

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Monday, November 21, 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 7:02.pm.

Senator Chandler

- Sen. Harriette Chandler asked for any concerns from the BOS.
- (FG) stated Senior Housing, Regionalizing and School Budget.
- Sen. Chandler reminded of the Regional School Caucus taking place 11/22/05. Dispatching, a good place to start for regionalizing. Consider 40R for housing – economic overlay district, removing zoning and create dense zoning and 40S additional children from 40R are reimbursed by the state through a formula.

Master Planning

- Steven Wallace, CMRPC through a PowerPoint presentation for the BOS and Planning Board gave an overview of the master plan process.
- A Master Plan should be sponsored by the Planning Board, and is usually done by working with the BOS and Town Administrator to appoint a Master Planning Committee.
- Master plans generally take approximately two years to create and are good for ten years depending upon the economic changes of the town.
- The benefits of having a Master Plan are that the town has a better bond rating, receives bonus points on State grant applications and puts the town in a better position to negotiate C40B proposals with developers.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2005, with three amendments. Unanimous.

Cemetery Commission Appointment

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Scott Goodrich to the Cemetery Commission until the next town election in May 2006. (JM) abstained.

Insurance Advisory Commission

- Members of the Insurance Advisory Committee recommended retaining Lively Insurance as the Town's brokers and to renew the current health insurance policy for 2006.
- (FG) discuss in Executive Session.

American Legion 306

- Chris deMarcken representing the American Legion informed the BOS of the problems that Legon was having with drainage and asked whether the Legion could possibly buy piping through the Town and even consider requesting that the DPW do the work and the Legion pay for the labor.
- (JM) would like to take under advisement to evaluate the problems, and request (CB) look into the cost and the legal aspects.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to table. Unanimous.

Town Administrators Update

PCS Replacement Windows

- School Administration requesting two additional window replacements in the bathroom and electrical room at the school amounting to a further \$6,150.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept additional windows as part of the contract. Unanimous.

Surplus DPW Equipment

- Bids received. (FG) stated that the DPW Superintendent would like to withdraw the Dodge 1997 as bid was lower than he feels the vehicle is worth; could use as a back-up.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to accept the bid without the Dodge 1997. Unanimous.
- (JM) suggested revisiting in the spring if the vehicle does not pass inspection.

Technical Assistance Grant

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to sign the EOE Technical Assistance Grant for Stormwater and Open Space Residential Development. Unanimous.

Camp Pike Road

- Reviewed draft letter that will be issued to residents regarding the road, when reviewed by Town Counsel.

Animal Control Officer

- (CB) ACO has not reported any requests for pick up since the policy of prepaying the Animal Rescue League.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the policy as put forth by the ACO (that residents requesting cats be picked up must pay for the Animal Rescue League fee, currently at \$75.00 before the cat is picked up by the ACO). Unanimous.
- (CB) received the monthly report from the Building Inspector.

Correspondence

- Memo from Chief Conte regarding recent purchase of snow mobiles.
- Letter of resignation received from Judy Pingitore from the Finance Committee.
- Letter from Holden Finance Committee to the WRSD outlining what the Town can afford for a school budget FY07.
- Request by Colleen Sullivan for a one-day victualler license to operate a sausage stand on December 11, 2005.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to grant permission to sell sausage one-day only. Unanimous.
- Request by Anita Fenton to appoint a new member to the Cultural Council.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (MQ) to follow the procedure and post the vacancy.

- Letter from Lincoln Environmental informing of a oil tank problem at a residence on Forestdale Rd.
- (FG) requested that (CB) check that the correct procedure had been used in this incident.

Other Business

- (JM) informed BOS that there had been a major water break on West Street.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting at 8:57pm and go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 39m, S. 23B sections 3 and 6 to discuss strategy for health insurance and to consider the purchase of 15 West Street meeting will only return to the Regular meeting for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous.

Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to adjourn meeting at 10.10pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen