

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2008**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: Jeffery Wentzell, Emergency Manager

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **Excavation and Trench Safety**

- Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent prepared a plan to comply with the new Massachusetts Law regarding Excavation and Trench Safety, which is to go into effect on 3/1/09

**Motion (JM), seconded (FG) to accept. Unanimous All in Favor.**

### **EOPS and MEMA Conference**

- Statewide conference call today with EOPS and MEMA to discuss the status of the statewide ice storm emergency and the procedures to be followed during the recovery process once the emergency respond period is over. Preliminary Assessment Damage Report (PDA) submitted yesterday. A second package was sent out today to help in the calculation of the cost of the cleanup and the procedures to be followed to obtain contracts for this cleanup work.
- Team will be visiting Paxton tomorrow.

### **Ice Storm**

- (JM) asked if there was a contract for clean up, as he received a call today that we had one.
- (FG) responded that there was not a contract, just what we have defined as a response to the emergency.
- (CB) stated that he had contacted Northern Tree Co. for the bill for the work that took place over the weekend.

- (CB) there has to be damages of \$8.3 million to trigger state funding, would be funded by FEMA (75%) and MEMA (25%).
- (JW) stated that he would be speaking with David Glazebrook at MEMA for guidance.
- (FG) stated that they had got the message out over radio broadcast that the Town would not be responsible for property debris and brush.
- (MQ) crews have cleared debris away where in the ROW.
- Judy Hatstat and Red Cross made an assessment of the shelter, and it will close after this evening, catering company is out of resources.
- (FG) will get an update from the Light Dept tomorrow morning as to where they are for restoring power to the area.
- BOS discussed a situation that occurred during the storm between the Wiring Inspector and a resident, (FG) stated that the Light Dept. stepped in and fixed the repair problem. (FG) will provide information for (CB) to review and to determine what action to take regarding the Wiring Inspector.
- (JM) in February would like to see a summary of events and have a list of accommodations for all involved, to be read out at Annual Town Meeting.

#### **WRSD Budget**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to advise the WRSDC that RASA for FY10 is \$0.00. (MQ) abstain at this time as not prepared.**
- (JM) no reason for RASA if paying minimum contribution, confirm that Finance Committee is in agreement to this.
- (FG) possible override for school budget.

#### **Next Meeting**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to not have a meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup> but have the next regular meeting on January 5, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

**Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular and Executive Meeting minutes of December 1, 2008. Unanimous all in Favor.**

**Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant