

# Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2009

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 7:10pm.

### Town Administrators Update

#### DPW

- Matt Benoit's probationary period has been successfully completed and DPW Superintendent recommends the end of the probationary period.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to confirm that Matt Benoit's probation period is over and is now a full time employee. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### DPW Evaluations

- Mike Putnam has completed all of his employee evaluations for the year and has made step adjustments, where earned, within the FY09 wage appropriations.

#### FEMA

- First draft of the Town's project worksheet for the emergency work performed during the ice has been submitted to the FEMA Project Officer for his review. The total amount of the claim is \$655,287.76.

### FY10 Budget Review

- (JM) stated that he had reviewed the budget sheets and was ready to make cuts amounting to \$649,054:

1129 -TSC	Reduce by	\$21,153	(hours of TSC)
1151- Legal	Reduce by	\$15,000	
1180 - PHP	Reduce by	\$30,000	
1210 - Police	Reduce by	\$45,000	(one employee)
1220 - Fire	Reduce by	\$6,000	(stipends)
1292 - ACO	Eliminate	\$7,066	
1421 - Highway	Reduce by	\$32,000	(one employee)
1424 - Streetlights	Eliminate	\$22,000	
1443 – Waste Collection	Increase Trash Fee	\$257,605	

	to cover cost	
1519 – Animal Insp.	Eliminate	\$450
1610 – Library	Eliminate	\$171,708
1630 – Recreation	Eliminate	\$68,187
1691 – Historical	Eliminate	\$1,050
1910 – Employee Ins.	Cap at 5%	
1541- COA	Eliminate	\$63,650

- (FG) stated that he too had looked into making cuts:

Four Day workweek reduce to 32 hours.

1129 -TSC	Reduce to 24 hours
1421 - Highway	Eliminate blacktop and line painting
1220 – Fire	No change
1443 – Waste Collection	Try to renegotiate the contract
1145- Treasurer	Look at postage & dues for duplication
1161 - Clerk	Look at record storage and reduce Assistants hours
1241 – Building Insp.	Cut back Inspectors money and eliminate Assistant
1151- Legal	Reduce to \$20,000
1424 – Streetlights	Reduce by half
1155 –MIS	Cut out equipment \$1,000
1175 – Planning Bd.	Cut out consultant
1541- COA	Cut hours
1610 – Library	Cut hours
1630 – Recreation	All programs fee based, cut part-time employees
1180 – PHP	Delay –cut \$30,000
1691 – Historical	Calendars fee based and eliminate speakers

- (MQ) stated that he was waiting for the Finance Committee to finish their interviews and then they will get together. But he liked the idea of a four-day week.
- (CB) stated that if the schools were level funded they would be looking at a \$502,987 deficit. There may be a problem raising the trash fee, can't charge more than we pay out. Not unreasonable to request a level funded budget in this economy.
- (JM) stated that he wanted to cause uproar to come up with \$500,000 cuts.
- (FG) stated that he would prefer to see reducing departments rather than closing down departments.
- (CB) Finance has discussed cuts and will present an override. Need to know get to the cuts and go for an override.
- Chris de. Marcken stated that the Finance Chairman doe not feel that enough information is given to the public.

- BOS agreed that they needed to get the message out early as to what cuts are going to be made.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant