

**Town of Paxton  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 30, 2008**

Members Present: Frederick 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.

**Motion MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2008 with one amendment. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

**Public Safety Update**

- Foundation poured.
- Framing to take place August.
- Steel erection this week at DPW.
- Slab poured.
- Project on schedule

**Liaison Assignments (attached)**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the liaison assignments. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

**Open Positions**

- Alfred Niemi requesting to be appointed to the Historical Commission.
- **Motion (FG) seconded to appoint Alfred Niemi to the Historical Commission. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Anita Fenton to the Paxton Housing Partnership. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

**Regional Meeting – West Boylston**

- Discussion centered on shared services and West Boylston asked Paxton to participate.

- The Shared Services Committee indicated that patterned after the Franklin Council Government and Union County New Jersey Study.
- Regional Committee would be responsible for filling positions in towns as they became open.
- (CB) Union County NJ saw no savings with regionalizing.
- Next meeting July 14, 2008.

### **Single Stream Recycling**

- (CB) proposed contract received from BOH through Town Service Coordinator. Town Counsel has provided a letter which points out that although the BOH has jurisdiction over the collection of solid waste through their permit-granting authority under MGL C111 S31A it is the BOS under MGL C40 S4 that has the authority to negotiate further with the firm they recommend or with other firms if so desired.
- **Motion to take under advisement until reviewed contract and meet with the BOH. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- (FG) asked (CB) to see if a delay would result in any curtailment of services.

### **Town Administrators Update- Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator**

#### **Town Accountant**

- Town Accountant has resigned effective July 11, 2008. Opening has been advertised extensively and a copy of advertisement sent to 28 surrounding communities to see if there is any interest.

#### **Open Positions**

- A flyer outlining all the open positions on boards and committees (at the suggestion of Melinda Johnson) was sent home with PCS students.

#### **Wachusett Earthday**

- Letter received from Wachusett Earthday requesting the BOS to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Wachusett Earthday Collection Center and process the invoice for FY09
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement and approve the payment. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

#### **Congress McGovern's Office**

- Congress McGovern's office informed that \$300,000 has been included in the FY09 budget for the new Paxton Safety Complex and is working hard to make sure that this request is funded.

#### **Website**

- An on line poll was conducted on the website asking whether or not the Town Meeting Warrant should be mailed to households in Paxton. Of the 33 people that responded 55% said NO and 45% said Yes.

### **Other Business**

#### **Vadar**

- Vadar agreed to rewrite the agreement to be consistent with the money appropriated in FY09 Budget. FY10 and FY11 will include the amount of the increase for all three years.

- (JM) would like to have representatives from Vadar appear at the next meeting to explain the 18% increase in the new contract.

#### **Town Accountant Open Position**

- (JM) suggested that (CB) prescreen applicants and then interview top five suitable applicants.
- (FG) would like to see all resumes and interview in executive session.

#### **Landry Ride for Breast Cancer**

- Barbara Landry will be completing a ride from New Hampshire Montreal and be arriving on her first stop on July 17th in Paxton.

#### **Complaint**

- (JM) had received a complaint of a responder traveling at an unsafe speed to answer a call; (JM) asked the (CB) have a word with the Fire Chief.

#### **Letter of Apology**

- (FG) confirmed that he still had not received a letter of apology from Lois Breault and that no action could be taken to force one.

#### **Brigham Rd**

- (MQ) stated that he had noticed trash dumped in the woods at end of Brigham Rd.

#### **Public Session**

- Robert Hall stated that felt that the Fire Station sign on Pleasant St should be temporarily located to Holden Rd, where the Fire Dept. is currently housed.
- (JM) added that a new DPW sign should be erected at the entrance of the Highway Dept. similar to the ones at other Town buildings.
- (MQ) suggested putting Mass Moderators Laws on the cable channel.
- Robert Hall suggested that BOS were preempting what the moderator will say.
- (FG) stated that they would wait for the Moderator to provide information.

#### **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Respectfully submitted

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant