

# Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair  
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice Chair  
William A. Trotta, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

### Special Town Meeting

- Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 1, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.
- Article 1. \$670, 000 to pay costs associated with work completed during the December Ice storm.
- Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to accept article for the warrant and make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.
- Article 2. \$50,000 to pay costs associated with chipping and disposal of approximately 25,000 cubic yds. of debris previously collected during the December Ice storm.
- Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept article for the warrant. Unanimous all in favor.
- Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.
- Article 3. \$210,000 to pay costs associated with the cutting, removal and disposal of hanging branches and leaning and hazardous trees from public ways resulting from the December Ice storm.
- Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept article for Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.
- Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to make recommendation at Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.
- Article 4. \$800,000 to pay costs associated with the collecting, chipping and disposal of vegetative debris and branches from public ways resulting from the December Ice storm.
- Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) for discussion.

- (JM) asked whether this relates to the debris currently on the roadway and whether we had received approval by FEMA for 75% reimbursement.
- (CB) confirmed that we had received a project work order for this. The lowest bidder for this work is \$692,000 and this would leave \$175,000 as the Town's share.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (JM) for approval at Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**
- Article 5. Acceptance of the 2008 Paxton Master Plan.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (FG) for acceptance in the Town Warrant and recommend approval at Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to close the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (CB) has contacted Town Counsel to see what action is required in respect of the STM posted for May 18, 2009.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) if notice is required to cancel this meeting (CB) is to take action necessary. Unanimous all in favor.**
- The ATM will be reconvened on May 18, 2009 and adjourned to June 1, 2009.

#### **WRSDC Meeting May 7, 2009**

- (FG) Motion was made not to increase the Assessment to the Towns.
- Minimum contribution was raised by \$5,000.

#### **Chapter 90 Money**

- DPW Superintendent requesting authority to request C90 money of \$69,000 for repairs to Laurel Street.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (JM) to sign C90 request. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Informational Meeting – May 12, 2009**

- (FG) meeting will be to review the aspects of the 2008 Ice Storm and the Operations Budget and what we will need to cut if proposition 2½ debt exclusion on the ballot does not pass.
- (FG) need to provide information of the impact this will have on services, if additional cuts are made.
- (MQ) all services are important, culture and recreation budgets cuts are an effect on the quality of life.
- (FG) agree, but first priority is safety, would like to keep all services.

- (CB) Richard Fenton, Finance has prepared a PowerPoint presentation to outline the cuts.

**Public Session**

- Richard Hafey, Telegram & Gazette, requested clarification of the dates of the Town Meeting.

**Motion (JM) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant