeting on April 3, 2008 prior to the Town Govt. Study Committee meeting to accept the report of the committee. Unanimous. All in favor.**
- (JM) requested that a member of Finance be represented at their BOS meeting on April 7, 2008.

Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard

Rural Development

- Secured a \$2,000,000 loan allocation for the Public Safety Complex. Maximum interest rate 4.125%.

E- Government Award

- Paxton one of only 85 out of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to earn a 2008 E-Government Award from Mass Campaign for Open Government.

Eagle Scout

- (CB) presented Michael Urbanowski with a Proclamation signed by the BOS at Eagle Scout Award Ceremony on Sunday, March 16th.

GASB 45

- The GASB 45 information requested by the Light Dept. has been given to Diane Dillman for their needs.

Annual Town Meeting Articles

- The articles were presented for review prior to closing the warrant on April 7, 2008. A complete review of the articles will take place at the next meeting.

Other Business

- (MQ) will attend the Lions Club 25th Anniversary on April 5, 2008 and asked that the BOS sign a Proclamation.

Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to sign a letter of Proclamation. Unanimous. All in favor.

Correspondence

- Paxton Assessment for Baypath Vocations School for FY09 is \$163,684.
- Letter from Rutland to Supt. Pandiscio regarding the FY09 WRSD budget.
- Letter from WRSDC to Holden regarding the changes to the Regional Agreement.
- Letter from Rutland to WRSD regarding FY09 Budget.
- Letter from Supt. Pandiscio to Rutland regarding the Polling sites
- Letter to Ethic Commission from Paxton Cemetery Commission.
- Letter from WRSDC regarding articles for inclusion in Town Warrant.

FY09 Budget

- Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in Paxton with regional BOS and Finance Committees to discuss the WRSD budget.
- (FG) believed deficit to be \$162,000 and that they would need to know where the cuts could be made.
- (CB) provided a spreadsheet with estimated increased cost for gasoline, diesel and fuel oil for all dept. (JM) asked that these numbers be included in the budget spreadsheets.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant