

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

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

Attendees: See attendee list

The meeting was called to order at 7:01.p.m.

## **Minutes**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2005, with two amendments. Unanimous.

## **Patrolman Appointment**

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Ralph Scala, as a Full-Time Patrol pending successful physical and fitness test. Unanimous.

## **Wilde Wood Drive – Gladhill Associates**

- Mark Wilde present to request that the Town plows Wilde Wood Drive this winter, road is complete and has been plowed for the past three years by the developer.
- Gladhill Associates missed the last Town Meeting to have the road accepted by the Town.
- The BOS heard from the DPW Superintendent, Police Chief and Fire Chief, all agreed that Mark Wilde had worked well with the Town to create the development.
- Jay Conte, Fire Chief stated that Mr. Wilde was good enough to allow his department to use framed houses on the development for training, and that the developers equipment would not plow sufficiently to allow their ladders to reach the houses on the street; should there be a fire.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to make a one time exception to plow an unaccepted road; subject to a favorable report from the Planning Board of their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for the acceptance by the Town at the next Town Meeting. Unanimous.

## **Camp Pike Residents – Plowing**

- The BOS heard from the DPW Superintendent, Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding the condition of Camp Pike Rd
- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent stated that the right of way needs to be at least 12 feet wide with wider shoulders, surface regraded and a turnaround.
- Fire Chief Jay Conte told of the problems he has accessing the right of way, usually resulting in damage to his department's trucks. In the case of an emergency he would have to send in a smaller truck to rescue residents as insufficient room for his new ladder truck.
- Police Chief Desrosier stated that it was an "at risk situation".
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to advise residents that the right of way must be brought up to an

acceptable condition before allowing the Town to plow as a private road. Unanimous.

- Chiefs and DPW Superintendent asked to provide a definition of what exactly is needed so that all Town vehicles can access the right of way.
- (CB) to prepare the letter and have Town Counsel review.

#### **Rutland Regionalization**

- (FG) provided information from a meeting with Rutland Fire Chief Ruchala.
- All agreed to continue to discuss regionalization with surrounding Towns.

#### **Cemetery Commission**

- Defer to next meeting for candidate to attend the meeting.

#### **Regional School Caucus**

- (FG) and (MQ) to attend on November 22, 2005 along with (CB) and Rich Fenton, Finance Committee.

#### **Stray Cat Policy**

- (CB) to contact Animal Control Officer and ask that he attends the next meeting to establish if a problem has occurred since requesting residents pay for stray cats to be taken to the Worcester Animal League.

#### **Town Administrators Update**

##### **Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant**

- (CB) the Town's has been awarded a grant for \$10,200 to implement an Open Space Residential Bylaw and Storm Water Control Bylaw by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

##### **PCS Windows**

- (CB) Submittal drawings received, an installation schedule will be established.

##### **PHP**

- (CB) A request for proposals for professional consulting services to assist the development of 20 units advertised.

##### **Master Plan Updates**

- (CB) Joint meeting arranged with the BOS and PL. Bd. for November 21, 2005.

##### **Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts**

- (CB) Attended a seminar by the Inspector General's office on public procurement.

##### **Association of Town Finance Committees**

- Attended the annual meeting and workshop for the of Association of Town Finance Committees on November 3, 2005.

##### **PC Plus Technologies**

- (CB) Design received for the new network, will meet with Charter to see if additional direct fiber connection would be cost effective.

#### **Other Business**

- Town Counsel concurs that BOS has not abandoned Pine Street, residents need to work out with the abutters.
- Town Accountant has provided a warrant schedule and contact information.
- Legal Correspondence regarding Medicare D. (FG) would like to see concise and clear information sent to retirees.

- Dr. Pandiscio will meet the BOS on December 19, 2005.
- Informed by owner that 580 Pleasant Street may be going on the market for sale. (CB) This could have an impact on the purchasing of 15 West Street regarding compliance with Chapter 30B Section 16e.
- Letter from Paxton Youth Soccer thanking Craig Masterman, Parks Director for job well-done.

#### **13-15 Cutler Road**

- Gary Goldberg, resident on Cutler Rd present to discuss Cutler Rd and the recommendation made by the Planning Board for the Town to retain ownership of 13-15 Cutler Rd.
- (CB) has discussed this with Neil Bagdis and should the residents be successful to take this land at a Town Meeting it would result in the adjacent properties becoming non-conforming lots.
- After a discussion it was determined that the BOS take under advisement until (CB) contact Town Counsel for advice.

#### **Public Session**

- Melinda Johnson requested clarification for comments made about her by (FG) at the previous meeting.
- (FG) responded that he wanted people for the Cemetery Commission with a fresh objective.
- (MQ) added that he believed that the statement made by (FG) at the last meeting was general and not directed at Melinda Johnson.
- Michael Putnam, DPW Superintendent stated that he would like to have been present for the appointment of the Cemetery Commissioner; appointees need to be made aware of rules and responsibilities of the cemetery.

**Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 9:25pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative  
Paxton Board of Selectmen