

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2008

Members Present: Frederick Goodrich, Chair
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice Chair
John F. Malone, Clerk (Attending W. Boylston Meeting)

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator, (Attending W. Boylston Meeting)

Attendees: See attendee list

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

Access Road to Paxton Center Fields

- (FG) reported that they had walked the access road at Iligs Pond with the Fire Chief, Police Chief, DPW Superintendent, Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission and have laid out plans to resolve problems. All committees involved in as what has to be done.
- DPW will lay out a plan and (FG) will publish and move on from there. There will be no parking on the access road to the Paxton Center Fields.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of June 2, 2008 with two amendments. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update – Frederick Goodrich

- Progress continues to be made.
- Committee meets in two weeks
- New road is working out.
- Footings laid.

Request for Sign 29 South Street – Lisa Burwell

- Resident requesting a "Caution Blind Drive" sign be put up near her property on 29 South Street.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to request that the Police Chief and DPW Superintendent take a look at the area and give their opinion. If in agreement then erect the sign. Unanimous All in Favor.**

Town Accountant Appointment

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to reappoint the Town Accountant. Unanimous all in Favor.**

FY09 Reappointments (attached)

- Board of Appeals - **(FG) made a motion seconded by (MQ) that due to the recent resignation of James Bradbury, Richard Grensavitch should move up as regular member. Unanimous all in Favor.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept all the reappointments on the FY09 Appointment List. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard

Masterplan

- Last public meeting on the final proposed draft will be held after summer with the acceptance of the plan in early fall. CMRPC has drafted a no cost change order Amendment #1 to extend the date for the completion of services to December 31, 2008.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to authorize the BOS chairman to sign the agreement. Unanimous all in favor.**

USDA

- Letter received from USDA indicating that the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan submitted by the Town Administrator has been accepted and the Town is in compliance until March 25, 2011.

Grove Street

- Letter received from DEP states that the work proposed by Mike Putnam to remedy the erosion in the two areas of Grove Street identified by the DEP has been accepted and must be completed by the end of August.

COLA

- Last year the 3% increase was placed in the compensation line items of each department and considered to be a merit based increase. This year the Finance Committee in their report identified it as a 3% COLA adjustment. Performance reviews will be conducted and the 3% increase will be applied as a COLA adjustment to all non-contract employees.

Trash Fees

- The trash fees have generated approximately \$238,500 in each of the past two years. FY09 anticipates the need for revenues of \$262,962 to achieve this figure the monthly trash fee must be increased from \$13.30 to \$14.80.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to increase the monthly trash fee from \$13.30 to \$14.80 effectively July 1, 2008. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Public Session

- Melinda Johnson asked the BOS whether or not a letter of apology had been received from Ms. Melican.
- (FG) responded that not as yet.
- Ms. Johnson responded that maybe they should just ask for a letter of apology to the BOS and Town, and not include her family.

- (FG) said that he already had.

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 7:44pm. Unanimous. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant