

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 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 7:02pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2009 with amendments. Unanimous all in favor.**

Old Business

Request for Public Safety Committee Missing Minutes

- (MQ) now received.

Architects Report for Cost of Maintaining the New Public Safety Complex

- (MQ) now received.
- (CB) the information supplied is from the FY10 budgeted items for the Safety Complex. Information has been requested from Reinhardt Associates.

Board of Selectmen Goals and Objectives – Meeting Date Needed

- BOS agreed to meet September 21st for a working meeting.

Paxton Fire Fighters Association – Statue Outside of the New Public Safety Complex

- Rusty Savignac (PFFA) – provided a copy of a press release regarding the statue.
- Rusty Savignac was asked if the PFFA was planning on donating the statue, and he responded that he would have to take it to the PFFA for a vote.
- The issue of the liability to the Town was discussed (CB) provided information from Town Counsel that the statue could be donated and accepted by the Town or it could be leased to the Town.
- Rusty Savignac asked whether there were plans to relocate the statue and (MQ) responded that there were no plans but that they did not want to be held to that spot.
- (CB) pointed out that as this statue has always been on the plan, utilities have been laid out with this in mind.

- Rusty Savignac will call a special meeting of the PFFA and bring back to the BOS through (CB) any questions or stipulations of the acceptance of the statue within 30 days.
- BOS agreed to this.

Paxton Safety Complex

- **Motion made (MQ) to name the New Public Safety Complex “ The Chief Robert Mortell Municipal Building”**
- (FG) said that he would not second, needs discussion.
- (WT) suggested that as building a joint facility should have a discussion with the Fire Dept and Police Dept. and maybe consider naming part of the building “The Chief Robert Mortell Wing and the “Gordon Richards Wing”.
- Police Chief Robert Desrosiers added that Chief Mortell was not part of the conception of the Safety Complex and that his family felt he had no association with the new building. No one has come forward to name this building anything other than the Paxton Safety Complex; several disciplines will be part of this new building and plans are already in place to have a monument to Chief Robert Mortell at the opposite side of the building along with a display in the building lobby.
- (CB) brought forward the fact that the Police Dept was named after the late Chief Mortell at a Town Meeting and that might be a good place to bring up.
- (MQ) agreed and withdrew his motion.
- Dick Bedard, Building Committee Chair introduced himself and said that he watched the last BOS meeting on the television and got the impression that the Building Committee had done something wrong. He read from a document providing information on the Public Safety Complex from 2002 to the current date (as attached). Dick Bedard said that he heard reference last week to the second floor of the building and that it was incredulous to think that this was all coming out a month before the opening, never once did (MQ) come to a meeting
- (MQ) accepted that there was a miscommunication and that they are rectifying this now.
- Jack Malone, former Selectman asked (MQ) if miscommunication on the statue was the only issue (MQ) had or was there something else that (MQ) had a problem with. Asked that (MQ) confirm that he had no issue with the Building, the Building Committee, BOS or Town Administrator.
- (MQ) responded that he had no issue with these, he had many questions. He now knows that a donation was improperly accepted, if he didn't ask they wouldn't know.
- Dick Bedard responded that he talked with the BOS and took them on a tour and hasn't seen (MQ) since, invited (MQ) to tour the building on Sunday and bring all his questions.

Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator

- Work continues
- Carport to be completed this week
- Phone system in the process of being programmed.
- Finishing up details.

Other Business

- (CB) provided the updated WRSD Maintenance Agreement for the BOS to accept and sign.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept the three-year Maintenance Agreement. Unanimous all in favor.**

Correspondence

- Letter from Charlotte Thalin resigning as an Election Warden.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to accept with regret. Unanimous all in favor.**
- Letter from previous Town Clerk requesting written confirmation from the BOS for receipt of disclosures for Rosemary Buckley and Susan Stone for work at the polls:

Susan Stone:

Presidential Primary Election - February 5, 2008

Town Election - May 12, 2008

State Primary Election - September 16, 2008

State Election - November 4, 2008

Rosemary Buckley:

Presidential Primary Election - February 5, 2008

Town Election - May 12, 2008

State Primary Election - December 8, 2009

State Special Election - January 19, 2010

Public Session

- Jack Malone asked whether there were part-time employees in the Town receiving benefits.
- (FG) responded only by agreement.
- (CB) All employees working over 20 hours continuous work per week were entitled to health benefits.
- (JM) asked regarding the TSC and (FG) answered that they omitted to pro-rate the benefits.
- (CB) responded that there was never any mention of pro-rating benefits, the intent was to provide full benefits.

- (FG) agreed that this was never conveyed.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant