

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 20, 2009**

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to accept the Executive Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator**

- Footing for antenna has been poured. Unsuitable soils previously found have been removed.
- Transformer pad in place and will be powered in the next week.
- All painting will be completed over the next two weeks.
- Second floor punch list will be completed first.
- All punch lists to be ready by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Furnishing to be moved in by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- E911 transition until ready to install.
- (FG) stated that he would like to have a financial report next meeting.
- (MQ) stated that the Town Building Needs Study Committee should be informed of the building dimensions, for their study.
- (FG) stated that it had already been voted not to use the building for anything other than public safety; it was to be a secure building.
- (MQ) responded that he would like to have another vote on this.

### **Anna Maria College - Cheryl Sleboda**

- Representatives from AMC present to request that they receive approval by the BOS to under Section 5.1 of the Zoning Bylaws to place six trailers at the new Ball field until they have constructed a Field house.

- Ms. Sleboda informed the BOS that the trailers would be used for (1) storage (1) bathroom, (2) lockers (1) coaches (1) athletics room.
- They have a project to enhance the water capacity prior to any further building this will be a 12" line from Grove St to Sunset Lane.
- AMC provided a letter from Thomson & Liston that addressed the use of the facilities – they will be using existing water from Miriam Hall of approximately 1400 gallons a day, sewage will go to the manhole behind Zecco Building. Electricity will also be temporary from Miriam Hall.
- (CB) stated that there was a limit of 2 years that these trailers if approved could remain on the site, with period started on installation of the trailers. They would also need to seek approval by the BOH and Building Inspector.
- Ms. Sleboda responded that they hoped to start building within the next 12 months.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to allow under Section 5.1 of the Zoning Bylaws, six temporary trailers as outlined in AMC plan. Unanimous all in favor**

**Storm Debris Update- Charlie Blanchard, Town Administrator**

- 92% of brush estimated to have been picked up.
- 75% of hangers/leaners.
- Awaiting the return of the grinder – if not received in the next few days, may need to request a further extension to the date of July 31<sup>st</sup>, from MEMA for completion of the clean up.

**Benefits for Part Time Employees – Frederick Goodrich, Selectman**

- (FG) stated that he initiated the discussion last meeting and (CB) responded with some information.
- (FG) would like to have benefits considered for employees working more than 19½ hours a week, on a prorated basis.
- (CB) Health Insurance was taken care of when the Town updated the Section 125 plan. One Section 125 plan is for employee who work over 20 hours a week and receive health benefits and the other Section 125 plan is for employees working 16 hours a week and can pay the full health insurance premium.
- (FG) would like to prorate, sick, vacation and holidays for part-time employees.
- (FG) would like to see it in a plan and see what the cost would be to the Town.
- (MQ) asked if (CB) would do this and see how other Towns handle part-time benefits.

### **Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard**

#### **Chief Desrosiers**

- Chief Desrosiers' contract was extended until June 30, 2010 per the current conditions of the contract at the FY09 compensation and benefit rate. A new contract effective July 1, 2010 should be negotiated this year. The BOS should confirm his reappointment through June 2010.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to reappoint Robert Desrosiers as Police Chief through June 30, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Wachusett Earthday**

- The West Boylston BOS has decided to end its opposition to the Wachusett Earthday Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility and to become a member of the project.

#### **DEP Grant**

- The Town applied and received DEP grant toward the construction of the Earthday facility, we have requested reimbursement of \$75,000 grant from DEP for the work completed in FY09.

#### **Benefits**

- (CB) previously provided a memo dated July 8, 2009 regarding the questions raised at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding benefits. These have now been addressed in an earlier discussion.

#### **Town of Southbridge**

- Town of Southbridge has requested support by way of a petition to keep the Registry of Motor Vehicles Office in their Town open.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to support the Town of Southbridge and sign the petition. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Town Administrators Evaluation**

- (FG) the BOS will review the evaluation of the Town Administrator at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, due to (CB) being on vacation for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- (MQ) provided a copy of his evaluation for (CB) to (FG) to complete the summary.
- Richard Hafety, Telegram & Gazette asked (MQ) why he had delayed providing his evaluation until this evening.
- (MQ) responded that the District Attorney had taken issue with other towns for passing evaluation documents amongst member outside of a meeting and he did not wish to violate the law by doing so.
- (FG) stated that once compiled he will take the opportunity to discuss the evaluation with (CB) prior to the meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Correspondence**

- Memo from Chief Desrosiers recommending the appointment of Kenneth Grensavitch as a part-time Dispatcher.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to appoint Kenneth Grensavitch as a part-time Dispatcher. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **End of Year Transfers**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$8047.18 to Police Compensation Account.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$224.32 to the Sergeants Compensation Account.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$111.76 to the Secretary's Compensation Account.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$40.46 to the Assistant Chief Dispatcher Account.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$205.00 to the Assistant Chief Dispatcher Account.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to approve the end of year transfer of \$120.00 to Animal Control Account.**

### **WRSD Poles & Lights**

- Correspondence from Peter Brennan regarding the going dark research that brought up at the previous meeting.

### **Master Plan Implementation Committee**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Scott Runstrom, Kevin Quinn, Robert Bostwick, Joanne Savignac and George Barket to the Master plan Implementation Committee and Charlie Blanchard and Frederick Goodrich as Ex-Officio. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Public Session**

- No questions.

**Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches, Administrative Assistant