

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 1, 2005

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman, Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair
John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2005. Unanimous.

Special Town Meeting

- (FG) with the exception of Rutland all Towns are subjecting WRSD additional budget request to an override.
- (MQ) advised that the BOS should be prepared to give a presentation at the STM.
- (JM) need to lay out the facts that the Town cannot continue to support the school at the rate of increase, school has been supported in the past at the expense of the Town.
- BOS suggested that (CB) contact Richard Fenton to get information ready for STM.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) not to recommend the approval of 2½ override for an additional sum of \$132,557 for the FY06 WRSD budget. Unanimous.

Correspondence

- Letter from Alice Livdahl advising that cost of full forensic audit would be \$100,000.
- Legal Correspondence regarding required destruction of personal data.

Town Administrators Update

Anna Maria College

- College is requesting three light poles on Grove St, Harrington Way and Pond Street. (CB) recommended authorizing the placement of these poles.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to allow poles to be placed as requested, adjacent to Right of Way. Unanimous.

Chapter 90 Reimbursement

- Forms prepared for reimbursement for the paving of Richards Avenue. (CB) recommend that the BOS sign these forms.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to sign forms for reimbursement. Unanimous.

Request for Street Light

- Bruce Bazinet, 100 Laurel Street requesting a light at the corner of Terrace Place and Laurel Street.
- (CB) recommending that location is reviewed to determine if the placement of a light is necessary.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to take under advisement until (FG) has a chance to view the area. Unanimous.

Merit Based Pay

- BOS have put aside 1% of wages for merit based compensation.
- (CB) recommending motion to authorize the Town Administrator to establish mutually agreed goals and objectives for exempt employees reporting to him to compensate these employees with an amount not to exceed 1% if goals & objectives attained.
- (CB) recommending motion authorizing the BOS Chairman to initiate the same process for the Town Administrator.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to authorize both motions. Unanimous.

Cable TV Equipment

- Cable and Communication Committee have reviewed equipment for first phase of the cable bulletin board upgrade.
- (CB) recommending motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$16,625 from the Charter PEG account for the first phase of the cable station upgrade.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to recommend expenditure from the Charter PEG account. Unanimous.

Other Items

- (CB) PCS window bid has been advertised and bids will be opened August 24, 2005.
- (CB) PC Plus will discuss process for designing network on August 3, 2005.
- (CB) Knight Security will begin the installation of the Town Hall security system on August 10, 2005.
- (CB) met with Steve Wallace of CMRP, Chris Baehrecke and Nancy Wilby to start process of Commonwealth Capital Grant.
- (CB) met with Debbie Shriver and Ed Himlan to discuss application for the EOEA Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant.
- Rick Trifero, Building Commission and Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent have worked out a procedure that allowed the Superintendent to have an input into driveway curb cuts on ANR and single lots prior to issue of building permits.

Other Business**Dog Fine – Therese Bresolin, 105 Suomi Street**

- Ms. Bresolin present to object to a \$25 fine for not licensing her dog, she stated that she was unaware of the procedures and that she had not received a notice to inform her that the license was due.
- Ms Bresolin has lived in Town four years and owned a dog for two years; she is now aware of the procedures and will ensure that her dog is licensed by March 31st each year.
- Ms. Bresolin received the fine on June 16, 2005 and licensed her dog on June 22, 2005, prior to late fee

being due on July 1, 2005.

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) as dog licensed prior to late fee, on this occasion waiver the \$25 fine. Unanimous.
- (FG) would like to see more consistency between Town Clerk late fees and Dog Officer's issue of fines.

Recreation

- Commission Members Linda McKay and Andrew Serrato present to request the revised payroll be signed to include Andrew Masterman, son of Craig Masterman, Parks Director.
- (FG) stated that he was against the hiring of relatives by relatives.
- Linda McKay responded that hiring was by the Recreation Committee not the Director and that it was filed with Ethics.
- (FG) asked that the matter be addressed at the next BOS meeting.

911

- BOS requested that (CB) follow up with the Police Chief as to when 911 equipment would be installed at the Paxton Police Department.

Appointment

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Elizabeth Hubbard to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Unanimous.

Public Session

- Chris deMarcken, Finance Committee member reminded the BOS that under C41 §60 the Finance Committee sets the budget.
- (CB) will look up laws pertaining to this.

Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant