

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 30, 2009

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee Sheet

Chairman (FG) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Heroes of the Ice Storm

- (FG) suggested Joe Thompson and Kevin Quinn. (MQ) felt that Adam Smith should receive this recognition as he stepped up and got all the tree crews into to Town. (MQ) left it to the chairman to decide.

FY10 Budget Discussion

- (JM) suggested a public hearing prior to the Town Meeting to give residents a chance to ask questions regarding the budget.
- BOS agreed that this would take place April 27, 2009 if PCS IS available.
- (FG) stated that he would like to see the RASA/Operations figure for WRSD voted separately to the remainder of the budget.
- (FG) would like to show the WRSD growth in budget over the past several years at the ATM.
- (MQ) suggested contacting legal personnel at DOR for guidance.
- (JM) asked whether a citizen at the Town Meeting could vote a different figure than the one provided by WRSD?
- (CB) & (MQ) both agreed that this could take place, but with no affect as the WRSDC has to accept.
- (FG) stated that he would consult Town Counsel on the matter.
- BOS Discussed the WRSD budget and the need for zero RASA and a level funded budget from WRSD.

- (FG) would like the warrant to state that the WRSD budget of (whatever the figure is) is approved provided that Paxton's share does not exceed (whatever figure determined).
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve this wording. Unanimous all in favor.**
- BOS reviewed the differences in the Finance budget figures with regards to the BOS.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Planning Board revised budget of \$966. Unanimous all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

RFQ

- Requests for proposals for the ice storm debris clean up and monitoring of the debris clean up work are being advertised and are due on April 22nd.

Borrowing

- Last week's borrowing included money that was approved last year for the new DPW truck and Town Hall design. DPW truck bid opening April 22nd and Durland Van Voorhis have been selected to do the design work on the Town Hall.

FY10 Budget

- Updated provided of the latest revenue projection and budgets as currently recommended by the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.

Other Business

- Request by MCOP 290 to hold a raffle and to waive the permit fee. **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to approve raffle and the waiver of fee. Unanimous all in favor.**

Public Session

- Mr. Barket, 82 Suomi Street, stated that with families busy schedules it does not allow for understanding what is happening in Town so on April 27th it would make for a good time to review some of the terms that are used and how we are assessed.
- Mr. Barket then went on to ask about the money for the December ice storm and was informed that approximately \$7,000,000 was attributed to the emergency and a further \$8,000,000 is expected to be spent on the clean up operations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm (JM) seconded (FG) – All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant