

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2009

Members Present: Michael Quinlivan, Chair
Frederick Goodrich, Vice Chair (Absent)
William A. Trotta, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard, Town Administrator

- Finishing the interior.
- Air conditioning starting up Wednesday, and once dried out, vinyl tiling will start.
- Antenna to be shipped to SS Antenna and will be erected in July.
- Expecting to move into the building early September.
- (MQ) questioned the partial wall outside the PSC.
- (CB) stated that there was a change order presented to the PSC Committee, but they voted to wait and see what happens.
- (MQ) stated that he did not want taxpayers to foot the bill after the completion of the complex and asked that the committee chairman come into their meeting and address these concerns.

Storm Debris Update - Charlie Blanchard, Town Administrator

- Chestnut Forestry Inc. is doing the monitoring with the assistance of temporary employees.
- Grinding the existing debris at Klingele and started on June 11th collecting debris in public ways. Finishing off the first sector to Asnebumskit.
- Marking of trees in Town is 90% complete. FEMA is also going around Town.
- Rep. Spellane and Mass Highway have confirmed that they are still intending to collect debris on Rt122 and Rt122A and are considering the roads as a priority for this area.

2010 Re-Appointments

- **Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to accept FY2010 reappointments per attached list. Unanimous all in favor.**

- Take up appointment of a BOS member to the AMC Scholarship Committee at the next meeting.

First Congregational Church Request

- Drew Howard on behalf of the First Congregational Church requested the use of the Common on Saturday, September 26, 2009 for the yard sale and cookout and to place signs around Town 10 days prior to the event.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) subject to no safety concerns from the Police Department and removal of signs following the event. Unanimous all in favor.**

Town Administrators Update

Finance Committee

- The Moderator has appointed Jennifer Lennon to the Finance Committee.

Paxton Center School Lights

- Peter Brennan is unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will be available on July 6th.

Budget

- The budget voted on June 19th included an Unrestricted General Government Aid figure of \$476,772 for Paxton, which is about \$34,000 higher than our final estimate. This will reduce the needed amount from Stabilization to approximately \$103,000, depending on the final Quinn Bill reimbursement figure.
- Since the Quinn Bill reimbursement has been reduced by approximately 80% in the budget approved by the House and Senate, the BOS should consider how this should be handled.

DPW Road Material Bids

- Bids opened June 19th and Mike Putnam, Superintendent is recommending the following bid awards:
- JH Lynch - Bituminous Concrete
- Bond Construction – Washed Sand, Stone & Gravel
- Rafferty Fine Grading – Cold Planing
- All States Inc.- Asphalt
- **Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to accept the Superintendents recommendations. Unanimous all in favor.**

MEMA Grant

- Each community has received \$2500.00 Emergency Management Grant to offset the costs incurred by the Emergency Management Director in updating the Town CEMP. The work including reports should be completed by September 30th.

Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to accept the grant. Unanimous all in favor.

Operation Able

- The Town's been contacted by Jack Wolf of Operation Able to see if we would be willing to be partners to help mature workers get back in the community.
- BOS agreed to table until the next meeting when (FG) will be back to give his input.

Town Hall Renovation

- Charlie Van Voorhis, the architect working on the Town Hall renovation design has drawn up a survey for employees, he is also planning on holding interviews July 1st.

Other Business

Transfer Requests

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to sign the end of year transfers to the ACO account (\$200.00) and Legal account (\$5000.00). Unanimous all in favor.**

Local Historical District Commission

- Commission present at the meeting to discuss trees on the Common that they would like to remain and others that could be removed or pruned as part of the work through FEMA.
- (CB) stated that trees will only be taken care of as part of the FEMA work if they fall into the criteria of leaners, hazardous limbs or hazardous trees. He wasn't aware of any hazardous trees and limbs on the Common. Crews have not assessed Town property at this time.
- (WT) suggested waiting until the next meeting to give time for the Common to be assessed.
- Lois Breult Melican will provide a form for use, should anything the Local Historic District require approval for work or renovation etc.

Paxton Peddlers

- Police Chief has advised that the wearing of bright colors and due diligence should be used, by the people involved in the toll road.

Goals & Objectives

- (MQ) asked that (CB) prepare his goals & objects for FY10 in time for the BOS to review at the July 6th meeting.

Wachusett Earthday

- (CB) informed the BOS that a "cease and desist" order has been placed on the Wachusett Earthday property by the Town of West Boylston and that there would be an hearing this week.

Borrowing

- Town Clerk provided the BOS with the documents that required signing for the FY10 borrowing.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to sign the borrowing documents. Unanimous all in favor.**

Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant