

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 28, 2009**

Members Present: Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair  
William A. Trotta, Clerk

Attendees: See attendee list

- Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2009. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Public Hearing AMC Liquor License to Extend the Premises to include Socquet House, Miriam Hall and Attached Patio , Fuller Activities Center, Alumni/Coghlin Hall and the Athletic Fields.**

- Cheryl Sleboda, Chief Financial Officer explained that the purpose of the extended premises of the alcohol license at AMC was to allow events for Alumni and other friends of AMC, these functions would not include students. Attendees of these functions are formally invited in small group settings, with personal name badges and sign in registrations.
- Police Chief stated that he saw the college's intent but had a concern with students on campus with the current problems of alcohol.
- Police Chief reviewed the drawing supplied by AMC, showing the designated areas for the extended license.
- Ms. Sleboda stated that their catering company manages the alcohol at their events.
- (WT) suggested that AMC apply for a one-day license rather than a change to their current license, as from what he could see the drawings needed to be more specific to show ingress and egress to each area along with fences.
- Fire Chief stated that they did not have a problem as they generally have an ambulance on the scene at these events. The Chief asked that Ms. Sleboda provide a yearly calendar of events.
- Police Chief requested more clarification of the set up of tables and how area roped off.
- (WT) asked if a representative from the catering company could attend a continuation of the hearing on January 11, 2010.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) at 7:25pm to continue the hearing to January 11, 2010 to allow AMC to provide additional information.**

#### **Use of Facilities – John Bauer Senior Center Basement and 10 West Street**

- (FG) Water Board is no longer interested in using 10 West Street (Police Station) as an office. Consider opening up at a later date for meeting rooms.
- Ray Charette, Cable Committee chair present to discuss the use of the basement in the John Bauer Senior Center as a studio for the cable equipment.
- (FG) consider installing a partition to share space with Recreation Commission, using Cable Funds to pay for the work.
- Ray Charette will discuss with the committee after viewing the space, concerned that the Study stated that the basement needed an ADA compliant bathroom, this could be costly.
- (WT) asked whether two cameras could be used to record the meetings in order to allow attendees who speak the chance to be seen.
- Ray Charette responded that they would like to have a better set up similar to the one in Boylston, where they have an Internet connection and mobile cameras.
- Fire Chief stated that there is a moisture problem in the basement that requires a humidifier for 7 months of the year.
- Robert Hall, resident stated that in this economy the cost of an elevator to the Library could be considerably less than study indicated. (CB) responded that it was a rough estimate recommended by the architect based on the size of the rooms.

#### **Town Administrators Update**

##### **State Ethics Law**

- (CB) attended a meeting at the request of the State Auditor with other communities that had expressed a concern with the cost of the state mandate. An estimated cost to the Town was provided by (CB) in the amount of \$12,622.30.

#### **Police Sergeant**

- The Police Sergeant left vacant by Sgt Reilly was internally posted. Chief Desrosiers is recommending the appointment of Acting Sergeant Mark Savasta with a probationary period to end June 30, 2010.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the recommendation and appoint Mark Savasta as Sergeant with a probation to end June 30, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Wachusett Earthday**

- Colleen Abrams, Wachusett Earthday is requesting that the Site team representative be appointed to the Town Representative Committee along with an alternate as required by the Charter.

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to appoint (CB) as Site team representative and Diane Dillman as alternate. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **State Revenue Outlook for FY11**

- (CB) provided a MMA update on the State revenue outlook for FY11, State faces a structural deficit of \$3 billion in FY11.
- (FG) added that FY11 and FY12 are not going to be good years for towns, expecting PILOT and State revenue to be reduced.

#### **Other Business**

- DCR announced Hike Days for January 1, 2010 one being in Moore State Park.
- (CB) asked if the next meeting scheduled for January 4, 2010 could be changed to January 11, 2010. (FG) agreed.
- (FG) stated that he would like to take up the matter of the TSC office at the next meeting.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to sign the warrants for the State Election and Special State Election. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (WT) seconded (FG) to propose that (WT) is appointed as Assistant Emergency Director with no remuneration. Unanimous all in favor.**

**Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn regular meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Administrative Assistant