

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 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 7:06 pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2005. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2005. Unanimous.

School Caucus – November 22, 2005

- Discussed the meeting that took place and the equalities of the formula for payments to the schools.
- (FG) suggested that (MQ) be the representative for the BOS on the Regional Committee headed by Joe Sullivan of Holden.

School Building Tour November 30, 2005

- (CB) and (FG) toured the new buildings under construction and commented that they moving along, but did not see \$75 million of building.
- Meeting with Roger Hatch to discuss School Budget December 12, 2005 at Central Tree School

Appointment

- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to appoint Mary Kate Gainty to the Cultural Council. Unanimous.

American Legion 304

- (CB) reviewed at the BOS request as to whether money could be expended by the Town to help with the drainage problems at the Legion. MGL C40 §9 states that money can only be appropriated for veteran's organizations for the leasing of space and for celebration of holidays.
- (FG) had visited the property and none of the water that he saw was due to either work by the state or new construction. Town cannot contribute for the cost of rectifying the drainage problem.

Fire Safety act MGL 148

- (CB) do not have too many facilities that would need to enact this law.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to not enact this law. Unanimous.

Town Administrator Update

Technical Assistance Program

- (CB) Memo to BOS regarding assistance available from the Division of Local Services.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to send a letter to the DLS requesting a financial management review of the financial operations and conditions of the Town. (MQ) recused himself as a DOR employee.

Performance Reviews

- (CB) will be conducting performance reviews on employees who report to him.

Lincoln Environmental

- (CB) looked into the oil spill taken care by Lincoln Environmental at 19 Forestdale. Apparently site is clean, DEP will send final report.

Technical Assistant Grant

- (CB) Contract signed and received, need to recruit members for the Stormwater Management and Open Space Bylaws.

Wheelabrator

- (CB) revised proposal from Wheelabrator sent on to the BOH.

Local Emergency Preparedness

- LEP Grant of \$12,000 received for a new generator, apparently a new generator will cost \$20,000 not \$8,500 as expected.
- Discussed and it was determined that this item should go before the Capital Improvement Committee on December 14, 2005, BOS would like further information and if BOS agree will need a STM vote to appropriate further amount for the generator.

Town Hall Renovation

- (CB) received estimates from architectural firms on the cost of performing an assessment of the Town Hall physical condition; this would be not more than \$5,000.

Special Town Meeting

- (CB) requested a STM in early 2006 to consider funding for Town Hall Physical Condition Evaluation, Site Evaluation for Police and Fire Facilities, Master Plan Funding, Additional funding for a emergency generator, vote on establishment of South Paxton Sewer District. This was discussed and BOS agreed to a meeting February or March 2006.

Highway Department

- (CB) DPW Superintendent has completed his evaluation of Gary Richards as Highway Department Working Foreman and both he and (CB) recommend that his probationary period be considered complete and bring his pay rate to \$17.56.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the recommendation. Unanimous.

Other Business**15 West Street**

- (CB) Disclosure of uniqueness and financial disclosure and then wait 30 days before final offer.
- **Motion** (MQ) seconded (JM) relative to the proposed acquisition of real property known as and located at 15 West Street, Paxton, MA, Assessor's Parcel Number Map 18 Lots 3 & 4 (the "Property"), the Board determine that advertising in accordance with the requirements of Section 16 of Chapter 30B of the general laws will not benefit the Town's interest because of the following unique qualities and location of the Property:
- The Property is located adjacent to and between two Town-owned properties, the Paxton Center School and the John Bauer Senior Center municipal building, and, therefore, the Property presents a unique opportunity to acquire land that will enable any future expansion of the school or the municipal building and will also provide adequate land area for the location of any accessory use that the Town may deem necessary. Unanimous.

Hydraulic Report

- (JM) Tata & Howard hydraulic report should be out shortly it will then be presented to the BOS and Fincon.

License Renewals

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to renew the following licenses, the liquor licenses being contingent

upon 304 reports from Building Inspector being formalized. Unanimous.

- Paxton Market Place – Wine & Malt
- Paxton Sports Center - Club
- Paxton Liquor Store – All Liquor
- Anna Maria College - Club
- Kettlebrook Golf Course – Club
- American Legion – Veterans Club

Auto Body Shops

- Paxton Auto

Class II Car Sales

- Paxton Auto
- Paxton Garage
- Willow View Corp.
- South East Auto – Used Car Class II

Common Victuallers

- JLC Donuts Inc.
- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton House of Pizza
- Paxton American Legion
- Paxton Marketplace
- Kettlebrook Golf Course

Video Games

- Paxton House of Pizza

Packaged Goods

- Paxton Sports Center
- Paxton Liquor Store
- Paxton House of Pizza

Above Ground Tanks

- Urbanovitch Farm
- Paxton Town Garage
- Worcester County Memorial
- Kettlebrook Golf Course
- David Farm

Correspondence

- Letter of complaint to the Cable Committee from Dennis Gorman regarding Charter Communications.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant
Paxton Board of Selectmen