

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: see Attendee Sheet

Chairman (FG) opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

- Chairman announced that they would go into Executive Session under Chapter 39 Section 23B No 3 prior to meeting with Finance Committee to discuss Collective Bargaining for the Police Dept. would resume the Regular Meeting to discuss the FY10 Budget.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Public Safety Complex Update – Charles Blanchard Town Administrator**

- Continuing on schedule. Wiring taking place, Insulated Garage door to arrive shortly.
- New Radio Tower Antenna Bid out, opening April 22, 2009.
- Carport should be delivered shortly.
- On schedule for late August, early September.

### **Annual Town Meeting**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2009. Unanimous All in Favor.**
- (FG) Warrant will close on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Town Administrators Update**

#### **Town Hall Renovations**

- Durland Van Voorhis Architects have agreed to perform all of the phases of work outlined in our scope of work for the design of the Town Hall renovations for the lump sum of \$50,000.

### **FY10 Budget**

- (CB) provided updated budget sheets for FY10.

### **Building Department**

- Building activity has substantially dropped off throughout the entire country and it does not seem that this will increase in the foreseeable future. (CB) has sent an email to the Building Inspector looking for details of hours worked over the past two weeks, along with a request to keep a record of hours worked.
- (CB) also recommending that the TSC position be reduced to 27 hours per week or \$24,850 per year.
- **Motion (FG) to reduce the TSC budget to budget to \$25,150 for FY10 with continuing benefits as goes with the previous hours for the job. Unanimous all in Favor.**

### **Other Business**

- (FG) Two people will be honored at the April 22, 2009 Chamber of Commerce meeting: Joe Thompson and Kevin Quinn. Hoping to write a proclamation for all participants of the Ice Storm.
- (FG) received a new Library budget.

**Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) at 7:35pm to go into Executive Session under Chapter 39 section 23B No3. for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining. Unanimous all in Favor**

**Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to return to the Regular Meeting. Unanimous all in Favor.**

### **FY10 Budget Discussion**

- (BOS) and Finance Committee reviewed each budget and voted on any differences between the two parties as per the attached sheet.
- 1129 TSC Budget – budget cut due to the decrease in building activity.
- Budgets for 1241 Building Commission, 1243 Plumbing Inspector, 1245 Electrical Inspector and 1515 Sanitary Inspector will be reviewed in the same way, to see if they can be reduced.
- 1610 Library - discussed the fact that the Library needed to increase their budget by \$9,000 to be able to be considered for a waiver, budget figure would then be \$148,786.
- **Motion (FG) (MQ) to increase the Library budget by \$9000. Unanimous all in Favor.**
- 1752 Temporary Loan Interest - reduced from \$150,000 to \$5,000, as there will be no need to borrow if tax bills are issued late now that preliminary tax bills can be issued.

- When asked by a Finance Member if this took into account any borrowing for the ice storm, (CB) responded “no”.
- (CB) suggested balancing the budget using the House #1 figures.
- Finance stated that they would be looking to balance the budget with money from Stabilization. There will be an article on the warrant for this.
- (FG) said that he wanted to vote on the school budget as a separate article, Town Counsel confirmed that this could take place but would have no meaning unless other towns did the same.

**Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25pm. Unanimous all in Favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant