

**Town of Paxton
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2008**

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

Attendees: See attendee list

Paxton Housing Partnership (PHP) Article

- (MQ) read aloud the Town Counsel's suggested wording for the PHP article and the article wording presented by PHP. The main difference in the two articles wording was that Town Counsel's article gave custody of the 10 acres of Klingele land to the PHP.
- (FG) felt that it was premature to turn over the land to PHP at this stage and include the article as presented by PHP.
- Martha Astkin stated that she preferred a partnership with the BOS and not to have the custody of the land.
- Anita Fenton and Martha Asktin requested that the article be first on the warrant, the BOS felt that it just remain article 5.
- The PHP requested that the article be a joint sponsorship with BOS.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to recommend acceptance of article. (JM) abstained.**
- (JM) stated that he had a problem with the further requested 20 acres being used for anything but Watershed Protection, even for the use of the sewage system for the project.
- (CB) advised that a conservation restriction would keep the land protected.
- (MQ) had a problem with where exactly the 10 acres of designated land was, on the Klingele property.
- (CB) reminded PHP that they needed a plan on file by October 31st, as that was the date of the posting of the warrant that states that there is a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

- (JM) stated that the Watershed Protection was an important issue in some parts of town and asked whether this was the only possible site for the project.
- Martha Astkin stated that she was not going to consider other land until this property was denied.
- (FG) stated that he had requested that Town Counsel provide a step-by-step list of what is needed from now until the building of the project.
- **(MQ) rescinded his motion to recommend the article at Town Meeting.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation on the article at Town Meeting. (JM) abstained.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) that the article be sponsored by the PHP. Unanimous. All in Favor.**
- Joanne Savignac requested that the PHP see any information provided by Town Counsel.
- Anita Fenton requested that Town Counsel define the legal definition of “open and undeveloped”.

Town Warrant

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to include article 6 sponsored by BOS and the Tax Collector for an increase in the charge put on demands. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Community Preservation Act

- (CB) asked whether the BOS would like to consider adding a further article to approve the Community Preservation Act as recommended by the Master Plan. BOS chose not to include the article.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 17, 2008. Unanimous. All in Favor.**

Ambulance Lease

- Town Counsel requesting that the BOS take a vote to authorize Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman, or Charles T. Blanchard, Town Administrator, to execute and deliver a Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement (Lease No: ME1415-01) for a 2008 Ford E450 EMS Ambulance Vehicle, substantially in the form attached and upon such other terms and conditions which are acceptable to either the Chairman or the Town Administrator.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept . Unanimous all in favor.**

Long Horn Beetle

- The emergency funding request for the first year of the eradication program (\$30 million) is currently before the Office of Management Budget, and Congressman McGovern is doing everything to get it approved.

Other Business

- Boy Scout Troop 105 is requesting to put up signs along Rt122 and Rt31 to advertise their Thanksgiving pie sale.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) with proviso that they are taken down in a timely manner. Unanimous all in Favor.**
- Letters from Susan Stone and Rosemary Buckley to the Town Clerk that they are prepared to work the polls on Election Day at a rate of \$8.50.
- (FG) stated that these were to be filed with the Town Clerk.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant