

Town of Paxton

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 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 7:00.pm.

Dr. Thomas Pandisicio – WRSD

(See Handout Attached)

- Dr. Pandisicio stated that their Town Counsel is of the opinion that the WRSD did not need to go back to a Town Meeting to use the \$4 million reimbursed amount.
- New SBA maximum amount \$80.2 million - all reimbursable.
- Additional funds due to the fact the loans for the modular became reimbursable, WRSDC requested SBA make reimbursements in stages and the SBA now pays higher per square foot.
- Dr. Pandisicio stated that there were three options available for use of the \$6,486,835 cap (per sheet attached).
- Dr. Pandisicio stated that periodic reimbursement saved \$2 million in borrowing. Remaining balance in project \$3,997,473 revised base amount to complete \$5,437,794.
- (FG) not certain whether DOR agree that a Town Meeting vote is not necessary for using the reimbursement. Will need to discuss the options.
- Dr. Pandisicio does not have budget numbers at this stage.
- (FG) still believes that it should be no more than 2½ plus growth.
- Alice Livdahl commented that if the Aggregate Wealth Reform comes through it will help the Town.

John LaFlech – Bay Path Vocational School

- Bay Path will have a modest budget; will revise when state numbers are known.
- Mid January will have a preliminary budget, final budget around March 15.
- John LaFlech will need to think about building, SBA will visit and do an assessment.
- Currently have 72 places for out of town students with 21 programs.
- Robert Wilby, Bay Path School Representative stated that he was impressed with the way the school is operated.

Correspondence

- Letter of resignation from Barbara Socha as Library Trustee; await recommendation from Trustees.
- DOR confirmed Free Cash as of July 1, 2005 as \$509,061.
- Letter from 1105 Pleasant Street requesting the removal of the trash fee as property now vacant. Request bill showing no power usage.

- Thank you letter to Paul Newsham, Police Officer for a job well done in teaching the RADD course.

Town Administrator Update

Aggregate Wealth Chapter 70 Formula

- (CB) suggesting a letter of support to adopt this formula.
- (FG) would like to look into this more prior to making any recommendation.
- Formula for per capita revenue declined (FG) would like to see a letter sent with consideration to change, but believes that the problem is that the school should have a budget below 2½ growth.

Procurement Policy

- (CB) information of procurement policy sent to departments.

Paxton Center School Windows

- (CB) Installation of window to commence this week.

Sewer Survey

- (CB) Sewer survey to be issued January 3, 2006 to residents in the South Paxton area.

Rehabilitation of Holden Road and Maple Street

- (CB) Guertin Elkerton Associates has agreed to do the initial work necessary to try to obtain Federal and State Aid to improve Holden Street and Grove Street. Recommending action that the BOS Chairman sign the agreement for professional services.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement for professional services. Unanimous.

Other Business

- (FG) Police Union did an excellent job with the Spaghetti Supper provided for the seniors in Town.
- (FG) Paxton Festival Committee commended for the work in organizing on the December 11th Caroling on the Common.
- (FG) The Legion car park for the bus turnaround requires sanding.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn meeting at 9:15pm to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 39, S.23B sections 3 and 6 to discuss labor strategy and strategy in the purchase of 15 West Street, will only return to regular session for the purpose of adjourning. Unanimous.

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