

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See Attendee List

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of January 5, 2009. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update

- Plumbing, wiring and inside work being done.
- Roof will be complete next week.
- Radios being quoted
- Phone vendor chosen
- Furnishing complete
- BOS and Richard Bedard agreed to tour the Public Safety Complex site on February 7th at 9am.

Training Room at the Public Safety Complex

- Richard Bedard expressed his concern for the anticipated use of the Training room. He did not consider it appropriate to use as a community meeting room as this would need custodial coverage. There will be no police coverage in the evenings.
- Chief Desrosiers stated that he saw privacy problems; people being present in the lobby area following community meetings at the same time as individuals seeking police, fire or medical attention.
- Chief Conte added that the parking lot was insufficient to accommodate large meeting crowds in addition to public safety officials. Only parking for 40 vehicles.
- The existing Police Station could eventually be used for meetings and community use.

- (FG) stated that he would like to know that they could use the room for an important meeting, and that it was understood that it would be the Emergency Command Center should this be needed.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the policy provided by Richard Bedard for the use of the training room at the new Public Safety Complex. On the understanding that it could be revised at a later date.**

Town Hall Renovation Committee

- (FG) stated that he had asked the committee to look into the needs of committees and other groups regarding their space needs. Areas to include the John Bauer Senior Center and Fire Workout area, current Police Station and Town Hall.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to rename the committee the Town Buildings Needs Study Committee. Unanimous. All in Favor**

Update on FEMA/MEMA

- Officials attended the FEMA/MEMA meeting to learn how to complete forms for the grant application following the December 2008 Ice Storm.
- (CB) also attended a presentation by Becks Disaster Recovery, who he believes will be hired by the ten community Light Departments to gather and process the information necessary to submit the claim to FEMA & MEMA.
- FEMA will be contacting (CB) on Monday, January 26th to set up a kick off meeting with FEMA with a project officer and Town officials.
- Adam Smith to provide an activity report of the ice storm.
- The Town is in the process of completing the relevant forms for submission to FEMA. There are guidelines to follow for hiring contractors. FEMA has stated that they will try to get reimbursements out this year.

Personnel Policy

- Defer to next meeting

Wachusett Regional School District Task Force

Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Michael Quinlivan as representative to the WRSD Budget Advisory Task Force. Unanimous all in favor.

Town Administrators Update

Federal Economic Stimulus Program

- Three Paxton projects were submitted to Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray in response to his request: Town Hall Renovation - \$2,000,000, Water Filtration Plant - \$5,000,000 and Rt 31 Holden Road Rehabilitation --\$2,000,000.

Other Business

- (FG) would like to set up a meeting on January 31st for Dept. Managers and Committee Chairs to attend to go over the financial difficulties facing the FY10 budget., would like the Finance Committee to be present also. Should know the 9C cuts by that time.
- (CB) First Excise Taxes commitment is down by \$100,000, also expecting to loose \$50,000 in taxes from Kettlebrook Golf Course filing Chapter 61 for their land.
- (CB) memo went out to departments today advising of \$510,000 deficit at this time for FY10, this deficit even with a level funded School budget.
- (FG) requested that (CB) follow up with the Treasurer to ensure borrowing is completed.
- Discussed the Sheriffs Department
- Executive Session deferred to next meeting, when all BOS members are present.

Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Unanimous all in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant