

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 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 7:05pm.

(WT) announced that a recent Landmark publication stated that his phone number was unavailable and just wanted to state for the record that his cell phone is 774-239-6125.

(MQ) announced that Evelyn Lawler, who has always done so much in the community had passed away on Saturday he asked for a moment of silence.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

Old Business

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

- Town Counsel prepared an Agreement for signing by both parties, Rusty Savignac (PFFA) stated that they had a problem with the wording at No.3 would like to remove “condition or delay”. Town Counsel stated that this could be removed if BOS agreed, He suggested stating that any dispute will be submitted to the President of the Worcester County Bar Association, and his or her decision shall be final, so as no prejudice.
- (FG) had no problem with the modification.
- (MQ) would like No. 3 to remain and made a motion to approve the agreement as is, but there was no second.
- After a brief discussion Motion made (WT) seconded (FG) to add to No 3. Any impasse should resolved by the appointment of a mediator agreed upon by both the PFFA and the Town of Paxton and any decision of the mediator and decision will be final. Unanimous all in favor.
- Subject to Town Counsels Review.

Board of Selectmen Goals and Objectives – Meeting Date Needed

- BOS meeting October 19th to finalize.

Muir Meadow

- There was a site visit October 6th. Received some comments from boards and public. BOS will request an extension from Mass Housing to allow time to put together a letter on October 19th.

Ethics Commission – Request for a Liaison

- (CB) stated that the new online training of all municipal employees will be kept on record by the Town Clerk and the original date of December 28th has been extended to April 2, 2010.
- It was agreed that the Town Administrator should be the designated liaison.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (WT) to appoint Charlie Blanchard as Town Administrator as Liaison to the Ethics Commission. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (FG) the training will be a significant expense and we should take steps to inform our Senators and State Representatives that we cannot stand for unfunded mandates and inform MMA.
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to prepare a letter to the MMA for signing by the BOS. Unanimous all in favor.**

9C Cuts

- (CB) provided details of revenues and approved FY10 expenses based on the current recap sheet for the BOS review.
- (CB) stated that Chapter 61 \$50,000 that we believed we would be short in our taxes was calculated in to the overall taxes, and there will not be a shortfall for this.
- Need approximately \$130,000 instead of \$150,000 from Stabilization for FY10.
- \$85,000 was cut with the FY09 9C.
- New construction estimated reduced to \$31,951 for FY10 from \$50,000.

Public Safety Complex Update- Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator

- Dedication of the building October 18th at 1pm open to the public.
- Putting final coat on parking lot.
- Carport installed.
- Still working on phone system and radios.
- Cut over date at this time is October 20th.
- (CB) intend to keep the borrowing open for a year. Will need to talk to DOR concerning any unspent money from the borrowing.

Town Administrators Update - Charlie Blanchard Town Administrator

Wachusett Regional School District

- The WRSD is planning to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems. The support of the Board of Selectmen is required.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) that the Paxton Board of Selectmen support the Wachusett Regional School District's submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the future replacement, renovation or modernization of the school facility systems, such as roofs windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs at eh Paxton Center School, 19 West Street in Paxton, Massachusetts. Unanimous.**

MMA Policy Committee

- (CB) attended the MMA Policy Committee meeting on DPW, Transportation and Public Utilities in Boston on October 1st. working on the final wording of an Act Facilitating the formation of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreements for Public Work Agencies. Also reviewed the changes in horizontal construction designer selection requirements.

Ethic Reform Act

- (CB) provided a summary of the new Ethics Reform Act from Matthew Feher of the MMA.

FY10 Property Revaluation

- Board of Assessor has confirmed that the FY10 Property Revaluation has been certified and provides information of the FY13 requirements.

Other Business

9 Alrene Drive

- **Motion (MQ) seconded by (FG) to sign all agreement for 9 Alrene Drive to tie into the Worcester Sewer System. Unanimous all in favor.**
- Agreement signed between:
 - The Town of Paxton and City of Worcester
 - Upper Blackstone and the Town of Paxton
 - Gary Henrich and the Town of Paxton.
- Town Counsel will review these documents.

Correspondence

- Letter from Sgt. Mark Savasta commending Officer Keller for actions taken on October 11, 2009 when they responded to a call of a lady going into labor at home.
- Thank you letter from Edward Duane following a recent ambulance call.
- Request to put up signs in Town to advertise the WRHS Booster Club Craft Fair
- **Motion (MQ) seconded (FG) to allow on the condition that they are removed shortly after.**

- Motion (WT) seconded (MQ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant