

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 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 7:04pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2005 with one amendment. Unanimous.

Bay Path Vocational School

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to appoint Robert Wilby as a Bay Path Vocational School Representative for a two year term. Unanimous.

Special Town Meeting August 9, 2005

- (FG) does not believe that the Towns have a school budget; unable to set the tax rate until this resolved.
- (MQ) consider issuing estimated tax bills based of half of last year's bill.
- (JM) feels that there is a budget, all five towns have voted.
- (FG) there are two issues 1. Based on STM votes is there a budget. 2. What date the thirty day period starts for the School Committee to returning with a new budget.
- BOS discussed writing a letter to DOR and DOE for clarification of STM vote.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (FG) to take the action of writing to DOR and DOE with the four other towns who agreed to article 1 of the STM to clarify whether a there is valid school budget that they can use. Unanimous.
- (JM) give the School Representatives a chance to sign the letter.
- (FG) the initial proposal to write this letter came from Holden.

Town Administrators Update

Hiring of Family Members

- (CB) the liability falls on the employee. Consider hosting a Conflict of Interest Seminar rather than changing the policy.
- (FG) has no problem with a seminar, has a problem with not advertising a position.
- (CB) consider a policy for advertising positions including vacant committee positions.

TEA-21 Funding Program

- (CB) Paul Guertin has arranged for Arthur Frost of Mass Highway to inspect the roads on September 29, 2005 which might qualify for the program.

Merit Based Award Goals

- (CB) has sent memo to exempt employees regarding the merit plan with suggested goals.

Senior Municipal Service Program

- (CB) three positions at the Police Dept, DPW and with Treasurer/Collector/Clerk have been identified. Recommending motion to approve the work in these departments.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve this work. Unanimous.

Other Items

- CORI requested further information for certification – this has been submitted.
- Twelve Bids Specifications have been requested for the PCS replacement windows.
- PC Plus Technologies visited August 10, 2005, a preliminary design should be ready for review within the next two weeks.
- Diane Dillman, Light Department Manager called regarding a request from the Recreation Commission for six light poles to erect nets at the Grove Street Fields. No consideration was given to Guy lines; this could present a safety issue.
- (FG) asked that Recreation is contacted and asked to come back with a plan that has considered the safety aspects.
- (JM) reminded that the abutters should be informed of any changes taking place at the fields.
- (CB) asked for clarification as to whether the compensatory time memo dated March 22, 2002 is still in place.
- (FG) responded that it was and that no compensatory time should be earned or used without the Supervisors approval.
- (CB) would like to have a brief Executive Session after the Regular Meeting to discuss deployment of security .

Correspondence

- Conservation Commission requesting the appointment of Michael Voorhis and Eric Howe to replace Elise Barry and Robert Bertin.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the appointments of Michael Voorhis and Eric Howe to the Conservation Commission. Unanimous.
- Town Clerk requesting the appointment of June Herron as a Registrar.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint June Herron as a Registrar. Unanimous.
- Resignation received from Dory Huard from the Council on Aging Board.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the resignation with regret.
- Letter from WRSD regarding excess loam that will become available, Invitation to Bid will sent out in due course.

- (FG) this could be of use at the new cemetery and at the pool area.
- Invitation from West Boylston Board of Selectmen to a meeting on September 8, 2005.
- (JM) would like to invitations sent out to state representatives and see school budget on the agenda.
(FG) will call West Boylston.

Other Business

- (FG) asked for the status on the FY05 year end closing of the books.
- (CB) all information has been handed over to the Auditor.

Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to go into Executive Session at 8:35pm to discuss Town Hall Security, meeting will only return to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:01pm. Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant