

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 2, 2008**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

### **Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard**

- Metal Building up at the DPW.
- Foundation completed and backfilled.
- Water line upgraded
- Wetland replication complete
- Site drainage complete
- New road installed
- All work on 122 complete
- Layer of Peat found just below the footings, will need to remove and replace with suitable soil.

### **Carlton Dodge – Paxton Lions**

- Mr. Dodge present to state that they had cancelled their proposed electronic recycling event, as Worcester did a similar event a week before the date they had chosen
- They do plan on having this event later on in the fall. Plans have been worked out with the Police Dept. to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor**

### **Town Meeting Policy**

- (FG) read a proposed policy that he has submitted to Town Counsel for comments.
- (JM) stated will review on receipt of Town Counsel's comment.

### **Policy for Presentations at Town Meeting**

- (FG) stated that every presentation should come before the Town Clerk and recorded as a permanent note.
- (JM) suggested that the Town Meeting should be recorded, which would take care of the record.

- (CB) pointed out that the formal record of a meeting is the article, motion and action, so asked what format we would be keeping.
- (FG) file as a record with the Town Clerk, ought to have a record of what is presented at Town Meeting.
- (FG) will get Town Counsel and Moderators opinion.

#### **Positions Open**

- (FG) suggested using the Town Hall sign to post open positions.
- BOS agreed to this.

#### **Paxton Housing Partnership**

- Martha Akstin provided the BOS with the results of the housing survey, which showed 39 residents who qualify and are interested and 10 not sure whether they qualify, but would be interested.
- Ms. Akstin stated that the PHP wanted to continue pursuing the project and put forward at the next Town Meeting.
- Ms. Akstin was advised to meet with the Planning Board.
- Ms. Akstin asked whether they should contact the Worcester Water Dept. as the acquisition of a further 15 acres could impact them.
- (JM) suggested the Worcester Water Contract should be reviewed.
- (CB) stated that the original vote stipulated that the remaining acres be put under conservation restriction, this was not done. This article may need to be rescinded.

#### **Cemetery Commissioners Letter Distributed at Town Meeting**

- No response from Ms. Breault-Melican at this time.

#### **Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard**

##### **DPW**

- Adam Smith has resigned from the DPW. This position will be advertised.

##### **Shared Services**

- BOS received an invitation from W. Boylston to attend a meeting on June 16th to review shared services. BOS have a meeting that night and suggested that (JM) attend.

##### **DPW**

- Superintendent wishes to use the remainder of FY08 Blacktop money to improve the area around the DPW and extend the pavement to access around and to the new steel building.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept request. Unanimous All in Favor.**
- Superintendent also provided resurfacing work for C90 funds.

### **Grove Street**

- Letter from DEP regarding erosion problems from stormwater at two locations off of Grove Street.
- (CB) provided a copy of the proposal by Mike Putnam, DPW Superintend sent to DEP.
- (MP) stated that this would rectify the erosion problem but not the flow of the water.
- (CB) stated that Guertin, the engineer on the project found no appreciable increase in the water flow.
- (FG) suggested that a copy of the proposal be sent to the residents of the property Mr. Cancelmo and Mr. Cutting for their information.

### **Town Meeting**

- (CB) provided information in respect of Town Meeting procedures for calling a recount of a vote, moving to question and reconsidering a vote.

### **Commonwealth Capital Application**

- (CB) has completed the Commonwealth Capital application for the year and requesting 65 points last year awarded a final score of 50.

### **Painting Needs at John Bauer Senior Center**

- (FG) no volunteer to do this work as earlier thought. (FG) asked (CB) to contact the Sheriffs Dept. to get on their list.

### **Other Business**

- Town Clerk has requested that any official elected at the last Town Election make arrangements to be sworn in.

### **Appointment**

- Town Clerk requested the appointment of Paula Mathieu to the Board of Registrars.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to appoint Paula Mathieu to the Board of Registrars. Unanimous All In Favor.**
- Next meeting at 6pm to walk the access road at the side of Illigs Pond with the Recreation Commission, DPW, Police and Fire Chiefs.

### **Public Session**

- Melinda Johnson suggested that a flyer be sent around PCS with all open Town positions to generate any interest.

### **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Unanimous. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant