

**Town of Paxton  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 22nd, 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 (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

**Tax Tax Levy Public Hearing**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to open the Tax Levy Public Hearing at 7:05pm Unanimous All in Favor.**

**Factor 1 v/s Chapter 797 Tax Formula**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept Factor 1. Unanimous All in Favor.**

**Open Space Discount**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to give no Open Space Discount. Unanimous All in Favor.**

**Residential Exemption**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to give no Residential Exemption Discount. Unanimous All in Favor.**

**Commercial Exemption**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to give no Commercial Exemption Discount. Unanimous All in Favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to close the Tax Levy Hearing at 7:10pm. Unanimous All in Favor.**

### **Public Hearing National Grid- Larry Schuyler**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to open the National Grid Public Hearing at 7:11pm Unanimous All in Favor.**
- Larry Schuyler explained that currently Rutland has a very poor voltage and consequently has service problems. By erecting this pole on Rockland Street, Paxton: the problem should be resolved.
- There will be a switching system at Rt56 and will be underground for safety.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to allow and sign the petition. Unanimous all in Favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to close the National Grid Hearing at 7:15pm. Unanimous All in Favor.**

### **Regional Finance Meeting**

- (CB) stated that Richard Fenton had contacted him and decided not to attend the meeting, as there was nothing new to report. The State Representatives attended the meeting, and the discussion concerned the further cuts that the Governor could make.
- (CB) stated that there are plans to have a Regional Selectmen's meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rutland.

### **Public Safety Complex Update**

- Currently framing Apparatus Room, wood framing next.
- Still on schedule
- Loan closed on \$2 million UDSA loan
- BAN for \$5 million.

### **Wachusett Regional School District \$6,100,000 General Obligation School Bond**

- (CB) had contacted Peter Brennan, WRSD Comptroller and was told that the Towns were being asked to sign this Disclosure Certificate for the \$6,100,000 Bond as a result of the more recent credit situation and to show commitment through the community.
- Annual report is not required. The WRSDC will take a vote on this on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The reduction to the towns is \$166,000 debt exclusion.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to sign the Agreement. Unanimous All in Favor.**

### **Town Service Coordinator – Office Assistance Required.**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to MGL c. 268A and grant Susan Stone an exemption from Section 20 of Chapter 268A in order to provide temporary part-time coverage in the office of the Town Services Coordinator. Unanimous All in Favor.**

### **First Congregational Church Request to Use Erect Signs on the Town Common**

- Request by the Church to erect signs on the Common to advertise the Cook Out and Yard Sale, on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to allow. Unanimous. All in Favor**

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

##### **Police Department**

- Chief Desrosiers requesting approval to appoint senior Patrolman Mark Savasta as Temporary Acting Sergeant and move him to the 11:00pm to 7:00am shift while Sgt Reilly is on Injured on Duty status.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) to accept Chief Desrosiers recommendation and appoint Mark Savasta to Temporary Acting Sergeant. Unanimous. All in favor.**

##### **Dispatch Appointments**

- Chief Desrosiers accepted the recommendations of Sgt. Lang to appoint Christopher Bergeron as Full –Time Dispatcher, Timothy Sweeney and Michael Tarchini as Part-Time Dispatchers and Sean Cooney from Full-Time to Part-Time Dispatcher.
- **Motion to appoint Christopher Bergeron as Full –Time Dispatcher, Timothy Sweeney and Michael Tarchini ad Part-Time Dispatchers and Sean Cooney as Part- Time Dispatcher.**

##### **DCR Workshops**

- **Three workshops that may be of interest to the BOS.**

##### **Storage of RV**

- Building Inspector has reached a decision on the complaint about the storage RV and a boat on Camelot Drive. Stored property must comply with Section 4.3.7 of the Zoning Bylaws.

##### **Ambulance Bid**

- Bids received for a new complete Type III Class I ambulance on September 5<sup>th</sup>. These have been reviewed and recommendation is to accept the ambulance from Specialty Vehicles Inc, through Merrimac Capital leasing with an initial payment of \$31,449.92 and ten annual payments of \$14,995 to be paid from the proceeds of the Holden Hospital Fund.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the recommendation. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- The Fire Chief stated that he planned to run each of the (then) two ambulances every other week. Will use donation money to pay for the lease, if the Holden Hospital Fund is not able to fully fund.

##### **Cable Committee – Ray Charette**

- Provided a Cable Summary – per attached.
- Mr. Charette is requesting the use of the space currently utilized by the Fire Dept. in the John Bauer Senior Center once the Fire Dept. relocate to the new Public Safety Complex. It would allow them to set up the equipment and generate more interest in using the equipment and joining the committee.
- (JM) stated that he would like to see the WRSDC meetings televised and a question and answers to the BOS and Town Administrator program created.

- (FG) stated that he would like to see a timeline from the Cable Committee and meet again in January 2009.

### **Special Town Meeting**

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to hold a Special Town Meeting on November 18, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to add an article to the warrant for acceptance of Preliminary Real Estate Tax Bills. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

### **Other Business**

- (FG) Recreation requesting to use the Common to display pumpkins for a week at the end of October. (FG) has spoken with the Police Chief, and he has advised not to use the Common, for safety aspects and vandalism.
- (FG) to respond to Recreation and suggest alternate sites.

### **Public Session**

- Jeff Richards asked if a new Water Van could be requested on the Special Town Meeting. (JM) responded that it is the intention of the Water Commissioners to put an article forward for this item.
- Jeff Richards asked why the new DPW Dump Truck voted for purchasing at the Annual Town Meeting had not been procured.
- (FG) stated that the purchase had been deferred at this time.

**Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant