

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2009

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

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

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

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2009 with two amendments. Unanimous all in favor.**

Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator

- Punch list for First Floor – August 31st.
- Antenna should be complete this week.
- Meeting today addressed humidity and will be taken up by the Building Committee next meeting.
- (WT) questioned the grass outside the building, (CB) stated will be treated at end of September.

Edward Duane, Historian – Presentation of Research of Paxton Honor Roll for Memorial Day Service

- Mr. Duane explained that he looked over the program from the last Memorial Day Service and found errors; he researched to complete an accurate list.
- He compiled the new list along with proof of death in service and a resume of each soldier.
- He presented a copy of the research to BOS, Town Clerk and Historical Commission.
- The BOS thanked Mr. Duane for all his hard work.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept Mr. Duane's report. Unanimous all in favor.**
- BOS also asked that a copy be made for the Library and the honor roll be sent to Printer Scott Farrar, Memorial Day Committee and Stacia Smith at Paxton Center School.

Storm Debris Update – Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator

- Final invoice received from Busy Bee Nursery.

- Met with Bruce Sherwood, FEMA to discuss the closeout of the project, and will be back later this week to collect final documents.
- Busy Bee did an excellent job along with Mike Putnam DPW Superintendent and Gerry Ryan as part of the monitoring crew.
- Also met with Diane Dillman, Light Dept. Manager, who is working on Category F. The Light Dept. work is still in progress and Ms. Dillman indicated that she would probably need the full 18 months to complete the work. Mr. Sherwood would have liked to this completed earlier, as he is leaving this project and a new FEMA representative would be taking over.
- (FG) stated he had received calls from residents concerned with low hanging wires and asked if they could get a schedule from the Light Dept. for the website as to what areas would be taken care of and when.

Paxton Youth Soccer – Request for Waiver of Raffle Fee

- Request to waiver fee for raffle permit to raise \$5000.00 for improvements to the fields.
- BOS discussed the procedure for making these improvements, would need to come before the Recreation Commission.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to waiver the fee. Unanimous all in favor.**

Cultural Council Committee

- Update following last meeting, the committee should consist of between 5 and 22 members.

Board of Appeals Open Position

- Margy O'Donnell interested in open alternate position.
- (MQ) motion to approve.
- (FG) stated he would like to know that her interests were more than just historical.
- (MQ) rescinded his motion and asked that Ms. O'Donnell attend the next meeting.

Town Administrators Update- Charlie Blanchard **Reinhardt Contract**

- The Building Committee recommends that the Board sign Amendment No.4 to the agreement with Reinhardt's Associates for \$25,000.55.
- (MQ) asked why we completed the upper floor of the Public Safety Complex, was informed in case of an emergency, would be able to accommodate emergency personnel.
- (MQ) stated that he wanted to see all copies of minutes and change orders associated with the project. Along with details of who will occupy the building Monday through Friday on all three shifts and the sq footage of the whole building.

- (MQ) once the building is completed it should be turned over the Space Needs Study Committee to see how best the space can be utilized.
- (FG) stated that the study committee is not looking at this building, restricted to public safety. We appointed a Building Committee to control this and we can't abdicate their work.
- (MQ) responded that when their work is done its done and that (FG) does not want to see the building used for anything other than he wants to use it for.
- (FG) responded that it is a secure building for public safety, with the exception of some special meetings.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to sign Amendment No 4. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to extend the contract for a further twelve months. Unanimous all in favor.**

New Dispatcher

- Chief Desrosiers requesting the appointment of Christopher Cherry as part-time Dispatcher.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to approve the appointment of Christopher Cherry with a starting rate of \$12.08. Unanimous all in favor.**

Water Department

- One of our water-sampling sites had a positive test for E. coli bacteria during one of our routine tests on August 13, 2009. The Water Dept. responded as required to this and subsequent tests have shown that this was an isolated incident with no further action required.
- (CB) expressed appreciation of how Mike Putnam handled this situation.
- (FG) wanted to know status of the Worcester Regional Alerting System.

Public Safety Complex Budget

- (CB) provided current budget update for the project.

Board of Selectmen Goals & Objectives

- (MQ) would like to have a meeting dedicated just to goals & objects.
- Working meeting August 31st to go over these.

Correspondence

- Letter from Paula Mathieu resigning from the Board of Registrars.
- **Motion (MQ) second (FG) to accept resignation. Unanimous all in favor.**
- Letter from Richard Bedard, requesting to join the Cable Committee.

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to appoint Richard Bedard to the Cable Committee. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (FG) requested the appointment of Robert Johnson to the Masterplan Implementation Committee.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to appoint Robert Johnson to the Masterplan Implementation Committee. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (FG) clarified at (MQ) request that himself and (CB) were ex-officio's to the committee to give support, but with no voting rights.
- Letter from Recreation Commission stating that they are having problems with youths using the Tivan Field for whiffle ball and damaging the field. Looking for support from the Police Dept. to move these youths along.
- (WT) stated that this might be tricky to enforce, as field not permitted.
- (MQ) looking for back up from police.
- (WT) asked that this be sent over to Town Counsel for his advice before directing the Police to get involved.

Other Business

- Title V loan for BOS to sign for George & Danielle Dustman.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to sign loan documents. Unanimous all in favor.**

Public Session

- Chris De Marcken asked if the Recreation Commission could ask a member of the Commission to talk with the youths involved.
- (MQ) letter indicates they have tried this.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (WT) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant