

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 17, 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 7:02pm.

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2008. Unanimous.**
- Douglas Briggs and Joseph Becker, Rutland BOS along with Barbara Sbrogna, Fincom attended the meeting.
- Mr. Becker stated that Rutland had serious budget constraints; they could not afford the \$4 million increase in the WRSD budget proposed by the Superintendent and were currently looking at a \$400,000 deficit. They would like to submit a joint proposal from Rutland and Paxton.
- BOS explained that they intended looking at budgets to see what they could afford, and would propose this in a letter WRSD to be sent tomorrow prior to the March 24<sup>th</sup> Assessment letter being sent out by WRSD.
- (JM) asked Rutland where they would like to be?
- Mr. Becker stated that they had been able to pay the requests in the past but now need this year, as a catch up year, did not want to get to a point where the decrease in the budget would result in increased class sizes.
- Reviewed the information provided by Rutland showing how the cuts in the budget would affect WRSD and Rutland.
- (CB) advised the BOS not to use all free cash to fund the WRSD budget, as would be the same scenario next year, also to offer a number that WRSD could work with so as not to stop them talking with both towns.
- Mr. Becker agreed with this comment.

- **Motion (MQ) to request that they drop their Operating Budget (RASA) to \$499,347 for Paxton.**  
**After much discussion. Motion seconded by (FG) all in favor. Unanimous.**
- (CB) stated that this was close to the number Finance has voted of \$498,130 and a joint letter could be sent, if Finance agreed to reflect the same number.
- (JM) stated unless the BOS had any disagreement he would sign a joint letter from BOS and Finance.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to have the chairman sign a joint letter with the Finance Committee Chairman to request an Operating Budget of \$499,347 (RASA) for Paxton. All in favor. Unanimous.**
- (CB) to contact Richard Fenton, Finance Chairman tomorrow and send a letter to WRSD.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant